

VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB

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

President: Dennis Williams

Secretary: Ros Tabor

VAC COMMITTEE MEETING, 5 March 2026

At the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Croydon

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Welfare

The death of Ivor Wiggett from London Heathside AC was reported. Ivor was an Honorary member of VAC in recognition of his service as a Starter at many of the club's track events.

Finance

The financial statement showed a negative cash flow of almost £7k over the period from April 2025 to February 2026. This was expected to improve next month with revenue from subscription renewals. The club still has substantial reserves.

Membership

At the time of the meeting, VAC had 773 members, including 113 first claimers, up from 734 in November 2025.

Health and Safety Policy

The committee has completed a review of the club's Health and Safety policy.

Future of BMAF

At the BMAF Council EGM on 4 March, a motion was carried permitting the Council to appoint members of the BMAF Executive so that it would have a quorum at meetings and be able to function.

Track and Field

The 5000m championships will take place at the Battersea track on 17 June. The 10,000m championships will be held on 16 September at the Battersea track if the planned re-laying is complete. Tooting Bec would be the alternative venue. There was discussion about holding an outdoor VAC T&F championship, but it was decided that the committee did not have the resources to take this forward. Instead, other events would be signposted in the fixture list.

Road

Entries are open for VAC's 2026 series of Battersea Park races. VAC would again host the BMAF's 2026 5k champs in Battersea Park in November.

Cross Country

VAC's championship on 17 January had been a success with a good turnout at the presentation at Belgrave Hall. VAC was allowed to use Wimbledon Common free of charge. In return, VAC would donate £100 to the Wimbledon Common Conservators charity for the upkeep of the common.

VAC will submit a motion to the Surrey League AGM on 17 April to increase the numbers of women's divisions from 3 to 4.

Next Meeting

28 May 2026