

VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB

Affiliated to England Athletics, SoEAA, SCAA, RWA, BMAF & EMAA
President: Dennis Williams Secretary: Ros Tabor

VAC COMMITTEE MEETING, 16 January 2025

At the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Croydon

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

1. Welfare

VAC was represented by Dave Hoben and Dennis Williams at the memorial to Tom Richards, a long serving VAC official.

2. Finances

The club's bank balance stood at £20.1k in December 2024, compared with £25.6k in April 2024. VAC's hosting of the BMAF 5k road championships in Battersea Park in December 2024 would bring in a profit of at least £500 to VAC.

3. Club Standards

VAC now had the seven England Athletics' Club Standards in place. The relevant documents are on the VAC website. There would be tick boxes in the membership's joining and renewal process to ensure that members are aware of, and accept, the policies. The VAC Committee will review the Club Standards in turn at each committee meeting. The club's Safeguarding Policy was discussed at this meeting and a committee member would review it and make recommendations about updating it.

4. Track and Field

Entries are open for the VAC/EMAC Indoor Track and Field Champs taking place on 8 February at Lee Valley. Selection of athletes to represent VAC in the Indoor Inter Area Challenge is now in progress.

5. Road Races and parkrun

Four dates have been booked for VAC's 2025 Battersea Park road race series.

The BMAF would like VAC to host again the British Masters 5k at Battersea Park in 2025. VAC had been in contact with the Park's authority and had obtained agreement to hold two separate races on Sunday 30 November. Organisational details were being discussed with BMAF.

The next parkrun gathering will take place at Morden parkrun on 8 March.

6. Membership

There are currently 746 VAC members, including 110 first claimers.

7. Newsletter

The next VAC newsletter is planned for May/June 2025.

Next Meeting

20 March 2025