

# Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club

Annual General Meeting held on  
Monday 15 September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the  
Harrison Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground

## MINUTES

Item No.	<b>Attendees: RSVPs: 171, Signed In: 118, Head Count: 137</b> See attached RSVP & Sign In Sheets.
1)	<b>Welcome by President</b> Jay Fleming welcomed the attendees and thanked them making this our largest attendance for an AGM. This may well be attributed to our wonderful guest speakers, Janette & Alan. Some attendees had travelled a long way including Ray Cilia, Bruce Hargreaves and Colin Silcock Delaney to mention a few. Jay also welcomed and acknowledged Spartans Legends present including Peter Ryan, Peter Battrick, Roger Weinstein, David Foskey, Neville Gardner, John Dobson, Bruce Hargreaves and Wayne Thompson. All these gentlemen have run 36 consecutive Melbourne Marathons. Other notables in attendance were Stephen Barker who is running his 50 <sup>th</sup> marathon (27 <sup>th</sup> Melbourne); Peter Black his 100 <sup>th</sup> marathon and Brian Glover his 149 <sup>th</sup> ! Bob Fickel is running his 230 <sup>th</sup> (although not present). Jay also acknowledged those who are about to run their first Melbourne Marathon being Geraldine Bilston and Melissa MacEoin. Jay also welcomed our Wheelchair Spartans – Ian Gainey and Dean Callow. And finally Ted Paulin and of course our guest speakers Janette & Alan.  In terms of proceedings tonight, Jay directed everyone to the Agenda which was placed on their seats. Attached to this Agenda are written reports for reading. At the end of the official part of the AGM we will have a five minute break before hearing from our guest speakers and Singlet presentations.
2)	<b>Apologies</b> Paul Ban, Mike Bower, Anthony Broderick, Tim Crowe, Bob Beer, Chris McTaggart, John Garrido, Kester Baines, Alex Whitworth, Guy Hopkins, Manny Karageorgiou, Trent Bolton, Dale Williams, Anthony Broderick, Louise Feery, Peter Lowe, Sue Garner, Scott Harrop, Judy Wines, Kevin Brown, Lorraine Davenport, Bob Fickel, Frank Biviano, Jane Sturzaker
3)	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> of Annual General Meeting held on 16 September 2013 were Moved as a true and correct record by John Raskas; Seconded: Neville Gardner
4)	<b>Business Arising from above Minutes</b> Nil
5)	<b>Correspondence</b> Nil

<p>6)</p>	<p><b>President's Report*</b></p> <p>Welcome to Spartans AGM 2014, our 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>It has been a year of consolidating traditions and introducing initiatives at the Club. We are still trying to open Spartans right up and to network with similarly-minded organizations and businesses for mutually beneficial outcomes. We have added advertising opportunities to our website in an effort to generate more funds to improve member benefits and to increase our charitable donations. Our Club and its members have a strong slant towards health and longevity themes and we are trying to increase our presence and visibility in that landscape.</p> <p>Continuing in that vein, my personal medium-long term vision for Spartans is to forge strong links, firstly with marathons all over Australia that have their own version of our Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club. I also see these links expanding globally given that the world running community is so much closer this century than last. Eventually I would like to see this leading to a voluntary central runners register from those clubs in both regional and major cities. After all, liniment smells the same in Townsville, Perth or Glasgow and the pain at the 35-40 km mark feels the same in Hobart, Darwin or Boston. We are family!</p> <p>Given that distance runners generally have a trusting camaraderie and are drawn together by such a unique common goal, it would be great for any aligned club members Australia-wide and internationally to be able to call, SMS or email someone in another state or country, not only for a coffee, local knowledge on the event or regional sightseeing opportunities but also perhaps a free bed for the night-before or carpooling to the event. To this end, it would be great for Spartans participating in regional, national and international marathons to wear their Spartan singlet to increase both our profile and networking conversations during and after the event.</p> <p>Regarding our regular Melbourne runs, after a couple of less than successful attempts at kicking off Spartans runs around Albert Park Lake and The Tan, it has been decided to utilize the great camaraderie of the long-established Victorian Road Runners monthly runs and align ourselves with their timetable. Given that many Spartans are already VRR members, we see a good synergy in the partnership.</p> <p>Distance running in Australia is not only alive and well but is booming. We plan to keep exploring measures to raise the profile of Spartans and increase benefits for members not only in this Country but internationally. We welcome any feedback, ideas, contacts or personal running experiences from our valued members that would contribute to these exciting outcomes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jay Fleming</i></p>
<p>7)</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report*</b></p> <p>I am pleased to give the Treasurer's Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Although membership is slightly down on 2012/13, we have been able to maintain a good financial position due to a substantial donation from IMG. This donation has enabled us to maintain a good stock position for our Singlets. The other initiative that has helped our finances is the advertising program appearing on our website, which has generated over \$1000 income.</p>

