

VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB

Affiliated to England Athletics, SoEAA, SCAA, RWA, BMAF & EMAA
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VAC COMMITTEE MEETING, 11 JANUARY 2024

At the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Croydon

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

1. Finances

The club's bank balance in the current account stood at £3.9k in December 2023, compared with £10.8k in April 2023, with a further £12k invested in a deposit account. The membership fee had been set at £12 for the next year (April 2024-March 2025) but would be reviewed by the Committee so that any proposed change in the subsequent year would be considered at the AGM in September 2024.

2. VAC Incorporation

Planning is in progress to incorporate VAC as a Company Limited by Guarantee. It is the intention to submit proposals to the 2024 AGM.

3. Awards

Helen Davies was chosen as the winner in 2023 of the Les Brown trophy, based on the number of events she participated in and volunteered for, including her role as Women's Team manager for VAC's Surrey League cross country team.

4. Track and Field

The indoor championships will be held at Lee Valley on 11 February in conjunction with Eastern Masters. The selection of athletes representing the club at the Indoor Inter Area Challenge on 25 February is currently in progress. Dates were under consideration for VAC's outdoor T&F championships and the 5000m championships.

5. Road and Walks

Dates for the 2024 Battersea Park series of races have been set. They are 2 April (5k), 7 May (5M champs), 4 June (5k champs) and 16 July (5k). Entry prices would be increased to cover costs. Losses are made on the two championship races which have chip timing. The Cecil Gittins memorial walks have been set for 27 May at Cyclopark.

6. Cross Country

Marshals were needed for the 2024 cross country championships on Wimbledon Common on 20 January.

7. Membership

Invitations to renew membership would be sent out in February using BMAF's GetResponse mass email system which would greatly simplify the process of sending mass emails to VAC members.

8. Newsletter

The next VAC newsletter is planned to be issued in May 2024. The editor requires contributions by the end of April. Hard copies would no longer be sent to overseas addresses as these members can read the newsletter online.

Next Meeting

14 March.