

# VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB

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

President: Dennis Williams

Secretary: Ros Tabor

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## VAC COMMITTEE MEETING, 23 MAY 2024

**At the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Croydon**

### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

#### 1. Secretary's Report

The death of Kevin Burnett, a former VAC President, was reported. VAC would be represented at his funeral.

#### 2. Finances

The draft Income and Expenditure Account for 2023/24 indicates a surplus of nearly £3k, compared with a deficit of £2.9k in 2022/23. The improvement could partly be attributed to profits from VAC's indoor and outdoor T&F championships and VAC's share of the profit made by hosting the BMAF 5k championship.

#### 3. VAC Incorporation

Peter Kennedy presented a model of a possible company structure. His proposal was for a Board of Directors comprising a Chief Executive and Finance, Commercial and Operations Directors to give strategic direction. The club's activities would be run by a committee, with officers responsible for specific functions and events. It is the intention to submit proposals to the 2024 AGM.

#### 4. Track and Field

The outdoor championships will be held at the Tooting Bec track on 31 August subject to being able to recruit suitably qualified officials. The outdoor Inter-Area Challenge will take place at Corby on 7 September.

#### 5. Road and Walks

The Kingston parkrun was chosen as the next parkrun get together on 20 July. Kenneth Mukasa, a Ugandan who is visiting the UK, has joined VAC. He has come to learn more about officiating at T&F events. He has asked for unwanted athletics kit and equipment to send back to Uganda to help impoverished athletes get started. The committee agreed to promote his appeal to entrants at the Battersea Park race on 4 June and the 5,000m races on 23 June.

It is the intention to fix a date for the Jack Fitzgerald walks in Tilgate Park, Crawley, to commemorate the centenary of Jack's birth in 1924.

#### 6. Membership

Membership stood at 550. A reminder would be sent to over 200 members who so far hadn't renewed for 2024-25.

#### 7. Newsletter

Angela Kikugawa will step down from the role of newsletter editor after the publication of June's newsletter. The committee expressed gratitude for her work in producing two newsletters per year since 2013. Stuart Matthews, the Membership Secretary, agreed to take over. The next VAC newsletter is planned for November 2024.

#### Next Meetings

Committee meeting: 11 July.

AGM: 19 September