



# TVOC Club Meeting: Minutes- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Peter Riches (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Chris Poole (Vice-Chair), Janusz Holender (Treasurer), Neville Baker, Jon Wheatcroft, Robin Bishop, Heidi Lloyd, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Peter Narramore, Dave Kingham

**Apologies for absence:** Alun Jones, Paul Eaton, Marie-Anne Fischer, Paul Taylor

## 1) Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

### a) Stonor (John Dalton)

The initial dialogue with the Estate Manager was promising. However, John has found it impossible to get any response or return of contact from the estate. John has now written to the estate in one last effort to get some feedback from them.

### b) Wormsley (John Dalton)

After regular contact with the estate, they have, unfortunately, turned down our request to stage orienteering there. The two reasons given were:

- The estate has recently put up many more high deer fences, further reducing the area available for orienteering
- Commercially, the fees orienteering can pay are not in line with those necessary for a busy commercial estate

**ACTION COMPLETE**

### c) Retirees from Orienteering:

It was agreed we should acknowledge formally people who were 'retiring' from orienteering and who had contributed greatly to the club over many years.

John has worked with Mike Shires to produce an appropriate graphical design for Martin Ricketts. This is being finalized.

### d) Sponsorship for individuals attending overseas events:

John Dalton located the Grants and Awards Policy that was discussed in the July and September 2023 TVOC meetings. A copy of the Policy was included in Appendix 3 of the previous (July) Minutes.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Peter and Janusz to progress outside the meeting

### e) Update on set up of Working Group to produce a Strategic Plan for Events and Mapping (Peter Riches)

Much effort has been put in by this group. There is now an overall plan of TVOC areas, identifying those that can, and may not be used. John and Kathleen Turner have been involved in inspecting one area.

### f) Agreement to TVOC Membership Fees for 2025

BO informed of membership fees. Treasurer has paid TVOC Affiliation Fee.

**ACTION COMPLETE**

### g) New Coaches (Peter Riches)

Volunteers were very busy with a cub scout group who attended Coombe Hill.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Peter Riches to identify more people who could become coaches.

### h) Request to map Abingdon School (John Dalton)

Bob is in contact with Abingdon School over this. **ACTION COMPLETE**

### i) 2024 Club Championships (Heidi Lloyd)

This will be at Black and White Hills, Bagshot, on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. **ACTION COMPETE.**



j) Radio Orienteering at the Chiltern Challenge in April at Hambleden (Robin Bishop)  
Robin asked that we seek permission for a Radio Orienteering event alongside the Chiltern Challenge.

Hambleden are happy with this addition to the event. Event Planner, Nigel Bunn and Robin Bishop are in contact with each other. **ACTIONS COMPLETE**

## 2) Matters Arising from AGM

### ACTIONS:

- John Dalton to write up and distribute the AGM Minutes for review before posting on the TVOC web site
- John Dalton to update the TVOC Constitution following agreement over changes to it

## 3) Recent Club Successes

Urban League (UKUL) 2024 Final Results. (Best 7 scores after 21 events):

- Tom Dobra 3rd place in Men's Open category
- Paul Taylor 2nd place in Men's Veteran (40+) category
- Heidi Lloyd 3rd place in Women's Veteran (40+) category
- Alun Jones 3rd place in Men's Ultravet (65+) category

Results taken from <https://www.oxfordfusion.com/ukul/index.cfm?&Org=2>

BOF Awards:

- Emilia Skidmore has received a Racing Challenge: Gold Award \*\*
- Nick Strange has received the Navigation Challenge \*\*\*\*\* Award

## 4) Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)

Nothing to update

## 5) Past Events

a) Hodgemoor Regional Event, Level C, October 20th

An excellent event. Feedback was all first class. Courses seemed to be as good as they could be in that area. Thanks to the Planner, Robin Bishop, Controller, Mark Thompson, and the Organiser, Paul Taylor, for organising both Hodgemoor events this year.

b) Oxford City Race, Level C, October 27<sup>th</sup> (OUOC event)

It was agreed that this, too, was an excellent event. OUOC should be congratulated for putting on such an excellent event. Planning was superb for the area. The highlight was the access to so many colleges, normally out of bounds to visitors.

**ACTION:** John Dalton to write to Organiser, Harry, to congratulate them and the club.

## 6) Provision of Very Short Green Courses at all TVOC events in the future to better support less fit / older club members (Peter Riches)

Peter mentioned that senior members of the club (in their 80s or older) still want a technical orienteering challenge, but one that is not too physical. Even a Short Green course (say 3.5km in length and 80m of climb can be excessive).

In addition, the siting of controls needs to be considered. Senior people are not able to drop into deep depressions and pits to punch, or climb steep slopes.

Army events are including Very Short Green courses these days.

The following were **AGREED:**

- TVOC Level C and B events should, in future, be planned with a Very Short Green course
- This course should be technically challenging, but not physically challenging
- The Events Officer will communicate this need to future Planners



- John Dalton will inform Chiltern Challenge 2025 Planner, Nigel Bunn, of the need for this course at that event

## 7) Event Diary for remainder of 2024, 2025, 2026 and into 2027:

See the TVOC web site for all events being publicised by TVOC:

<https://tvoc.org.uk/events/>

See the following new document for a list of all TVOC events planned:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yE9dOTLr5WVte8rTLBBYIaKaPkaHkG57SiN7TguBd2s/edit?usp=sharing>

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

Neville Baker provided the following updates:

### Thame Urban, postponed to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- The Planner, Adam Poole, is hoping to be able to use the maps already printed. He will check courses again during November
- **ACTION:** Organiser, Neville Baker, will check that the previous sponsors provided by Mike Shires are still happy to be involved with the event

### Other 2025 Events

- Neville believes that these are now all confirmed

### 2026 Chiltern Challenge

- Potentially Christmas Common
- Neville Baker offered to plan himself
- **NOTE:** Date in one TVOC spreadsheet is incorrect. The date will now be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. (This has been corrected in the spreadsheet).

### Other 2026 Events being proposed

- A Level C forest event on 11JAN26 or February (**ACTION:** Neville to confirm after reference to the Event Strategy working group)
- A Level C Urban event on 11MAY26 or early June
- A Level C Urban event in late September or early October
- A Level C forest event 06DEC26

### 2027 Events

- Peter Riches wants to ensure the club is starting to think about its 2027 programme of events
- Chiltern Challenge proposed as Nettlebed. Car parking / bussing will need to be provided
- Liaison with SCOA will be necessary

## 8) Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)

Following on from the AGM, the club's finances continue to be in good order now. There is nothing of concern.





## 10) Any Other Business

- a) Octavian Droobers (OD) grant for appointment of a Development Officer (Peter Riches)  
Peter mentioned that OD had obtained a grant to employ a Development Officer to support the development of their club.

A discussion about whether TVOC should apply for similar funding will be held at the next TVOC meeting.

- b) New Sail flags for Start and Finish (Chris Poole)  
Chris wanted confirmation he could go ahead and purchase new sail flags for Start and Finish. The meeting felt that this had already been agreed in a previous meeting (July)
- c) Toilet Hire at events (Chris Poole)  
There has been some confusion about the preferred toilet providers at TVOC events. It was reported that Mark Thompson is updating the Saturday Series documentation accordingly.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Confirmed as 7:30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

The meeting will be online. Login to be provided later.

Note that the meeting is open to all TVOC members.