

VAC Annual General Meeting 21 September 2020

(virtual meeting via ZOOM)

CHAIR/SECRETARY REPORT

This is a hard report to write while we are still in the Covid-19 pandemic.

We started our year with installing Anna Garnier as President. She has been a committed and active member of VAC for several years, both as an athlete and a volunteer official. Once installed as President she immediately fulfilled many tasks, including awarding trophies and attending committee meetings. As her year of office has effectively only been for a few months, the committee decided that we would ask her to be President for another year. I am delighted that she has accepted.

Once again, I would like to thank the committee, which is small in number but extremely hardworking, with members efficiently carrying out allotted tasks without reminders. Our Track and Field secretary, Mike May, sadly died just before last year's AGM. We have been unable to replace him. Efforts have been made throughout the year to encourage member/s to assume this role, but so far we have been unsuccessful. I would especially like to thank Peter Kennedy for sending out a survey of members to ascertain support for track and field.

The individual discipline captains will all present detailed reports, so what I say will be brief.

The committee meets regularly and meetings are well attended. This year 2 of our meetings have been virtually held on ZOOM. We also had a special ZOOM meeting to discuss BMAF matters. Thanks again to Peter Kennedy for organising the IT for us.

We are also always looking for ways to promote the club, so we were pleased to be approached by Runner's World magazine. This resulted in a well-illustrated article in the July 2020 edition. The article is available on our website.

Since the last AGM we held our annual cross country championships on Wimbledon Common in January. We were also able to hold the indoor championships at Lee Valley in February. Again at Lee Valley, VAC fielded a team in the inter-area competition. Other championship events on the outdoor track/field and road had to be cancelled.

The Les Brown Trophy, awarded to the member who attends the most events either to officiate or compete, was won in 2019 by Andy Murray.

Inevitably as we are a club representing older athletes, a number of our members will die each year. This year we noted the deaths of Pete Mulholland and Alastair Jackson. Obituaries are on the website.

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

Ros Tabor