

## **VAC Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 24 September 2018 at Premier Inn, Victoria**

### **Track and Field Secretary's Report for 2017-18**

Once again VAC members have competed indoors and outdoors in regional, national and international events.

The year's events started with VAC's indoor championships at Lee Valley in February (held jointly with EVAC).

This year the World Masters outdoor track and field championships were held at the beginning of September. The BMAF track and field championships are traditionally held immediately before the international. This meant that our usual fixture date on August bank holiday weekend was not available for VAC's outdoor T&F championships. After a long search for suitable dates and venues we decided to incorporate the VAC championships with the inaugural South of England masters championships at the Battersea Park track. There was good competition. Medals were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places regardless of standards achieved. Some members complained that there were no 5000m races, which have attracted a high number of entries in the past. Because of this we have decided to hold a separate evening of 5000m races next year. We also held the annual 10,000m championships for walking and running.

All of our track and field events have only been able to take place because so many members, qualified and unqualified have undertaken official duties. It has been a continual struggle to find enough officials and it is VAC policy to encourage members to attend relevant courses and gain the required experience in order to qualify.

VAC members are eligible to enter any Masters' events, and members from other Masters' clubs can enter ours. This is easy through the OpenTrack entry system and has led to increased entries to all Masters' events.

We sent VAC teams to the inter-area matches, both indoor and outdoor. The teams were organised by Nick Lauder who generated a good team atmosphere.

International Masters' events are open to members of all abilities. They enjoy hard competition in a variety of places, meeting up with old rivals, and finding new ones. In 2018 we had members competing at the European Indoor Masters' Championships in Madrid in March, and the European Masters' Outdoor Championships in Malaga in Spain. Many of our members were medallists at both events.

Results are posted promptly on the VAC and BMAF websites and then later in the VAC newsletter.

Ros Tabor

On behalf of the T&F Secretary

24 September 2018