

VAC Annual General Meeting

Thursday 2 October 2025

CHAIR/SECRETARY REPORT 2024 - 2025

This year VAC's offer to members has been slightly reduced as we were unable to hold the outdoor track and field championships. The provision for road running improved as chip timing was used for all Battersea events where entries were up on 2024. Membership has stayed stable, and our races remain popular. They are open to all masters athletes and an increasing number of non-members enjoy competing in our friendly high-quality events. Some travel a long way to participate.

2025 saw some changes in committee roles with Stuart Matthews working both as Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor. He has edited two high quality publications this year. We always welcome contributions from members. Peter Kennedy undertook the Track and Field Secretary's role. This is a complicated role with different strands, and he was helped by other committee members to organise our teams for the Inter Area matches. Unfortunately, he is unable to carry on his role. Thanks go to him for his hard work and commitment last year.

Dennis Williams continued as President and has attended all VAC championship events to award trophies and medals. Anna Garnier remained on the committee as a member without portfolio.

As usual the committee has met regularly to plan events throughout the year on track and field, road and cross country. The disciplines will be reported on separately. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work. We also have a group of volunteers who help at VAC events throughout the year. We would be unable to deliver these events without such support. We would welcome members to come forward to volunteer for both official committee roles, and to help out at events. We offer to pay fees for training courses for members to become qualified officials. It is a rewarding activity, and we would really welcome an increase in numbers.

We have continued our relationship with Ben Noad, an event organiser, which means we can offer competitions with a high level of organisation. He has helped with both road and track events. The individual discipline captains will all present detailed reports.

We have delegates to national masters' bodies, BMAF and EMAA. They have attended both Zoom and face to face meetings and reported back to the committee regularly. For another year, a major issue has been BMAF incorporation which is still ongoing. At least year's AGM VAC also agreed to pursue incorporation. This is also ongoing.

The Les Brown Trophy for supporting VAC events was awarded to Paddy Clark for 2024. He organises both the VAC men's team for the Surrey League and both men's and women's teams for the East Surrey League. He always comes prepared, arriving at race venues with groundsheet and gazebo, often the envy of other clubs.

We communicate to our members regularly by email. There is also a continually updated website with information, results and photographs. The photographs are provided by Cliff Hide who attends most events through the year. We have two members to moderate the VAC Facebook page and keep it topical. This all means that members are kept up to date with current events.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this year a success.

Ros Tabor

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