



Melbourne Marathon Spartans AGM Minutes Monday 18th September 2023

7.30 PM, Monday 18th September 2023 Annual General Meeting			
Venue: AFL Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground			
Present: The following committee members: Jay Fleming, Rod Bayley, David Foskey, John Kaparelis, Anne Ziogos, John Dobson, Kai Ooi, Felicity Doolan, Paul Basile, Pamela Young, Candida Baskcomb. See guest list for all guests present.			
Apologies: Steve Arthur, Frank Biviano, Cath Bombardieri, Vicky Chung, Peter Cohen, David Craik, Jamie Craik, Greg Harding, Matthew Lau, Vin Martin, Lee Meakin, Tom O'Reilly, Jeremy Poustie, Barry Rosenberg, Peter Seal, Barry Smith, Michelle Tham, Geoff Ward, Alex Whitworth, Maureen Wilson, John Zeleznikow, Carina Ford, Nick Howden			
Distribution: Present, Apologies, non Attendance			
Minutes taken by : Anne Ziogos			
Item No.	Topic and Discussion	Action: By Who	Action: Time by
1.	<p>Meeting Opened at 7.29pm by Jay Fleming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Welcome to 2023 AGM at the iconic MCG Jay was commencing his 14th year as President of The Spartan Club *Welcome to our special guests Nikki Wynd and David Eadie and our 50 incoming Spartans. *Welcome to our first honorary Spartan Brenton Ponza from CPEC to be presented with his 15 year blue singlet. *Welcome to our milestone Spartans and to friends and family Our RVSP numbers have grown. This is our 46th anniversary since the Melbourne Marathon was first run. *1987 was the birth of The Spartan Club. We have been around for 36 years. * In 2007 there were 13 runners who had run all of the Melbourne Marathons, and they were dubbed "Legends". Surviving members (except for Frank Biviano an apology) were photographed for the Spartan records. * We have 50 new Spartans receiving their green singlet and joining the Spartan Club. Jay went through all the milestone recipients Number :25 years, 30-years and 35-year runners and one 40-year runner. Three 45-year runners will be competing in this year's marathon 		
2	Apologies		
2.1	Anne read the apologies; they are recorded at the start of the minutes.		
3	Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 September 2022		
	Jay went through some of last year's main events for The Spartan Club. Refer to last year's minutes especially The Presidents Report. Moved by Ian Gainey second John Dean		

4	Business Arising								
	No business arising								
5	Correspondence								
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6	President's Report								
	<p>Jay went through his report as published in the 2023 AGM agenda. He emphasised that we are increasing activities for all Spartans. We are custodians for the Spartan History, <u>started by John Dean and we're keeping the history alive.</u></p> <p>David Foskey was mentioned for his contributions to the website.</p> <p>Kai Ooi was mentioned for his contributions of our payments and making it easier for patrons to pay for their memberships and any purchases they make.</p>								
7	Treasurer's Report								
	<p>Please refer to the report as published in the agenda.</p> <table> <tr> <td><u>Projected upcoming expenses.</u></td> <td><u>Projected Income</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marathon Day:- \$2,200</td> <td>Merchandise:- \$2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AGM:- \$1,000</td> <td>Membership:- \$750. 00</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Projected upcoming expenses.</u>	<u>Projected Income</u>	Marathon Day:- \$2,200	Merchandise:- \$2,500	AGM:- \$1,000	Membership:- \$750. 00		
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8	Secretary's Report								
	<p>As published in the 2023 AGM agenda. No additional information.</p> <p>Moved by John Dobson Seconded by David Foskey</p>								
9	General Business								
9.1	<p>Propose Annual Membership Fee Increase</p> <p>\$20.00 Annual Membership fee is no longer meeting costs. We propose a \$45.00 Annual Membership fee to be updated due to increased cost of living. This will allow the club to give more opportunities and enhance further Spartan experiences.</p>								
9.2	<p>There is a slight change to this year's marathon course due to safety for the runners. It involves Fitzroy Street, the Art Centre, and Flinders Street. This is to provide a wider road space for the marathon and half marathon runners for their safety. The cut off at the end of Fitzroy Street will be 9.35am, the course will be completed outside Brunton Avenue. Runners will do 7 laps of the slow course extension before finishing inside the MCG.</p> <p>We need five Spartans to assist the Spartans who are running the 7 laps outside the MCG.</p>								
10	Election of Office Bearers								
	<p>Our committee is as published in the 2023 AGM item 10.</p> <p>Moved by Ian Gardner seconded by Wayne Thomson</p>								
11	Presentation/Awards								
	<p>Refer to Item 11 in the 2023 AGM agenda.</p> <p>Fastest Female: - Meta Vincent the trophy was presented by John Dobson</p> <p>Fastest Male: - Jason Daye, not present at the meeting.</p> <p>Hall of Fame induction as per agenda presented by Peter Ryan (S0069)</p> <p>Peter made a speech thanking the Spartans for their great work, as the club almost folded 10 years ago.</p> <p>Four members are moving into the hall of fame: Trevor Marsh, Greg Payne, Francis Kaszmarek, Jamie Craik</p> <p>Honorary 15 year Milestone Award: - Brenton Ponza (SH0002) CPEC singlet was presented by guest speaker David Eadie</p>								

12	Guest Speakers – David Eadie and Nikki Wynd		
	<p>David introduced himself as an all-round runner. He has competed in Ultra Marathons, Ironman and numerous marathons. His Melbourne Marathon journey started when he was 9years old. He didn't complete that year but he came back when he was 10 and 11 years of age and succeed in his quest. He reminded our members that this was their journey. It begins with their first step to becoming a Spartan. He emphasised that each member was spirited, courageous, resilient and proud. "You all stand up when others back out." David mentioned how inspirational it was meeting Nikki and how much she has inspired him.</p> <p>Nikki Introduced herself and mentioned she was never a runner. She did her first marathon when she was 20 in a respectable time of 3hrs 30mins. Her main reason for running was to keep her baby quiet, she would walk / run with the pram for up to 5 km a day. This gradually increased and become a passion. Nikki mentioned that a road marathon is much harder than an Ultra marathon. There is a lot of pressure in a marathon to produce a good time not just in Ultras. She progressed from marathons into running up to 6 hours a day to get into Badwater, one of the toughest races on the planet. You need to be in the moment to perform in the Badwater. Nikki came 3rd female in her first Badwater event and won the 2015 event. She strongly believes if you put the training, you can do it and get the wanted results.</p> <p>David: -summarised their journey by emphasising that they know their journey, they wanted the Spartan Club members to know theirs. Never think negatively, it must be positive all the time. David acknowledged Jane Sturzaker -SF52 on her 300th Marathon. He finished with the main point to always concentrate and relax.</p>		
12.1	Felecity made a presentation to Helen Bayley to acknowledge her contributions to the Spartan Club for organising the singlets.		
12.2	Wayne Thomson spoke about his journey with prostate cancer and advised our male club members to get regular health checks. Ian Gainey and John Dobson supported him in his plight.		
13	Presentation of Spartan Singlets by David Eadie and Nikki Wynd		
	To 10, 15,20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years runners. Photos by Vice President Paul Basile(S0874)		
14	Raffle ticket draw, a choice of prizes. Evening Close at 9.53pm Guest were welcomed to stay and enjoy some supper and socialise with other club members. Jay thanked everyone for their attendance.		