

Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 19 September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the
Harrison Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground**

No	Item
1)	<p>Welcome by President Jay Fleming Jay welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting.</p>
2)	<p>2016 Committee: Jay Fleming, Paul Basile, Rod Bayley, Cath Bombardieri, John Dean, John Dobson, Felicity Doolan, David Foskey, John Kaparelis, Ashley Page, Colin Silcock-Delaney Attendees As Signed in: Tom Denniss, Jon & Tamani Holmes, Barry Thomas, Rosa Law, Ian Gainey, Michele Burns, Claire Cotter, Kenneth Carter, Helen Briffa, Elvio & Brenton Ponza, Christopher Worsnop, Brenton Harty, John & Lisa Zeleznikow, Vince Politino, Matt Griffiths, Graeme Pickering, Maureen Wilson, Nev Gardner, Mark Foley, Len Hallett, Joseph O’Gorman, Peter Black, Yao Wang, Anthony Boulton, Rob Follett, Gavin Criddle, Lisa Ryan, P Baines, Ash McDougall, Con Zanetidis, Bryan Flegg, Michael Miriklis, Peter Nicoll, Dean Callow, Jane Sturzaker, Ron Young, S & K Miller, Chas Harcoan, Manny Karageorgiou, Helen Bayley (aka Singlet Queen), Steven Barker, Dean Martin, Andrew Morrison, Bret Butler, Shane Draper, John, Jenny, Zoe, Anastasia & Zisis Goutzoulas, Christine Hodges, Stephen Barker, Phillip Urquhart, Russell Harris, Peter Vince, Kevin & Sky Barry, Patty & Wayne Thompson, Greg Payne, John Tsiolkas, Francis Kaszmarek, John Cunningham, Chris Grafen, Kari Jortikka, Daniel & Heather Pelly, Paul De Stefanis, Chas McRae, Rodney Gunn, Paul Shekleton, John Raskas, Ken Smith, Anthony Martin, Adam & Sonia Marshall, Lorenzo Galati, Ray Cilia, Sue & Tate Kemp, Phil Green, Dough Wheeler, Trevor Marsh, Gregory Morrell, Hugh Creamer, Peter Ryan, Brian Horne, Kevin Jennings, Carlo & Susan Iovenitti, Frank Palermo, Patrick Herft, Andrew Young.</p>
3)	<p>Apologies – Pam Jonas, Westly Windsor, Brian Rabinowitz, Alex Whitworth, Peter Wheeldon, Mike Bower, Rohan Day, Simon Byth, Bruce Stephenson, Ted Paulin, Kester Baines, Bill Page, Frank Biviano, Michelle Tham, Jane Grover, Greg Lewison, Merle Want, Angel Calderon, Bruce Venables, Len Bryer, Marie Doyle, Carmel Kahlefeldt, Peter McKenzie, Christine Jackson, Jamie Flood, Ian Turnbull, Rohan Day, David Staehr, Darren Rokahr, Domenic Rosa, Steve Harris, Alan Gilbert, Jim Hopkins, Peter Smith, Garry Blake, Lorraine Davenport, Helen Van De Nagel</p>
4)	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 September 2015 were moved as correct by Ian Gainey and seconded by John Dean</p>
5)	<p>Business Arising from above Minutes – Nil</p>
6)	<p>Correspondence – Nil</p>
7)	<p>President’s Report By Jay Fleming - Welcome to the September AGM where we reflect on another active and diverse year on the Spartans calendar and on Committee. This year sees the culmination of over two years of work on the Spartan Constitution Governing Rules document. After several drafts and much input and negotiation from several quarters we have arrived at a version that we feel is flexible but with integrity as any proposed changes must be floated before members for a significant timeframe in order for them to be adopted.</p>

We have continued our relationship with the Teganuma Marathon in Japan as our second lot of competition winners head over next month as ambassadors for both Spartans and Melbourne Marathon. Teganuma are holding their very first reciprocal competition over the next couple of months to pick 2 winners to jet over here for our 40th Melbourne Marathon next year. They will be staying with a host family/ies here as our winners have enjoyed over there, in what is a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange.

The year started in exciting fashion as Tom Denniss came to our attention with his amazing achievements and we felt he would be a brilliant fit for our AGM. We do try to seek out really inspirational human beings for our AGM audience and this year is an excellent example of that.