We are looking forward to 2014/15 as we plan to develop a merchandising program that promises to strengthen our financial situation further. We urge all members to become Financial Members so that our Club will continue to be strong financially. Rod Bayley

**Financial Statement:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

<b>Bank Balance 1/7/13</b>	<b>\$5197.26</b>	<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
		AGM	\$4169.63
<b>INCOME:</b>		Postage/Stationery	217.90
Membership	\$4520.00	Merchandise	1130.00
Advertising	792.00	Singlets	3546.40
Donations	1026.50	Registration	51.40
Merchandise	2385.00	Web Hosting	180.60
Post	<u>175.00</u>	Marathon Day Expenses	<u>790.91</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8898.50</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10086.84</b>
		<b>Bank Balance 30/6/14</b>	<b>4008.92</b>
	<b>\$14095.76</b>		<b>\$14095.76</b>

**Membership 2013/14 = 207**

8) **Secretary's Report\***

Spartan Males: 1170; Spartan Females: 84; Spartan Wheelchairs: 2  
Total: 1256; Expecting incoming 2014: 29

Having joined the Committee earlier this year, I'm slowly learning the ropes with great assistance from my predecessor, Maureen Wilson, as well as my fellow Committee members. Thank you for your patience and warm welcome. Felicity Doolan

**\*Items 6, 7 & 8 were Moved by David Foskey and Seconded by Paul Basile.**

9) **Statement of Purpose – Proposed Update**

*"To advance the sport of marathon running to athletes of all ages and abilities and to encourage and assist all runners to achieve Melbourne Marathon Spartan status.*

*To provide a platform and environment for runners to receive and to build upon their achievements enabling progression through the various Spartan milestone singlet colours.*

*Assist in the promotion and publicity of the Melbourne Marathon and the charities it supports."*

Jay introduced the above proposed Update as circulated with the Agenda. This has also been published in recent Newsletters to seek feedback and comments. The original Statement of Purpose was first created in 1997 and this update is to reflect the evolution of the Spartans Club.

The Statement of Purpose was adopted by the Meeting.

	<p>Moved: John Dean, Seconded: John Frederickson.</p>
<p>10)</p>	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>a) <b>Constitution</b> – Jay advised that the Club’s Constitution has not been amended for 27 years. Given the evolution and growth of the Club over that period, it is time that it be reviewed and updated as appropriate. Jay asked the Meeting if there was anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with this process – there may be a skillset within the members present who could help draft an updated Constitution. No-one volunteered during the Meeting. Jay asked that if anyone does wish to assist to please approach him later in the evening or contact the Committee. In the absence of a volunteer, the Committee will commence work on the Constitution.</p> <p>b) <b>Melbourne Marathon Results Booklet 2013</b> - Spartan Peter Ryan expressed his disappointment at IMG not producing a results booklet in 2013 (for the very first time). He would like to move a Motion to formally express our disappointment to IMG in writing. Jay thanked Peter for raising this issue and concurred that as a Committee and Spartan group there was certainly much disappointment at the decision particularly at lack of consultation with the Spartans. This has certainly been fed back to IMG, which advised the Club that it was “the way” that most Marathons are going. The Meeting discussed this matter including whether or not the Spartans could produce a booklet.</p> <p>The Meeting voted overwhelmingly to write to IMG requesting they reconsider the re-introduction of the Results Booklet to commemorate each Melbourne Marathon. Moved: Peter Ryan, Seconded David Foskey. Jay will update members in the next Newsletter.</p> <p>Note: Website <a href="http://www.ausrunning.net">www.ausrunning.net</a> has produced a PDF giving results of the 2013 Melbourne Marathon.</p> <p>c) <b>The Late Tom Hafey</b> - Spartan Ian Gainey expressed his sadness at the passing of Tom Hafey earlier in the year, particularly given he was a former guest speaker. Jay advised that a card and condolences were sent to Tom’s family shortly after he passed away.</p> <p>d) <b>Security Measures for 2014 Melbourne Marathon</b> - Spartan Neville Gardner queried whether or not extra security would be in place given recent terrorist activity. Jay suggested we pose this question to Chris Muirden later this evening.</p>
<p>11)</p>	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>Jay advised that the following nominations had been received for Committee positions:</p> <p>President: Jay Fleming</p>

