



# TVOC Club Meeting Minutes: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Chris Poole (Chair), Nev Baker (Vice Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), Marie-Anne Fischer (Membership Secretary), Heidi Lloyd, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Andrew Chalmers, Ben Green

**Apologies for absence:** Alun Jones

## 1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

### a) Coaching in TVOC (Chris Poole)

We should discuss how we move coaching forward within the club.

- How many more coaches do we need?.
- How do we set up sessions to develop club coaches?

We have had the SCOA funding from Joel **to train two adult club members as junior coaches in the coming year.**

Chris Poole said that there has been some interest expressed in this area. A further request was sent out in e-News about the need for more coaches now that funding is available.

### b) Clothing (Heidi)

Heidi has contracted the clothing supplier. Costs have risen since the previous orders were made. 12% duty payable now we have left the EU. The new costs are £83.50 for a jacket. £31 for a short-sleeved top, £34 for a long-sleeved top. We have been selling these to members at a cost of £50, £25 and £30 respectively.

It was **AGREED**, despite the cost increase, that the same pricing would apply to club members, subject to confirmation by Treasurer that we have funds to support it.

### c) Club Championships (Neville)

Neville reported that the orienteering fixture list is still not very clear regarding future events. Nev is happy to look at events in September or October for the club championships.

**ACTION:** Nev to liaise with Alison about this.

### d) Return to Merry Bells for Club Meetings

**ACTION:** Neville to check when the Merry Bells plans to reopen. And whether it has good WiFi in case we want to have people dial into the meeting in the future.

Neville reported that the Merry Bells website says that they are now available for bookings. There are still some restrictions (that were not stated). Never-the-less, the next meeting (September) was **AGREED** to be on-line again.

## 2. Recent Club Successes

### Yvette Baker Trophy Final

e-News previously reported the following:

On the 4th July, the TVOC Junior Squad had its biggest outing yet: to the national final of the inter-club Yvette Baker Trophy at Westonbirt National Arboretum in Gloucestershire – a fast-paced area, combining runnable woodland with open spaces.

Having qualified from the regional heat organised by BKO at Bloom Wood in May, our 14-strong team for the final were determined to make the most of this opportunity. The team put in a tremendous performance to finish 5th out of 12 clubs at the final, behind only the established junior squads of SYO, BOK, WCOC, and SN. That means TVOC has the 5th best Junior Squad (from a 'larger' club) in England & Wales!!!



### **SCOA Champions from TVOC**

Again, these have been reported in e-News.

### **3. Past Events**

a) Bradenham, 18<sup>th</sup> April. Process for dealing with people finishing after Courses Close time  
Robin reported that you can buy an SI unit that does record SI Air punches. These could be deployed in strategic points to pick up punches (e.g. a road crossing).

**ACTION:** Robin to look into this in more detail.

b) SCOA Champs / Chiltern Challenge 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Hambleden  
Chris reported that the event seemed to go very well. Lots of trophies given out during the day. Odd problems were sorted well. Nev did manage to break his collar bone. Everyone who attended to help or compete really seemed to enjoy it.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

The Treasurer reported that the surplus was about £1,800

Pattie reported being bitten by a tick. This possibility seems not to have been mentioned in Final Details. Should this be standard in all Final Details?

**ACTION:** Event Organisers to note?

Marie-Anne reported the following about parking. The shift to the alternative field was actually a blessing. Maybe we should ask for this field for future events.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- We should also invite Alan and his wife, Janet, to any Annual Dinner that we organise this year
- Chris to formally thank the Controller, Alun Rosen

### **4. Future Events: see <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans>**

**NOTE:** The meeting should now be reviewing newly appointed Planners and Controllers for Level C events. (Level B events are reviewed by SCOA).

#### **SEE APPENDIX FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CURRENTLY PLANNED**

### **5. Saturday Series (Neville Baker)**

It was proposed we schedule a trial Saturday Series event to see how it goes. Perhaps in July or August? Neville is aiming for a date in August at Cutteslowe Park. This would be pre-entry only.

Beyond that, dates and venues still need to be planned. It was **AGREED** that it would be good to have other Saturday Series events scheduled after August and before December's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

**ACTION:** Neville Baker to coordinate.

### **6. Summer Series 2021 (Chris Poole)**

Nothing to report.

### **7. Oxford Street Series (OSS) and Thames Valley Street Series (TVSS) (Robin Bishop)**

Currently seems to be low participation. Not sure why this is. Ben has put two events on. One in Marlow and one in Sonning Common. Perhaps too far south for the current enthusiasts?

