

# Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club

Annual General Meeting  
Monday 28 August 2017 at 7.30 pm at the  
Melbourne Cricket Ground

## MINUTES

No	Item
1)	<b>Attendees: As per Attendance List held by the Secretary</b>
2)	<b>Welcome by President Jay Fleming</b> Jay welcomed the 200 plus crowd to the 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Marathon Spartans especially thanking those who had travelled from country and interstate. Jay also acknowledged the singlet recipients in the audience and welcomed our Patron Rob de Castella as well as Spartan Brian Dixon and his wife Carmel.
3)	<b>Apologies</b> – Alex Whitworth, Christine Beer, Ken Marsh, Paul Burke, Graham Wiltshire, Dmitry Likane, Jock Cravana, Jack Hider, Paul Kingston, Sandra Brett, Adam Hewitt, Chris Robbs, Nick Baff, Mandy Skipper, David Craik, Vicki Thompson, Ashley Bartholomew, Jane Sturzaker, Bruce Stephenson, Graeme Lay, Peter Vince, Joel Mitchell, Bill Page, Ernie Stewart, Judy Wines, Manny Karageorgiou, Colin Marshall
4)	<b>The Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19 September 2016</b> were moved as a true and correct record by John Dean, seconded by Ian Gainey.
5)	<b>Business Arising from above Minutes</b> – no written submissions had been received
6)	<b>Correspondence</b> – no correspondence had been received.
7)	<b>President's Report</b>  Hi Spartans and welcome to the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Melbourne Marathon Spartans Annual General Meeting.  It has been another big year on Committee where we have again tried very hard to maximise the experience of being a paid-up Spartan. We have formed an alliance with Victorian Road Runners where we invite all Spartans to come dressed in their Spartan singlet on the first Saturday of the month at the Tan followed by a bit of a drink afterward, which is a wonderful way to start a weekend!  Given the significance of this milestone year, it has been terrific to work even more closely with IMG this year. I would like to acknowledge the consultation time provided to us by Marcus Gale, Brad King and Helen McArthur on a wide range of topics. One thing that's always been a priority for me is to have far more live music acts along the course, including multicultural acts

and up emerging young local bands ... similar to the goose bumps experienced running through many such walls of sound at the City to Surf.

Another 'back to the future' initiative this year has involved resurrecting the Results Souvenir Booklet and the humble Pasta Night which were both significant bookends of the event. However, for me the most exciting initiative that we are helping to launch, thanks to expertise initiated by Bruce Hargreaves and a couple of others and ably facilitated by our Webmaster, David Foskey, is the Spartans Homestay. This will be a platform where runners looking for a Homestay for the Melbourne Marathon or other events and runners who are offering a Homestay experience for visiting runners will be able to find each other ... with the usual checks and balances of course. This provides the option for those runners looking to include a greater dose of the human experience in their running, either as a host or a guest.

I would like to extend a huge warm welcome to our ever-growing number of incoming members. For me it has been a priority to help to make this Club as inclusive as possible by providing the option for members to meet far more than once or twice a year. Being a Spartan is so much more than simply being part of some record-keeping entity that issues coloured singlets. Some of the many initiatives contributing to this end have included random member prize draws at each Committee meeting, a random Spartan profile in each newsletter, regular monthly Spartan runs at The Tan, lucky prize draws at the AGM, an invitation to any Spartan to attend one of our 7 annual Committee meetings if they wish to make a contribution or just to experience Committee processes.

If you have other suggestions that you feel would contribute to this or that you have seen work well elsewhere, please drop us a line!

Finally, as you pass or are passed by a Spartan singlet in this 40th Melbourne Marathon or any other event, particularly in the middle to latter stages of the event where body parts start burning, do pass on some encouragement to one of our own as it makes a significant difference above the shoulders for both runners.

Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!

	<b>Bank balance 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016</b>		<b>\$8626.38</b>
	<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>		
	Membership	\$ 6780.00	
	Donations	\$ 1202.20	
	Post	\$ 295.00	
	Singlets	\$ 3980.00	
	Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	
	Merchandise	\$ 1192.00	
	Advertising	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
		\$13,699.20	<u>\$13,699.20</u>
			\$22,325.58
	<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		<u>\$ 12,869.85</u>
		Bank Balance	\$ 9,455.73
		Term Deposit	<u>\$ 5,185.36</u>
		Total Funds	<u>\$14,641.09</u>
	(Total Funds 30/6/2016		\$13,678.13)
	Membership 2016/17	289	
	2017/18	68	

