

VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB

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

President: Anna Garnier

Secretary: Ros Tabor

VAC COMMITTEE MEETING, 19 NOVEMBER 2020 (HELD VIA ZOOM)

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

1. Member's Welfare

The death of Peter Ryan was reported. An obituary would be placed on the VAC website.

2. Finances

The club's bank balance was down by £1,300 compared with April. This was partly caused by lower income from subscriptions.

3. Track & Field

A series of events are planned for the next year, starting with a meeting at the Wimbledon Park track on 20 December. A further meeting is being planned for 3 January at Sutton Arena. These will be subject to the Covid-19 restrictions at the time. The events would be free for VAC members. VAC's indoor championship would need to be rearranged in view of the cancellation of the South of England indoor championships at Lee Valley in January 2021, which VAC intended to use for its own championships.

4. Walks

The Cecil Gittins walk at Gravesend on 17 October had been a successful promotion for VAC and had attracted new competitors. There were 38 entries, slightly up on 2019. VAC will support the walking community by hosting the Centurions 100 mile event in 2022.

5. Cross Country

The Wimbledon Common conservators are not currently permitting races on the common. The VAC Championship race will probably be postponed beyond its usual January date and rearranged for later in the winter or spring, subject to coronavirus restrictions. The course would need to avoid busy parts of the common in order to comply with social distancing requirements. Consideration will be given to using the Thames Hare & Hounds course starting at the Richardson-Evans playing fields.

6. Membership

The VAC membership fee for 2021-22 will be £12 if paid after 1 April. It will be discounted to £10 if paid before 1 April. Anyone joining between December 2020 and 1 April 2021 will pay £10 and receive membership up to April 2022. They will also be eligible for free entry to the T&F events being scheduled during the winter.

7. Funding of England Athletics Masters Association

The issue of reclaiming the club's donation to EAMA for hosting the 2019 British and Irish Masters Cross Country match will be raised at its next Council meeting, as in the event the additional funding was not required. In future, decisions taken by the committee on VAC's funding of events will be publicised and promoted to members in advance of the event taking place.

8. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on 21 January 2021.