Is there anything else we can do to increase participation? We should continue to push the events via the web and e-News? Can we put Maprun events on the main TVOC front page?

**ACTION:** Ben to ask for website to be changed



## 8. Other Mapping Topics

- a) The availability of the most recent TVOC maps in a Dropbox location to be centrally available as an archive or library was suggested.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Neville to raise with John Farren

Note: You get access to 2GB for free with Dropbox. For mappers, OCAD takes up a lot of Dropbox space. Chris commented that he thought this could be addressed by just sending a link to someone to the shared files. As an alternative to Dropbox, could we use Microsoft OneDrive? Or an alternative?

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Robin to consider how this could be done as Dropbox had limited free storage and has other problems.

- b) Use of OCAD vs. Open Orienteering Mapper for TVOC maps (Bob Beresford)

**ACTION:** Martin Ricketts will move our current individual OCAD licences to the existing Cloud-based arrangement before the licenses are due for renewal in August.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER**

- c) Mapping Priorities.

Bob is setting up a Mapper group to coordinate all the mappers into an online meeting to try and understand the status of all current and previous maps. Bob has a list of 37 areas and is documenting their current status. Several people have committed to attend.

The idea is to get a more co-ordinated approach to mapping, rather than a reactive approach.

Hopefully Nev can be involved so we can coordinate dates of events, and maps.

There are areas we haven't used for some years e.g., Woodcote (lack of parking?). Bob counselled trying to explore more of these historic areas despite previous problems.

**ACTION:** John Dalton offered to set up the Teams environment for this meeting.

POST MEETING NOTE – Robin says he could do this to save John D from attending

- d) Volunteer mapper (Bob)

We have a volunteer mapper in Aylesbury who is keen to do some mapping. Bob has been in communication with her. The suggestion is that she looks to do a street map. Perhaps she can be encouraged to map an area of Aylesbury for a future Maprun event or even an urban event.

## 9. Officers Reports

- a) Chairman:

- Nothing further

- b) Treasurer:

Martin reported the following after the meeting:

Allowing for payment of the NT cheque not yet cleared we have:

- Surplus on Bradenham = £1,500.
- Surplus on Hambleton = £1,810.
- Penn about broke even.
- Surplus on year to date = £1,980.
- Total in accounts = (Deposit) £14k + (Current) £1,950 = £15,950.

- c) Secretary:

- Nothing further

- d) Captain:

- Nothing to report

- e) Membership Secretary:

- Still getting the odd member joining. These to be shared in a future e-News to formally welcome them.



## 10. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

Jon Wheatcroft is now SCOA Chair (again!).

Planner need for Cold Ash British Orienteering Individual event in 2023. Mark Thompson and Peter Riches have offered to plan at the Relay. Roger Baker being used as a consultant at the Relay

Nev to talk to Peter and Mark in case they would like to consider Steve Long as a possible consultant for the Relay.

## 11. Situations Vacant or Becoming Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Team Leader, Registration and Results	Alun Jones	Still no progress on finding someone to take this post on. For now, the Registration team are agreeing amongst themselves who is taking a lead for the team for each event. No change
Team Leader, Finish	Bill Child	Bill is now handing over this responsibility. He will do the Bradenham event. But this will be his last event. We do need to find someone to take over the finish  Is there anyone on the Finish team that could take this over. <b>ACTION:</b> Nev has some further thoughts that he would progress. No change
Team Leader, Volunteer Pool		Neville suggested a team as a "Volunteer Pool" (with a Team Leader) who will not be needed at every event. That can be deployed for Road Crossings, perhaps Finish etc. Perhaps to include the current Finish team? New members to be allocated to the "Volunteer Pool" team?  Nev believes that this is a good idea. Different events have different requirements. Having a people who can be allocated to where needed would be welcome. The Finish team could be provided from here when needed.

## 12. Any Other Business

a) British Sprint Relays:

People are wanting to run (e.g. Jon W and Jim P).

**ACTION:** Chris to put something out in next e-News.

b) Club Dinner

Is it our intention to have a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner?

It was **AGREED** that we would monitor the situation and consider organising something nearer the time.

Two ex-members are planning to come to the Shotover event (Richard Lloyd-Hart and Graham Wheeler).

We could invite others to attend. For example. Dave Bradnack.

## 13. Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed at time of **7:30pm** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Location of this meeting to be on-line and not at The Merry Bells, Wheatley.