9) **Secretary's Report**

Spartan Males: 1266; Spartan Females: 112; Spartan Wheelchairs: 2; Honorary: 2  
= TOTAL: 1382

Expecting incoming 2017: 37

***The above Reports were adopted by Maureen Wilson and seconded by Ray Cilia.***

10) **General Business**

a) Report on Teganuma Half Marathon by 2016 Recipients

Maureen Wilson & Christine Hodges were the winners of the 2016 Teganuma Half Marathon trip to Japan. Christine summarized their trip to the 22<sup>nd</sup> running of the half marathon. Maureen came 6<sup>th</sup> in their age group and received a medal. They spent a week in total with their incredible hosts and felt honoured and privileged to be the recipients.

b) Continuing with the theme of overseas marathons, Jay encouraged anyone who has travelled overseas to run a marathon to email us about their experience. The Committee will send you a small gift to acknowledge your contribution!

c) Andrew Tunne, a visually impaired long distance athlete requires support for transport and for his training around the Croydon area. Please advise if you can assist.

	<p>d) Ian Gainey's regular support person is not able to train with him this year. If someone can help drive Ian's car to assist him - mainly in the CBD and Beaconsfield Parade area - please let us know.</p>
11)	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b> – Jay thanked outgoing Committee members Ashley Page and Cath Bombardieri and acknowledged their contribution to the Committee.</p> <p>Jay also advised the audience that the Committee is seeking IT assistance to help with the website. New Spartans, Tristan Miller and Matt Callaghan offered their assistance.</p> <p>Written Nomination Forms had been received as follows:</p> <p>President: Jay Fleming  Vice President: Paul Basile  Secretary: Anne Ziogos  Treasurer: Rod Bayley  Immediate Past President: John Dean  General Committee: John Dobson, David Foskey, John Kaparelis, Colin Silcock-Delaney</p>
12)	<p><b>Presentations/Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Spartan Award – John Dean presented this Award to Legend Manny Karageorgiou. Due to ill health Manny was not present and the Award was accepted by his son Pana.</li> <li>b) Life Membership – John Dean presented this Award to our Treasurer Spartan Rod Bayley. The Meeting agreed unanimously by a show of hands.</li> <li>c) Hall of Fame Induction – John Dean presented this Award to 30 Year Spartan Stephen Barker</li> <li>d) First Female Spartan in 2016 – presented to Michelle Tham by Ron Young</li> <li>e) First Male Spartan in 2016 – presented to Rob Follett by Peter Battrick</li> </ul>
13)	<p><b>Chris Muirden</b> – Chris advised of minor changes to this year's Melbourne Marathon course due to the tunnel being built. The change affects Domain Road where runners will be re-directed to Dallas Brooks Drive and the turnaround in Beaconsfield Road is a bit further on than in the past.</p>
14)	<p><b>Guest Speaker – Our Patron, Robert de Castella</b> - Jay introduced Rob and thanked him for his attendance. Jay outlined Rob's sporting achievements and community work.</p> <p>Robert showed vision of some of his marathon wins and told the audience that he feels very blessed to have represented Australia on the world stage including at four Olympics.</p> <p>Robert talked generally about the marathon event, how it's such a challenge for an individual to be pushed out of their comfort zone in order to build strength, spirit and resilience. The Marathon is more popular than ever before.</p> <p>Robert spoke about his recent community work with indigenous Australians as a result of a call in 2009 from a filmmaker who wanted to do a documentary to see if Aborigines could run as well as Africans! That was the start the Marathon Project. Robert initially trained four indigenous men. He talked about the challenges they faced in achieving their training which,</p>

	<p>amongst other things, taught them that hard work would result in reward. Robert trained all four men to finish the New York Marathon. This led to the creation of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation which now has 65 graduates who have run 100 marathons and spans across Australia. Three of the graduates work full time on the Program. Robert showed vision of the Program finishing with a quote “the harder the struggle the greater the reward”.</p> <p>Questions:  Robert was asked why the “New York Marathon” the answer being the timing as well as it being a great marathon in a great city for his graduates to experience.  A further question was whether he believes they will produce an Olympic marathon runner and Robert believes that eventually they will.</p> <p>Legend John Dobson thanked Robert for his inspirational talk and presented him with a gift.</p>
15)	<p><b>Presentation of Spartan Singlets</b>  to new &amp; Milestone Spartans: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years &amp; Legends (see separate list).</p>
16)	<p><b>Door Prize Draw:</b> Winners of the 2 door prizes were Natalie King &amp; Sue Smith.</p>
17)	<p>The Meeting closed at 1000</p>