



TVOC Club meeting: Minutes

Held at 8pm on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at The Merry Bells, Wheatley

Present: Neville Baker (Chair), Chris Poole (Vice-Chair), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Marie-Anne Fischer (Membership Secretary) Yvonne Hodson, Bob Beresford, Heidi Lloyd, Robin Bishop

Apologies for absence: Jon and Glynis Wheatcroft, Mark Thompson

1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) TVOC equipment insurance arrangements

ACTION: Final list (after final edits) to be submitted to insurance company by Martin

b) Documentation of information about previously-used areas for Planners and Organisers
Neville Baker search archives for relevant information. **IN PROGRESS**

c) Timing Systems: Report back from the Timing Systems Working Group (Robin Bishop)
No further news. The pressure for a decision has been reduced by the re-batterying of the TVOC EMIT control units.

d) Club Kit (Heidi Lloyd)

Jackets

ACTIONS:

- Martin Ricketts and Heidi Lloyd to liaise regarding new jacket order numbers

O tops

Feedback from club members were split between design choices "A" and "B". After discussion at the meeting, the following were **AGREED**:

- Design "B"
- Use red in the orienteering kite
- Use Brill contours (no OS license needed)
- Trees on back (in blue)
- White window to be added to windmill
- Use of Thames Valley Orienteering "Club" on the back
- More prominent TVOC logo on the back
- Will order short sleeved versions only
- Will not stock women's cuts. But these can be pre-ordered

ACTIONS:

- Heidi to finalise designs
- Heidi to have final check with Chairman regarding final design before ordering
- Heidi to promote new jackets and tops via Facebook through Mike Shires if possible. If any non-members want to order, they should be encouraged to join the club

e) Feedback from SCOA meeting held 20th September (Martin Ricketts)

Martin provided a short summary of the relevant parts of the SCOA meeting he attended. The September 2018 SCOA Bulletin is available here:

<https://www.scoa-orienteering.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018/09/SCOA%20Bulletin%20-%20Sep%202018.pdf>

NO FURTHER ACTION

f) Proposed new web site design (Steve Stone, Nat Skidmore (with Mike Shires and Alun Jones))
No further update at this point

g) OCAD 2018 (Martin Ricketts)

Martin Ricketts has completed the discounted upgrade to TVOC's OCAD Team Subscription licenses. This has cost £1,157 for the first three years. Renewal in 3 years' time will be £1,700.

NO FURTHER ACTION



h) TVOC Club Membership Fees for 2019

TVOC's club membership of British Orienteering has been renewed and paid for successfully.

In the forthcoming newsletter, Marie-Anne will correct an error in membership fees published in the previous newsletter.

NO FURTHER ACTION

i) Future of the String Course (Ben Green)

The meeting **AGREED** to suspend the String Course for the time-being. Ben's recommendations were accepted as follows:

- Steer young families who might have liked a String Course to a White course
- Plan White courses to the required standards
- On the White course, have lots of controls, all easily accessible, and many of them "just around the corner"

Marie-Anne has identified someone who might be interested in helping with a String Course in the future. She has put them in touch with Ben.

NO FURTHER ACTION

j) Junior TVOC Representative

Joel Taylor is still interested in taking over the role from Fiona Bunn and will give this more thought in the New Year.

ACTION: John Dalton to keep in touch with Joel.

2. Matters Arising from AGM held Saturday 17th November

There were no matters arising from the AGM itself.

Yvonne Hodson commented that there were only 20 attendees to the annual dinner and AGM this year. Can we try and improve attendance next year? Some initial ideas to do this were shared.

Note that the highest recent AGM attendance was 38 in 2016. Attendance was also in the 30's in 2011, 2012 and 2014.

3. First Aiders

Marie-Anne has completed day 1 of a 2-day First Aid course, and will be qualified after attending the second day.

Chris Poole has recently completed a 2-day First Aid Course, and is therefore fully qualified and is formally reinstated as a Coach

Heidi Lloyd has a lifeguard qualification that has required attendance on an emergency First Aid course. Whilst this is not sufficient to obtain a coaching qualification, this may be of use.

4. Recent Club Successes

The TVOC Club Championships have been held. Winners received their trophies at the AGM. The winners were:

Super-Junior Men	Stephen Cunnane
Junior Men	Jonathan Cunnane
Mens Senior (Brown)	David Bunn
Womens' Senior	Laura Parkes
Veteran Men	Nigel Bunn
Veteran Women	Jennifer Thomas
Super-Vet Men	Alun Jones
Super-Vet Women	Inara Gipsle
Ultra-Vet Men	John Chappell
Ultra-Vet Women	Yvonne Hodson

The Jonathan Fairn Trophy has been won by Ben Green.