## APPENDIX 1: Future Events

Changes and additions since the previous meeting are shown in red.

### 2021

a) Witney. (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Urban event, Level C, SEOUL?)

**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** Ben Green. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts.

**ACTION:** John to check in again with permission from Witney Town Council

Mapper and Planner are in discussion about which parts of the town are best to use.

**Map:**

Martin Ricketts is currently mapping the area. He is hoping to have a first draft map by the end of May.

Ben Green reported:

- We have somewhere with a small car park for Download and EMIT collection provided by John Dalton's employer.
- Map in good shape.
- We are keen to find a start location
- We really do need an organiser to be appointed

John Dalton has asked for permission from Witney Town Council. The Council replied that they didn't need to give their permission providing we were not using their facilities or grounds. Chris is comfortable that using public open spaces will be acceptable.

Ben will be careful about where a Start and Finish are sited. Ben will also look at siting controls away from obvious contentious points.

Toilets:

It was **AGREED** that we would NOT hire toilets. People to make use of local facilities.

First Aid:

It was **AGREED** that we do NOT provide First Aid kit. Details of the nearest hospital will be provided.

In the absence of an Organiser, the following items are outstanding:

- Web Site: Ben will talk to Alun about this
- Fabian4: Ben will talk to Alun about this
- Risk Assessment: Nev Baker
- Point of Contact list: Chris Poole
- Contact Team Leaders: Chris Poole
- Final Details: Ben / Alun have offered to write
- Document the event to the Police: Chris Poole
- Controller: Nev to explore. It was commented that it would be better to have someone from outside the club.

b) Shotover, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**Organiser:** Gary Mills. **Planner:** Simon Ross, **Controller:** Neville Baker, **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts

**Map:**

In process of being updated by Martin. Some more work to be done.

Nev reported that this very much under control.

We have been contacted by Richard Lloyd Hart (who is himself in contact with Graham Wheeler). They are both trying to attend this event.



## 2022

Nev reported the following regarding 2022:

- Currently quite an empty TVOC calendar.
- However, the orienteering calendar itself is busy next year.
- We need to fit our events into a busy calendar.

We should organise an event at Wycombe Abbey / Deangarden / Keep Hill. Or at least a Saturday Series at Wycombe Abbey. Bob commented about problems with the Keep Hill and Deangarden parts of the Wycombe Abbey map. The Deangarden / Keep Hill area might be OK for a late Autumn / December event in school holidays, if the map can be updated in time

Julian Birkinshaw would like to see an event at Hodgemoor in the spring now that he has remapped the area.

**ACTION:** Neville offered to draft a full programme of events for 2022

c) Chiltern Challenge 2022, **Great Hampden?** (Sunday 27MAR22, Level B)

**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc

Parts of Monkton Wood have been sold in small parcels.

Bob reported that the map will need some sorting out. We do have LiDAR data of this area.

Nev commented that there are other parcels of land near Kop Hill that used to be mapped and used in the past. Is it work using these again?

**ACTION:**

- Mark Thompson and Bob to talk to the owners of the various parcels of land in Great Hampden to determine what parts of this area we can get permission to run in.
- Chris to let Nev, Bob and Mark know which areas of Monkton Wood Chris believes has been sold off.
- POST MEETING NOTES
  - Bob has the LiDAR data for the Kop Hill bit of the map, but no actual O map of this area
  - Significant follow-up work has been carried out by people like Mark and Bob to progress the preparation for this event

## 2023

d) Chiltern Challenge 2023 (Sunday 26FEB23, Level B)

**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

e) Hambleden (British Relay Championships with SCOA, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.)

**Organiser:** Neville Baker **proposed**, tbc. **Planners:** Mark Thompson and Peter Riches **proposed**.

**Controller:** Appointed by BO. **Mapper:** Mark Thompson/John Farren.

CVs of proposed Planners and Organisers being reviewed by British Orienteering.

We have landowner permission, with contract in progress.

Can TVOC consider what we can offer in terms of officials? Next SCOA meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. At that meeting (if we have no volunteer Planner to suggest), Jon will suggest SCOA seek them from other clubs. Traditionally, SOC have put relays on.

John offered to do all the landowner liaison work.

**Map:**



Mark and John Farren have updated the map for 2021. We now have all the LIDAR data for the area. Can mark and John update the map using LIDAR data.

- **Mark is planning to remap the whole area using Li** We should also invite Alan and his wife, Janet, to any Annual Dinner that we organise this year  
**DAR data.**