

VAC Annual General Meeting

Thursday 19 September 2024

Membership Secretary's Report

2023 - 2024

VAC membership numbers were 757 at the end of March 2024, compared with 681 at the end of March 2023. This is the largest ever membership. Although the number of members is down to 692 as of 15 September, this still exceeds the 622 members recorded at last year's AGM in September 2023.

122 members have not yet renewed. We have had 57 new members since March (compared to 50 new members last year) and it is quite possible that with re-joiners and more newcomers we will further add to the current record by next March.

32 members that joined VAC for the first time since September 2023 were previously members of Southern Counties VAC but did not renew with them.

16 members that joined VAC for the first time since September 2023 did not renew for the 2024-25 membership year.

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

Ken Livermore – died on 28 January 2024, aged 91

Tom Richards – died on 24 July 2024, aged 85

Michael Harran – died on 9 September 2024, aged 86

Also, former VAC President, **Kevin Burnett, died on 12 May 2024, aged 84**

There are currently 104 first claim members, compared with 86 a year ago (which was an increase on 81 the previous year.)

4% of the competing membership are currently not UKA registered, which is the same as a year ago.

I would like to thank the previous Membership Secretary Peter Kennedy for all of his support during my first year as Membership Secretary. He was very efficient and always very helpful during the handover of his duties, whilst simultaneously carrying out all his other roles. Thank you, Peter. You are a marvelous ambassador for VAC and Masters athletics.

Stuart Matthews

VAC Membership Secretary

15 September 2024