July saw us bring out the legendary Bruce Fordyce in July for the annual Spartans Tan Run, in what was a whirlwind but extremely enjoyable visit by the great man.

2017 also sees our first CPEC Spartan inductees which also resulted in us being invited by Channel 9 to present the singlets on camera at the MCG. We have no doubt that Tate Kemp and Brenton Ponza will serve as trailblazing role-models for others. These two young gents have also raised not only their own profiles and that of CPEC but also the relevance of Spartans as an entity on the running landscape. Speaking of CPEC, tonight there is an opportunity for Spartans to contribute a gold coin donation to this great organisation. In the interests of further increasing the Spartans profile and giving Spartans the opportunity to add some war paint on race day, we are introducing Spartans temporary tattoos for Spartans to apply to their arms, legs or face. This has the added advantage of identifying Spartan runners as Spartans even when they are running events in other clubs' singlets. We would love to explore other versions of this initiative by extending this to other possibilities like Spartan wristbands and sweatbands, Spartan armbands with Ipod pouches, iron-on or sew-on Spartan patches ... etc. If you have other ideas, we'd love to hear from you so please drop us an email or hop onto the website.

Much has been said and written about the passing of the great Shirley Young and next month will be the first Melbourne Marathon run without her cheering on from the sidelines, the event that in her latter years she referred to as 'my marathon'.

Well Spartans we look forward to seeing those beautiful Spartan singlet colours in ever-increasing numbers next month in the 39th running of the Melbourne Marathon. They are also increasingly a talking point among our international participants who often question us about the Spartan colours and our version of acknowledging and respecting long term participants of one of the great events on the global running calendar. Melbourne Marathon not only has some lovely scenery but also has participant numbers that are in that nice medium category that results in plenty of atmosphere but without much of the overcrowded infrastructure issues of much larger events.

For those running in their green singlets for the very first time next month, you will notice that you will attract much more conversation and attention from other runners so enjoy it! I look forward to wearing my black singlet with pride again in the big one and I look forward to acknowledging your g'day as you run past ... and we can discuss it over some pain, drink and a massage back at the Spartans Tent.

Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!

8)	<p>Treasurer's Report by Rod Bayley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1 JULY 2015–30 June 2016</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Bank balance 1st July 2015</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">\$7,645.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCOME</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,160.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">650.50</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post</td> <td style="text-align: right;">287.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singlets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,240.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchandise</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,849.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advertising</td> <td style="text-align: right;">594.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>50.00</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$11,830.50</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">19,476.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less EXPENSES</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singlets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,601.60</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>AGM</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,147.64</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marathon Day Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">896.87</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merchandise</td> <td style="text-align: right;">854.70</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Postage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">356.35</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">150.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>342.89</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>-8,350.05</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">11,126.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term Deposit (transferred from cheque account)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">8,626.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Balance 30 June</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,626.38</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term Deposit Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>5,051.75</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Funds</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$13,678.13</u></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Membership 2015/16: 245 (Last Year 248) Membership 2016/17: 29</p> <p>This was moved by David Foskey and seconded by John Raskas</p>	Bank balance 1st July 2015		\$7,645.93	INCOME			Membership	\$5,160.00		Donations	650.50		Post	287.00		Singlets	3,240.00		Merchandise	1,849.00		Advertising	594.00		Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>		Total		<u>\$11,830.50</u>			19,476.43	Less EXPENSES			Singlets	\$1,601.60		AGM	4,147.64		Marathon Day Expenses	896.87		Merchandise	854.70		Postage	356.35		Donations	150.00		Miscellaneous	<u>342.89</u>		Total		<u>-8,350.05</u>			11,126.38	Term Deposit (transferred from cheque account)		2,500.00			8,626.38	Bank Balance 30 June	\$8,626.38		Term Deposit Total	<u>5,051.75</u>		Total Funds		<u>\$13,678.13</u>
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9)	<p>Secretary's Report by Felicity Doolan</p> <p>Spartan Males: 1232; Spartan Females: 98; Spartan Wheelchairs: 2; TOTAL: 1332</p>																																																																														
10)	<p>Governing Rules by Ashley Page</p> <p>Ashley introduced the Governing Rules document which was circulated on 9 August 2016 via email and by mail to those members without an email address. By-Laws have also been developed to accompany the Governing Rules. The Governing Rules are the legal framework and the By-Laws a more "day to day" operating document which can be updated as needed.</p>																																																																														

