

# VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB

Affiliated to England Athletics, SoEAA, SCAA, RWA, BMAF & EMAA

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## VAC COMMITTEE MEETING, 11 JULY 2024

At the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Croydon

### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

#### 1. Finances

The audited Income and Expenditure Account for 2023/24 indicates a surplus of around £3,300, compared with a deficit of £2,900 in 2022/23. The improvement could partly be attributed to profits from VAC's indoor and outdoor T&F championships and VAC's share of the profit made by hosting the BMAF 5k championship. VAC's bank balance at the end of March 2024 was around £24,500 although this was inflated by income from subscription renewals for the membership year 2024-25.

VAC's running costs (e.g. newsletters) and affiliations amount to around £11.70 per member. In view of the healthy bank balance and the policy for VAC events to break even overall, it was decided that membership fees will be held at £12 for 2025-26.

#### 2. VAC Incorporation

Proposals for incorporation of VAC along similar lines to those currently being taken forward for BMAF will be presented at the forthcoming AGM.

#### 3. Track and Field

The 5,000m championship races held at Battersea Park on 26 June were successful with 97 entries. The outdoor championships at the Tooting Bec track on 31 August were still subject to being able to recruit suitably qualified officials. The outdoor Inter-Area Challenge will take place at Corby on 7 September.

#### 4. Walks

The Jack Fitzgerald Centenary walks would take place on Saturday 29 September in Tilgate Park, Crawley, to commemorate the centenary of Jack's birth in 1924.

#### 5. Cross Country

At the Surrey League AGM in May, it was decided that the men's age groups for awards would be the same as the women's i.e. 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and 65-74. In addition, there would be a new 75+ age category for men and women. It was agreed that there would not be actual trophies. The rankings were sufficient recognition.

#### 6. Membership

There are currently 661 VAC members, including 101 first claimers.

#### 7. Newsletter

The next VAC newsletter is planned for November or December 2024.

#### Next Meeting

AGM, 19 September, Civil Service Club.