

Meeting Minutes: TVOC Club meeting

Held at 8pm on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at The Merry Bells, Wheatley

Present:

Alun Jones (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, minutes), Neville Baker (Vice-Chairman), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), Carol Edwards (Membership), Ian Buxton, Yvonne Hodson, Jon Wheatcroft, Roger Baker, John Thompson, Bob Beresford, John Farren, Steve Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Peter Riches, Alison Smith, Andrew Chalmers

2. Matters Arising from previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read

- Bibs
 - **ACTION:** John D to check with Peter Riches over status
- Question over outstanding British Orienteering levies. Martin has responded to BOF.
 - **ACTION:** Martin R to check on the Oxford Street O numbers and rogue Summer Series event and let BOF know outcome
- Electronic banking payments authorisation.
 - **ACTION:** Treasurer to consider further whether there is any advantage from electronic banking
- AGM. Saturday 26th Nov 2011
 - The meeting agreed it was an excellent evening. Thanks were expressed to John Spence for arranging it.
- Display boards for notices and the like at events.
 - Roger Baker's Oxfam boards at Wendover were recognised as useful.
 - **RECOMMENDATION:** It was thought a good idea to always have an enlarged copy of the map near Enquires at events. Not just for notes on areas needing remapping, but also to help beginners. Could such a map also have a legend?
- Radios
 - **ACTION:** Neville authorized to purchase two further compatible radios for the club
- New signs.
 - Jon W has obtained a range of new road signs and other signs for the club.

3. Past events

- Wendover (Sunday 18th Dec 2011)
 - Event went very well. Everyone happy. Well done to all. 290+ runs. Thanks to all event officials.

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

- Bradenham (Sunday 19th Feb, Level B, CompassSport Cup)
 - Jon W expressed desperate need for more helpers and volunteers to come forward. Key areas needing help:
 - Manned road crossing. Needs 3 shifts

- Starts: There are two starts needing at least 10 people in total
 - 44 entries so far.
 - Map updates are complete to Planner's requirements (Seamus). Mapper's comments have been passed to Planner.
 - **ACTION:** All Team Leaders to identify who's available to help, and who will be spare and can be assigned other tasks
- Nettlebed South (Level C, Sunday 15th Apr, Chiltern Challenge)
 - **ACTION:** Martin R will update map next month. Expected to be completed after three weeks.
 - **ACTION:** Alun to check with Planner, Simon Patterson, whether he would like any other help and support
- Oxford Brookes University Urban (tbc. Level C, Sunday 10th Jun)
 - Event to be on 1:4,000 map of just the campus. However, Neville is liaising with Oxford University, as they intend to use (a small part of) the campus in their Oxford City Race. There should be no problems
 - **ACTION:** Event is currently down as an SCOA League event. Alun to take the event off the SCOA League list
 - **ACTION:** Neville to check whether Ian Webb is actually going to update the map
 - **ACTION:** Neville to continue to confirm permission for the event
- Didcot Urban (Level C, Monday 27th Aug)
 - There are three events in total on this Bank Holiday weekend. Neville has been in communication with the organisers of the other two events regarding joint promotion.
 - **ACTION:** Neville to continue to liaise with other clubs running events that weekend over joint publicity
 - **ACTION:** Neville to check with Organiser, Colin Duckworth, over:
 - Obtaining permission from the football club and council for car parking
 - Try and avoid duplicate use of the field as occurred for previous event at Didcot
- Kingswood (Level C, Sunday 21st October)
 - Planner still needed
 - **ACTION:** Alun to obtain permission
- Wendover (Level C, Sunday 16th Dec)
 - **ACTION:** John Farren to contact Mark Thompson to ask if he is planning to update the map.
 - **ACTION:** Neville to confirm permission

2013

- Christmas Common (Provisional, 10th February 2013, Chiltern Challenge)
 - Does permission still need to be confirmed?
 - **ACTION:** John F to liaise with Andrew at Christmas Common over likely mapping updates that will be necessary
- JK 2013 (Mar 29th-Apr 1st 2013)
 - Day 1: tbc
 - Day 2: Hambleden
 - (Day 3: Cold Ash. Organised by BKO / SARUM)
 - Day 4: Hambleden
 - Mapping of Hambleden

- Mark Thompson and John Farren are liaising with John Dalton about access for mapping after 01FEB12
- Penn Wood and Common Wood (newly-extended area) (May 2013)
 - The ownership of Common Wood is very complex. Bob Beresford is making good progress in tracking all key parties to confirm permissions. Having met the Warden of Common Wood, permission has been gained in principle. However, several individual householders/landowners and a residents' committee still need to formally agree.

2013 Events

- **ACTION:** Neville to draft a provisional programme for all of 2013 for next meeting.