ACTION: Neville Baker will ensure that the name of 2017 winner, Julian Birkinshaw, is also engraved on the trophy

The SCOA League winners have been announced and awards presented at Black Park. TVOC won the club award, and this is currently held by Neville Baker. Notable TVOC successes were:

- White A Maria Yaneva 2nd
- Yellow S Cunnane 1st
- Orange J Taylor 2nd
J Cunnane 3rd
- Light Green C Sharpe 2nd
- Brown J Travnicek 2nd

Rachel Banham has received the following incentive scheme certificates for their performances at orienteering events:

- Racing Challenge: Silver Award *****
- Racing Challenge: Bronze Award *****
- Navigation Challenge *****

Jonathan Cunnane has received the following incentive scheme certificates for their performances at orienteering events:

- Racing Challenge: Silver Award ****
- Racing Challenge: Bronze Award ****
- Navigation Challenge ****

Jenny Thompson has received the following incentive scheme certificates for their performances at orienteering events:

- Navigation Challenge *****

Roger Cliffe has received the following incentive scheme certificates for their performances at orienteering events:

- Racing Challenge: Bronze Award *****

5. JK 2019 (Neville Baker)

Neville Baker reported that he had attended a recent JK planning meeting.

The JK will issue and use EmiTags on all four days. It is not clear yet how competitors with their own EmiTags will be handled. Previous events have taken this into account.

There is nothing of significant concern at this stage.

Alun Jones reported that the Chiltern Challenge 2019 will have results run by Allan F at EMIT UK, using emiTags, as part of the preparation for the JK.

6. 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

7. Saturday Series (Nat Skidmore)

Nothing to report

8. Summer Series 2018 (Chris Poole)

Nothing to report. New series to be initiated in January.



9. Oxford Street Series (Robin Bishop)

Next event: Wed 5th December at Botley. Information on the Oxford Street Series site

10. Other Mapping Topics

It was emphasised that we must ensure all maps conform to the ISOM 2017 standard. OCAD is very good for locating changes needed. However, they can very time-consuming to fix.

11. Officers Reports

- a) Chairman:
Nothing further
- b) Treasurer:
Some cash has been transferred into a deposit account to obtain at least some interest
- c) Secretary:
Thanks to TVOC for support of Bucks Scouts Big O orienteering event at Wendover in October.
Particular thanks to Jim Prowting for producing a completely up-to-date map
- d) Captain:
Nothing further
- e) Membership Secretary:
Please note that British Orienteering and TVOC membership renewals are becoming due.
We already have 9 new members who have joined, taking advantage of the “two months free if you join now” offer

12. Situations Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Team Leader, Registration and Results	Alun Jones	Two possible candidates have surfaced that Alun is talking to about joining the team
Magazine Editor	Ian Buxton	Is it time to consider dropping a paper copy of the magazine? Would this help in any way?

Magazine Editor:

At the AGM, Ian Buxton was thanked for all his efforts in editing and producing the TVOiCe magazine for another year. Ian confirmed that he would be stepping down as Editor after the next edition, following 10 years in the role.

It was discussed whether planned changes to the way the web site is managed and updated might enable more individuals to self-publish articles and news directly to the web site. It might then be possible to identify someone who could simply help, support and coordinate the regular publishing of such information to the web site.

An alternative approach might be to switch to email (only), and email out regular information to all members.

A debate was had about the relative advantages of active emails being sent to everyone vs. the passive method of making information through a web site that people have to seek. It was also noted that not all members of the club have given permission for their email address to be used for such purposes.

ACTION: Neville, Marie-Anne and John Dalton to review the current Google Groups email list.

13. Any Other Business

- a) Proposal to get rid of paper TVOC membership forms. (Marie-Anne Fischer)
Reasons for proposal:



- Various teams seem to be in possession of membership forms of various state of age, e.g. the membership forms that were available in Thame were the ones from 2017!
- We don't seem to have a clear procedure how to pass on paper forms to myself if I'm not present at an event.
- More than 75% of new members joined directly through the BO website
- In fact, only three units joined via paper (1 was a Christmas present)

Marie-Anne proposed using little slips with “how to join” and other membership information (including fees, and the link to the website). If people do not want to pay on-line by card, other arrangements can be made for payment through Marie-Anne.

This was **AGREED**

Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as 8pm on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at The Merry Bells, Wheatley.



APPENDIX: Future Events

Changes and additions since the previous version of the Minutes are shown in red

2018

a) Shotover (Sunday 2nd December 2018, Level C)

Organiser: Ali Kempson and Gary Mills, **Planner:** Dave Kingham, **Controller:** Mike Bennett, HH, **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts

THESE WERE APPROVED BY TVOC IN THE MEETING

Alun has suggested to Gary that he produce a flyer.

