

SCVAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Victory Services Club 63-69 Seymour Street, London SW1 2EP Friday 6th December 2019, 6.30 PM.

Committee Members Present:

Arthur Kimber	Chairman	Tom Richards	Vice Chairman/Treasurer
David Beattie	Secretary	Jeremy Carmichael	Membership Secretary
Vilma Thompson	New Members Secretary	Tony Rea	Editor, The Southerner
Mick Jefferies	Cross Country Secretary		

Members Present:

Sue Yeomans	Brian Yeomans	Dave Crossland	Helen Godsell
Liz Sissons	Dean Angell		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Moira West, Sue James, Janet Dickenson, Darren Scott, Ana Ramos-Villaverde, Walter Hill

2. CONFIRM MINUTES OF AGM HELD 7th DECEMBER 2018

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST AGM

4.7 Hon. Chairman (AK) reported that the Manchester Metropolitan University project to implant heart monitors into masters athletes' chests for up to 3 years has been scrapped.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 SCVAC Track and Field League results: AK has amended rule 16. to read: Results should be sent as soon as possible after each match to the league secretary, Power of 10, editor of The Southerner, the rankings compiler and Athletics Weekly.

4.2 SCVAC Indoor Championships at Lee Valley had a record entry, and the outdoor championships at Abingdon, organised by Kay Reynolds, were successful. The 2020 Indoor Championship will be at Lee Valley on February 16th. No date has yet been fixed for the Outdoor Championship.

4.3 Southern Counties Veterans League: team entries were more promptly submitted this year. The main problem was finding enough officials for each fixture. The League Final at Ashford was a success, although two teams (Radley Women and Oxford Men) withdrew through lack of athletes and officials. Tonbridge AC won both the Men's and the Women's contests. The Brian Harlick Memorial Trophy was won by Janet Dickinson with an impressive 40 points. AK plans to stay with Ashford as the location for the League Final. The provisional date for 2020 is September 5th.

4.4 BMAF and EA: The partnership with Athletics Weekly is working well, with a regular Masters Athletics feature in AW. BMAF also has good continued links with Manchester Metropolitan University. There has been no progress with the UKA relationship due to the current chaos within that organization. EMA will continue to give financial support to the Inter Area Challenge and the Home International Cross Country Challenge.

In the Indoor Inter Area Challenge, SCVAC were 2nd in the Men's and 3rd in the women's contests, and came 2nd overall. In the Outdoor Challenge SCVAC were also 2nd Men, 3rd Women, and 2nd overall.

AK has visited Coventry Track, and reports it looks most impressive. The track is two tone grey, with a new throws cage, pole vault and high jump pits, and attractive track surrounds of green AstroTurf.

4.5 International Events:

The WMA Indoor Championships in Torun, Poland, were well organized and successful. By contrast the EMAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Lido di Jesolo, Italy, were badly organized. There were problems with the transport infrastructure and event timetables in particular.

In 2020 the EMACi (European Masters Championships Indoors) will be held in Braga, Portugal from 15th to 22nd March. The European Masters Non Stadia Championships will be held in Funchal, Madeira, from April 2nd to April 4th. The World Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championships will be in Toronto, Canada, from July 20th to August 1st.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.1 SCVAC received 1 place in the London Marathon. Members were invited to apply the ballot on the website, and the lucky member whose name was drawn from a hat before the AGM was Karen Samuel.

5.2 DB, Hon Secretary, paid tribute to the hard work put in by each committee member throughout 2019, making this year a highly successful one.

AK our Hon Chairman once again organized the Track and Field Indoor Championships, the Southern Veterans League, and the League Final at Ashford, as well as all his work for the BMAF.

TR our Hon Treasurer ensured that our finances are again in a strong position.

JC our Membership Secretary, aided by VT our New Members Secretary, have administered our growing membership base and helped members with online joining and renewal issues.

TR has produced a top quality Southerner magazine for the last 4 years and is a tough act to follow. He is full of ideas, and invites suggestions for new ways of communicating our latest news to members.

MC our Road Running Secretary has introduced new races in new locations, and has donated the Ina Champion Memorial Trophy for the best age graded road performance at any of our road races. He is active on social media, promoting each of our road championships.

MJ our Cross Country Secretary has also introduced a new event – our championships are now held within the South of Thames 5 mile race. Our thanks to the S-o-T Association for their co-operation and flexibility with our new venture. MJ also serves on the England Masters selection panel for the Home Nations Cross country challenge – a long day's work.

MP, who administers the SCVAC website for us, is very helpful and efficient, ensuring that updates are posted immediately on receipt to keep our website relevant and up to date.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Our present membership stands at around 550 Confirmed members. JC thanked Vilma for her invaluable assistance with applications for new members.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 TR went through the Income and Expenditure Account. In 2018 a one-off donation of £2,000 was received from the estate of Ken Crooke.

7.2 The accounts show a healthy balance, due to the earlier decision to ceasing publishing and posting a hard copy of the Southerner to all but a handful of members who specifically requested a hard copy.

8. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

8.1 No amendments to the Constitution

8.2 Concerning the Southern Veterans League rules, two proposals were put forward.

1. That joint teams should be allowed to compete in the SCVAC League.
 2. That the number of permitted second claim members should be increased from 5 to 10.
- Both proposals were rejected unanimously.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

9.1. The current officers were re-elected

Proposed: Brian Yeomans, seconded: Liz Sissons.

10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

10.1 AK confirmed that 5 life members are still definitely alive. Hazel Rider died this year.

10.2 AK proposed that in recognition of her 21 years of service on the SCVAC Committee, Vilma Thompson should be awarded life membership. The proposal was seconded by JC and carried unanimously.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 No AOB

12. Date of Next AGM

12.1 December 4th, 2020

Hon Chairman closed the AGM at 7.24pm

13. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

PRESENTATION EVENING TROPHIES 2019

Award	Athlete Name and Group	Performance	Age Grade
Female Sprinter	Helen Godsell W65	100m. 14.27	99.41
Male Sprinter	Darren Scott M50	100m. 11.47 BR	95.72
Female Distance	Ana Ramos-Villaverde W45	2000mSC 8:16.29	85.15
Male Distance	David Crossland M60	800m. 2:26.33	86.95
Female Thrower	Liz Sissons W70	Shot Putt 8.22	85.34
Male Thrower	John Fenton M60	Javelin 45.51	69.85
Female Jumper	Teresa Eades W60	High Jump 1.28	87.62

Male Jumper	Roger Bruck	M75	High Jump 1.15	83.61
Over 70	Moira West	W70	100m. 15.35	96.55
Pole Vaulter	Sue Yeomans	W65	PV 2.65	104.74
10k. Road	Sue James	W65	10k. 51.00	51:00
League Final Points	Janet Dickinson	W50	40 points	Na
Ina Champion Trophy	Dean Angell	M55	10k 36.57	86.53