



Minutes of TVT Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Meeting Time: 19:30-21:00

Venue: Online

Attendees:

- Martin Alder (MA) – Chair
- Derek Bowley (DB) – Vice Chair & Head Coach
- Tracy Suff (TS) – Secretary
- Matt Picozzi (MPi) – Treasurer
- Vikki Aust (VA) – Communications Secretary and Club Captain
- Mike Dean (MD) – Membership secretary (interim)
- Sunil Fernandes (SF) - Club Champs and TVXC Rep

Apologies:

- Ian Coddington (IC) – Lead Welfare Officer, Helen Williams (HW) - Deputy Welfare

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were noted.

2. Review of Actions from Previous Meeting

- Shinfield 10K: No member discount available; race organisers offered to donate the equivalent amount to the race charities instead.
- Cycle TT Course: DB awaiting final confirmation from Andrew Payne regarding White Waltham circuit route.
- Swim Champs – Reading Lake: SF to confirm with Jamie at HiFive regarding approximately 15–25 participants on 16 July.
- Awards Nomination Process: Still outstanding; to remain on action list. VA to pick up.

3. Rescheduling of June & November Meetings

Discussion:

- June meeting rescheduled to avoid clashes and support Awards Night planning.
- November meeting does not need to be moved in advance of awards evening as awards preparation occurs well in advance.

Decision / Action:

- June meeting moved to Tuesday 9 June 2026
 - November meeting remains unchanged
- Action: TS to update and circulate revised meeting schedule.

4. Track Attendance – Brainstorming

Discussion:

- Track attendance has been declining, with an estimated loss of ~£50 per session.
- DB confirmed introduction of monthly themed sessions, with the next being transition training on 22 April.
- Increased focus on cycling technique sessions at the track.
- Previous survey results suggest timing, coaching presence and promotion are key factors.
- SF suggested open night at Palmer Park could be an option for £2.50pp.
- Historic road-run sessions before swim sessions were noted as a possible re-introduction.
- External options such as open Palmer Park sessions (£2.50) were discussed.

Actions:

- VA to promote track sessions and benefits via the newsletter.
- DB to ask Andy Osborne to give a short encouragement talk before a warm-up session.

5. Kit Representative & Social Secretary – Update

Discussion:

- Club Kit Representative role currently vacant; DB has spoken informally to Chris Weston.
- Social Secretary role remains vacant; alternative approaches discussed. MD will continue to organise the awards dinner in November.
- Agreement that major events should be supported, with smaller socials being lighter-touch and organised on an ad hoc basis.
- Any organiser to keep working documents in Google Drive to allow handover if required.
- Formal risk assessments required for larger events.

Actions:

- DB to follow up with Chris Weston.
- MD to continue coordinating the Awards Night event.
- All - Risk assessments to be logged centrally for relevant events with option to use event sheet provided by MA.

6. Thames Valley Cross Country (TVXC)

Discussion:

- Proposed dates: Sunday 7 February 2027 (preferred) or Sunday 31 January 2027 (backup).
- SF to confirm school availability and costs.
- No major race clashes identified (Wokingham Half Marathon confirmed as 21 February 2027).

Action:

- SF to contact the school and confirm date availability for the two chosen dates and to agree with TVXC league contact

7. Scimitar Sportswear – Potential Kit Supplier

Discussion:

- MD shared samples received at the World Triathlon Show.
- Primary concern is minimum order quantities (10 per garment type), which is not feasible for club demand.
- Tri-suits have a lower minimum order quantity but ongoing supply for new members would remain difficult after initial order.
- Any kit design change would require National Governing Body approval (Triathlon England, EA, BC), which historically took several months.

Decision / Action:

- MD to respond to Scimitar and clarify whether minimum order quantity flexibility is possible.
- Samples may be offered as spot prizes at 5K track session this week

8. EA Club Improvement Fund

Discussion / Decision:

- Club funds are sufficient at present and no immediate need identified for capital purchases. Committee agreed not to apply.

9. EA Membership Update

Update:

- Six members have affiliated with English Athletics to date.
- Limited further uptake expected this season.

10. Any Other Business

Power Hour (Cycling)



- Normally begins early May.
- No single coordinator in place following Gary's withdrawal.
- Role involves sign-in, light coordination and weather decisions.

Actions:

- MPI to approach regular fast-group riders to volunteer on a rota basis.
- Committee members to cover sessions where possible and support advertising on FB.
- Start date to be confirmed based on daylight hours - VA

Social Tri – Road Closure

- Goring Lane currently open despite signage; situation may change.
- Alternate route to be prepared if closure becomes enforced

Action:

- SF to review course closer to the event and prepare contingency route.

Tri-Stars Update

- End-of-season Tri-Stars Championships / social event planned for 13 July 2026 at Andover Triathlon.
- Adult race also scheduled on the same day;

Action:

- DB to invite members to participate in Andover Triathlon.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 9 June 2026 (revised)

Meeting closed at 21:00.



Position	Name
Chair	Martin Alder
Vice Chair	Derek Bowley
Secretary	Tracy Suff
Treasurer	Matt Picozzi
Membership	Mike Dean (Interim)
Lead Welfare	Ian Coddington
Deputy Welfare	Helen Williams
Club Head Coach	Derek Bowley
Junior Club representative	Vacant Role
Communications	Vikki Aust
Social Secretary	Vacant
Club Captain	Vikki Aust
Club Kit Representative	Vacant
Thames Valley Cross Country Rep	Sunil Fernandes
Club Championship Secretary	Sunil Fernandes