ACTION: Neville to check in with Gary. **ACTION COMPLETE**

Map:

Map in hand by Martin Ricketts. Most recent visit was on Friday. The map has been geo-referenced. Martin has not yet checked for any IOSM 2017 standard changes needed. At some stage, a thorough re-map of the whole of Shotover may be needed.

2019

b) Chiltern Challenge, Penn Woods, Penn Common (and possibly Penn Estate), subject to permission (Sunday 17th February 2019, Level B)

Organiser: Mark Thompson. **Planner:** Neville Baker. **Controller:** Keith Downing, assisted by Steve Hardy (both of SMOC) **Mapper:** Bob Beresford

ACTIONS:

- John Dalton to go back to all land-owners and third parties to inform them of this withdrawal.
ACTION COMPLETE
- Neville Baker to confirm SCOA agreement to Planner, Organiser and Controller

Alun Joes reported that CC19 will have results run by Allan F at EMIT UK, using emiTags. Entries now open, but not being advertised within TVOC until Shotover is out of the way.

Courses have been planned, and are with the Controller for review.

Mark Thompson reported:

- Progressing well.
- Permissions for access to the woods obtained by Bob. Permission for Penn Wood, with a caveat that any future event will depend on 'before and after' assessment by The Woodland Trust of the effect of this event on the wood.
- Main parking on the industrial estate in return for a donation to charity. Overflow parking at the farm down the road.
- Village Hall to be used for registration/download.
- Loos, Tom and Julie and Ultrasport booked. Still trying to confirm First Aid cover with AVR!
- Budget set BOF members £14, includes a £1 for car parking. Might be tight in downside case but discussed with Martin and he is comfortable.
- Looking at 2 starts and 2 road crossings so we'll need lots of manpower. Will put a note out after Shotover.
- Flier on the website.
- Entries open via Fabian4 thanks to Alun.

The meeting expressed a concern that the traders might suffer with the Village Hall (remote from the car park) being used as the event centre.

ACTION: John Dalton to share this concern with the Organiser in case any real concern can be alleviated.

Map:

Bob Beresford. Bob has updated to the IOSM 2017 standard.



c) Bicester Urban (Sunday 30th June 2019, Urban, Level C and UK Urban League)

THIS EVENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

Neville has found any of the three council bodies impossible to contact to obtain their support for an event at Bicester.

~~Organiser: tbc. Planner: Neville Baker. Controller: tbc, Mapper: Mike Hampton (OD).~~

~~This event needs an Organiser in order to be viable.~~

~~Neville has had no feedback or reaction from Bicester Council. Neville will give this one more week. Alternative venues might be Grove, Didcot or Abingdon?~~

Map:

~~Mike Hampton (OD). He seems happy to become involved in making the map.~~

~~John Dalton is in contact with Mike Hampton. Since the meeting, Mike has confirmed he would create this map in the Autumn of 2018.~~

ACTION: John Dalton to keep Mike Hampton aware of the situation. Neville has also kept Mike Hampton aware of the situation. **ACTION COMPLETE.**

d) Alternative Urban Event (Date tbc. Urban. Level C)

Possibly:

- Grove?
- Didcot Ladygrove?
- Abingdon?

ACTION: Neville Baker to confirm a location and date

e) Wendover (Sunday 10th November 2019, Level C)

Organiser: Adam Poole. **Planner:** Chris Poole. **Controller:** Geoff Ellis, BOK proposed by Chris Poole, **Mapper:** Jim Prowting.

THESE WERE APPROVED BY TVOC IN THE MEETING

Chris Poole reported on his visit to Halton today.

- There will be no EOD if we want to use the RAF Halton site for car parking and assembly. All runners must be pre-entered so the RAF know who is attending.
- Permission will not be confirmed until March when a new Station Commander arrives
- On Sunday 10th November a 2-minute silence is to be respected
- We will be able to invite traders

Map:

Jim Prowting

2020

f) Hambleden (British Nights, Saturday 22nd February 2020, Level A).

Organiser: John Dalton, **Planner:** Neville Baker, **Controller:** Alan Rosen (HH), **Mapper:** Mark Thompson and John Farren.

Permission **AGREED** verbally. With possibility of camping / campervans. Land access fees agreed as acceptable to the meeting.

Map:

Hambleden mapping planned 1/2Q 2019

ACTION: John Dalton to ensure access for mapping is requested for February 2019. **ACTION COMPLETE**

g) Hambleden (Chiltern Challenge, Sunday 23rd February 2020, Level B).

Organiser: John Dalton, **Planner:** Neville Baker, **Controller:** Alan Rosen (HH), **Mapper:** Mark Thompson and John Farren.



ACTION: Neville Baker to ensure all officials have been authorised