5. Saturday Series

- Recent Hill End and Brill events both went very well indeed. Numbers seem to keep going up and up, resulting in potential parking problems and payment of levies.
- Andrew Chalmers reports that 16JUN12 event can not take place at Green Park due to other activities that day. Event is probably being relocated to Hawridge & Chloesbury on that same day. Organiser, Mike Shires, is aware of this and will seek permission and car parking arrangements
 - **ACTION:** John Dalton to check with Andrew whether the map needs updating, and if so, which version!
 - **RESPONSE FROM ANDREW:** Bob Beresford's version of the map has been sent to Mike Shires. Mike will determine whether changes are needed. There may be some as the local Commons Preservation Society members tend to have work parties from time to time, cutting dead or non-native trees, cutting back bramble & clearing paths etc.

6. Summer Series 2012

- John Thompson put a note about the forthcoming Summer Series in the recent TVOiCe.
- Please do volunteer to run a Summer Series event directly to John Thompson
 - (Could people who have already volunteered to John please remind John who they were as he has lost his notes!)
- From Andrew Chalmers: Andrew will update the Black Park map in February for a possible Summer Series event this year

7. Mapping

- Some questions were asked about the current British Orienteering requirements to register maps, and what insurance cover was provided.
 - **ACTION:** John Dalton to circulate latest British Orienteering position on this matter. Please see the two sections on **Map Registration** and **Insurance**: http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/index.php?pg=58#map_registration

8. Officers Reports

- 8.1. Chairman (to include feedback from December SCOA meeting)
 - Alun referred to an earlier email he sent out regarding his report from the December SCOA meeting.
 - The SCOA Relay Championship will take place on Saturday 16JUN12. The event is organised by SN for the SEOA Relay Championship. Event in Bagshot.
 - **ACTION:** Alun to raise with Alison regarding a TVOC team
 - Katy Stubbs is running the Safety and Risk Management course on 11FEB12 (AM) at Harwell Village Hall. Jon Wheatcroft is attending, and will subsequently roll out the course to other TVOC members as

required. From 2013, all Organisers will need to go through this course. Contact Katy Stubbs directly to attend her February course.

- Publicity Officer meeting.
 - **ACTION:** Mike Shires to attend
 - **ACTION:** Alun to talk to Liz Chalmers regarding her experiences in the past
 - Alun proposed four new TVOC Club Champion categories for 2012: M/W 70+ and M/W 80+. **AGREED.**
- 8.2. Treasurer
- Nothing to report
- 8.3. Secretary
- Nothing to report
- 8.4. Captain
- I will be organising 5 x 1 hour sessions for children at Dunmore School (David's School) on Friday afternoons next term. David will be helping me. I don't need any help from the club but I will ask nearer the time whether I can borrow some club equipment including cones, mini-maps, electronic controls and handheld download device for the grid exercise; pin punch controls and cardboard control cards for the Vampire game, and Ian's control-description relay cards if he still has them (he does).
 - **ACTION:** JD to suggest that Alison liaises with Mark Thompson in well in advance of her sessions. Also, to make sure there is no contention for Saturday Series event kit. Also to let Alison know that Lyn Blackie has pin punches that are no longer needed for the String Course. **DONE**

9. Development Committee. To include:

- Juniors
- Clubmark

John mentioned that an article in the recent TVOiCe covered these two areas in full. However, the club really does need:

- A Junior activities Coordinator. Between them, various members of the committee are trying to help out here as needed
- A level 2 coach who can organise and plan a Junior programme of activities throughout the year

10. Any Other Business

- John Thompson proposed that TVOC provide a new **M85** British Champion trophy to British Orienteering. No such trophy exists.
 - **ACTION:** Alun to talk to Mike Hamilton at British Orienteering to see if this would be accepted
 - Note that John Dalton has a spare new trophy procured by TVOC for the Southern Championships but not needed because the winner of the class for the previous two years bought their own! This trophy might be suitable.
- New relay class suggestion from Roger Baker
 - **ACTION:** Alun to raise with Ranald McDonald
- 2012 TVOC Club Championship proposed for Sunday 13th May at BKO event at Swinley
 - **ACTION:** Neville to check this is acceptable to BKO
- Roger Baker repeated his recent message about there being no outlets for maps for the Permanent courses at Shotover and Cutteslowe Park other than via himself. Can we put the maps up on the web site? Ian said that this is possible if the maps are in PDF format

- **ACTION:** John Farren to create the necessary PDF files
- Carol Edwards and Ian Buxton are attending British Orienteering coaching course shortly.
 - **AGREED:** TVOC to pay for coaching course and travel expenses
- Lyn Blackie reported that the Oxfordshire Schools Orienteering Association fund has now been closed as all funds have now been spent.
- Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 20th March