	<p>Vice President: Paul Basile  Secretary: Felicity Doolan  Treasurer: Rod Bayley  Immediate Past President: John Dean  General Committee - Six positions:  Cath Bombardieri, John Dobson, David Foskey, John Kaparelis, Colin Silcock Delaney</p> <p>The final General Committee position was filled by Ashley Page who volunteered in person.</p> <p>These appointments were Moved by Sylvia Nicolades, Seconded by Maureen Wilson.</p>
12)	<p><b>Presentations:</b>  <b>First Male in 2013: Philip Green 2:49:03</b>  <b>Jack Gubbins Award</b> was presented by Retired Spartan Legend – Mr Jack Gubbins</p> <p><b>First Female in 2013: Annie Ziogos 3:28:32</b>  <b>Shirley Young Award</b> was presented by Mr Ron Young</p>
	<p><b>The Annual General Meeting Closed at 8.07 pm</b></p> <p>(Note Item 13 took place after the Guest Speakers as Chris attended later than planned.)</p>
13)	<p><b>Mr Chris Muirden</b> – Journalist Herald-Sun and Author of “The Wall”</p> <p>Jay introduced Chris who then updated the Meeting on this year’s Melbourne Marathon course.</p> <p>Chris confirmed that the Marathon is not finishing inside the MCG but outside due to conflicting MCG commitments. There are some course changes to accommodate this including extending the distance within Albert Park and in Elwood the path will not go off road (like in recent years) but continue along the road. Both these changes should make for an even faster course.</p> <p>The “Slow Course” has also changed. Those runners completing the Slow Course will now receive a Pink coloured wristband during the event and will complete the last 8km of the course over about four circuits in Brunton Avenue. This change will make the event safer for those completing the Slow Course. Feedback regarding these changes following the Marathon is, as always, most welcomed.</p> <p>Given the Marathon cannot finish within the MCG this year, Chris queried the Meeting’s feeling whether it is better to continue to hold at the MCG (albeit not always being able to finish “inside”) or move permanently to another location to have a consistent finish. The overwhelming majority of members present raised their hand to stay at the MCG even if it means not always finishing inside.</p> <p>With regard to Item 10 (d), Chris advised that Security is at the MCG however no extra security is planned for the Course itself.</p>

	Spartan Legend & Life Member John Dobson thanked Chris for his attendance.
14)	<p><b>Guest Speakers – Mrs Janette Murray-Wakelin &amp; Mr Alan Murray</b>  Jay introduced our guest speakers who gave us a most interesting insight into their 366 Marathons in 366 days around Australia as well as their passion and message for vegan/raw food diet and its health benefits.</p> <p>Life Member &amp; Vice President Paul Basile thanked both Janette &amp; Alan for their attendance and presented them with a gift on behalf of the Spartans Club.</p>
15)	<p><b>Presentation of Spartan Singlets</b>  to 10/15/20/25/30 and 35 year runners &amp; Photos  Singlets were presented by Janette &amp; Alan, with assistance from Spartan Legend &amp; Committee Member David Foskey</p> <p>22 x 10 Year Spartans were inducted plus  2 x 15 Year, 2 x 20 Year, 2 x 25 Year, 1 x 30 Year, 1 x 35 Year.</p>