	<p>These are also available on the Website.</p> <p>The Governing Rules were presented to the Meeting for adoption and after a quorum was established a show of hands overwhelmingly adopted the new Governing Rules. They were then moved by Peter Vince and seconded by Ian Gainey. Ashley will now advise Consumer Affairs.</p>
11)	<p>General Business</p> <p>a) Jane Sturzaker and Helen Van Der Nagel were the 2015 Winners of the Teganuma Home Stay. Jane gave a terrific overview of their trip. (The meeting also noted that Jane is running her 200th Marathon at Melbourne this year!) Jane thanked the Committee for the wonderful opportunity and apologized for Helen’s absence as she was walking Camino. The host family met them at the Airport. They wanted them to experience the food and environment and their stay very much involved both. They were even dressed in kimonos for a market visit which was quite an experience! Prior to the event, they were interviewed by a local radio station as they were the only two runners from overseas. Jane described the Event Day as “amazing” including pre-start entertainment and being warmly welcomed by the other participants. They were very sad to say goodbye to their wonderful hosts.</p> <p>b) Jay advised that Richard Tann is overcoming some significant health issues and our thoughts are with him.</p> <p>c) John Dean prepared and presented Ray Cilia with a board displaying 15 Melbourne Marathon medals representing each of the MM’s he has run. (Ray had only retained 5 medals.) This was a wonderful gift to Ray who thanked the Spartan community.</p> <p>d) Felicity presented Flowers to Helen Bayley for her management of the Singlets and dubbed her the “Singlet Queen”.</p> <p>e) As it is the 40th Melbourne Marathon next year, Jay is <i>hoping</i> to get Robert De Castella to attend as our Guest of Honour.</p> <p>f) Wayne Thompson raised the lack of a “first class” Marathon in Australia in mid-winter. He moved that a marathon be held in June that is fast and flat. Both Kevin Barry & Peter Ryan supported the idea suggesting it could be a “Spartan’s” Marathon. About 31 attendees put their hand up in support for a Marathon in early/late June. This will be an item for a future Spartan Committee Meeting.</p>
12)	<p>Election of Office Bearers – Nominations:</p> <p>President: Jay Fleming Vice President: Paul Basile Secretary: Nil Treasurer: Rod Bayley</p>

	<p>Immediate Past President: (non elected) John Dean</p> <p>General Committee: Cath Bombardieri, David Foskey, Ashley Page, John Kaparelis, Colin Silcock-Delaney, John Dobson</p> <p>Moved by Kevin Barry, Seconded by Peter Ryan</p>
13)	<p>Presentation of Honorary Spartans</p> <p>Jay introduced Tom Denniss to present our inaugural Honorary Spartans Tate Kemp & Brenton Ponza with their Singlets:</p>
14)	<p>Presentations:</p> <p>First Male Spartan in 2015 - Presentation of Jack Gubbins Award by Retired Spartan Legend Mr Jack Gubbins to Rob Follett</p> <p>First Female Spartan in 2015 - Presentation of Shirley Young Award by Spartan & Husband of the Late Shirley Young, Mr Ron Young to Michelle Tham. Michelle was unable to attend and the Secretary read out a lovely thank you note from her.</p>
15)	<p>Guest Speaker – Tom Denniss</p> <p>Introduction by President Jay Fleming. Jay introduced Tom giving a biography of his significant achievements to date.</p> <p>Tom departed the Sydney Opera House on 31 December 2011 to run around the world. He returned 622 days later. He took on the challenge with a 50% chance of finishing figuring it was a great way to see the world; motivate others and attempt to break the record! Tom’s wife, Carmel, drove as support crew. Tom showed us some wonderful photos of his journey. Tom talked about his diet (including drinking lots of milk!), his shoes and how he changed his running style from a heel striker to running on the balls of his feet. Oxfam was his official charity and his fundraising was very effective. Tom was an Ambassador for Oxfam in 2014 as well as a finalist as Australian of the Year.</p> <p>Committee member Cath Bombardieri thanked Tom for his presentation.</p>
16)	<p>Presentation of Spartan Singlets to 10/15/20/25/30/35 year runners & Hall of Fame plus Photos. Singlets were presented by Tom Denniss with assistance from Spartan Legend John Dobson</p>
17)	<p>Lucky Door Prize Draw Winner: Manny Karageorgiou; Runner Up: Skye Barry</p>
18)	<p>Meeting closed at 2209</p>