

## **VAC AGM: 11 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**VAC membership numbers were 681 at the end of March 2023, compared with 602 last September, which is the largest ever membership. Now however the numbers are down to 622 as of 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

118 members who have not yet renewed. We have had 50 new members since March and it is quite possible that with re-joiners and more newcomers, we will exceed last year's record by next March.

The most effective form of marketing are our competitions and the more we do to market them to non-members in the London area, the better. This year's track and field championships is the first attempt to reach out to all London clubs and if we follow this up with a network of club ambassadors it will also help to grow the membership and broaden the take-up of Masters' athletics in the region.

Two of our members have died since the last year's AGM:

**Keith Spacie – died 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, aged 87**

**Mary Axtell – died on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, aged 81**

Also one member died in 2022 whom we didn't report at last year's AGM:

**Jeremy Hemming – died on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022, aged 89**

**There are currently 86 first claim members, compared with 81 a year ago, and 25 of the recently lapsed members are also first claim with VAC.**

**4% of the competing membership are currently not UKA registered, which is a 3% decrease on a year ago.**

I would very much appreciate a volunteer coming forward to pick up some of the work done by the Membership Secretary so that I can help VAC more with the track & field championships. The work requires a reasonable level of IT skills, specifically use of MS Excel, MS Word and Opentrack. There is considerable satisfaction to be gained in providing this service to VAC members and helping to expand the membership.

Peter Kennedy  
VAC Membership Secretary  
04 September 2023