

# Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on  
Monday 16 September 2019 at 7.35 pm in the  
Harrison Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground**

## **Attendees: As per lists**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>
1.	<b>Welcome by President Jay Fleming</b> - Jay opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone, especially new and milestone Spartans. He introduced himself and mentioned that this was his 9 <sup>th</sup> year as a president. He welcomed our special guest Doug Wilson and Marathon director Chris Muirden. David Styles running his 300 <sup>th</sup> marathon, Jane Sturzaker running 288 marathons and Brian Glover running 223 and the Roach Family. Jay also welcomed all of the incoming Spartans, as well as the family members of our club. This year is the 42 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Melbourne Marathon. Jay introduced all the year recipient 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40. Jay thanked the Committee for their work.
2.	<b>Apologies</b> – Bains Kester, Berry Tony, Buultjens Walwin, Bombardieri Cath, Cairns Catherine, Cilia Ray, Cannings David, Couper Derek, Dare Sarah, Delaney Tabatha, Feery Louise, Flegg Bryan, Garner Sue, Graham Karen, Hargreaves Bruce, Healy Phil, Howes David, Jardine Andrew, Lau Carolyn, Lockwood Glen, Mahoney Peter, Marchant Kevin, Melnjak Robert, Nunn Jilly, O'Reilly Tom, Rickards Anthony, Sargent Kent, Scurry Grant, Stevens Tony, Thornton David, Urquhart Phil, Venables Bruce, Vu Anna, Weatherlake John, Whitworth Alex, Wilkins Ian, Williams Julie, Young Pamela, Zanetidis Con
3.	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> - The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018 have been available for viewing on the website. Jay summarized the Minutes then they were moved as a true and correct record by Ian Gainey, seconded John Dean.
4.	<b>Business Arising</b> from above Minutes – Nil
5.	<b>Correspondence</b> -- Nil
6.	<b>President's Report</b> <b>SUMMARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jay spoke of the resounding success of the 4 Spartan Club Runs at The Tan during 2019..</li><li>• Mention was made of the need to reconfigure portfolio duties among Committee members to facilitate smooth outcomes during periods where members may be overloaded with work/personal issues</li><li>• Jay poke of canvassing the potential to organize movie or trivia nights for increased social connectedness if there was enough interest among members.</li></ul>

- Jay excitedly announced, and modelled on stage, the release of new Spartan running shirts in a lighter and superior material, and finally at long last, including a ladies cut. Committee members also modelled the new running shirts on the night.
- Jay again underscored the importance for Spartans to send in their inspirational stories of accomplishments and overcoming adversity, not only for posterity but also as a continuing source of inspiration on the website
- Jay has started contacting relevant organisations and corporations with a view to putting Spartans on the landscape should there be interest of using our members for promotional purposes or speaking engagements
- Efforts are being made to arrive at a preferred draft form of email signature and letterhead to give Spartans a more professional appeal.
- Proposed merchandise items floated for proposal in 2020 include Spartan wristbands and keyrings.
- To finish, Jay spoke of further exploring initiatives for recording the remarkable achievements of our humble and courageous members that mostly go unnoticed. The main proposal being explored for capturing these achievements is via podcast interviews accessible by members through the Spartans website.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2018 – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

Bank balance 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 \$10,508.41

INCOME:

Membership	\$4540.00	
Donations	\$ 722.00	
Post	\$ 202.50	
Singlets	\$ 3150.00	
Merchandise	\$ 1566.00	
Misc/Sponsor	<u>\$ 430.00</u>	
	\$10, 610.50	<u>\$10,610.50</u>
		\$21,118.91

EXPENSES:

A.G.M.	\$6,196.51	
Marathon Day Expenses	\$1,224.80	
Singlets	\$3,388.00	
Merchandise	\$ 986.30	
Miscellaneous (Internet, Web, post, & Consumer Affairs)	<u>\$1,000.76</u>	
	<u>\$12,796.40</u>	<u>\$12,796.40</u>

	<p>Membership 2018/19 280</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bank Balance \$8,322.51 Term Deposit \$ 5,431.00 <b>TOTAL FUNDS \$13,753.51</b></p> <p>Rod Bayley – Treasurer (S0612)</p>
8.	<p><b>Secretary’s Report</b></p> <p>The 2018/2019 financial year started off extremely well with a Melbourne Cricket Ground AGM attendance of 220. Two new committee members were made welcome and have subsequently settled into their roles extremely well. During the year we had three very successful Spartan runs around Melbourne’s Tan Track with numbers suggesting that the run will become bigger as time goes on. Three new merchandise items were introduced during the year, a Spartan jacket, Spartan buffs and a very appealing Spartan T-shirt which is proving very popular. Our Club finances are quite healthy as are our Spartan numbers which stand at Male Athletes:1339, Female Athletes:132, Wheelchair Athletes:2</p> <p>We have 66 new members joining our club who will be presented with their 10 year singlets tonight as well as 14 Spartans who will receive their 15 year singlet, 5 Spartans who will receive their 20 year singlet, 4 Spartans who will receive their 25 year singlet, 3 Spartans who will receive their 35 year singlet, 1 Spartan who will receive his 40 year singlet, 1 Spartan who will inducted into the hall of fame and 1 honorary Spartan. Congratulations to each and every one of you.</p> <p><b>Anne Ziogos, Secretary (SF0045)</b></p>
9.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Teganuma Half-Marathon</b> – Michelle Tham and Anne Ziogos gave a briefing about the Teganuma half marathon and their memorable cultural experience in Japan.</li> <li>b. <b>Jay</b>- introduced some of our club’s new merchandise and invited our clubs members to view it and see Matt Callaghan about purchasing.</li> <li>c. <b>Chris Muirden</b>- Spoke about the marathon course and mentioned it was still the same, except for the 5km course, he also asked for some to volunteer for the 5hr20 pace bus. The cut off is still 7 hours. There are over 30,000 runners for all of the events and 8,000 of those runners are doing the marathon course, finishing at the iconic MCG.</li> </ol>
10.	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>President: Jay Fleming  Vice President: Paul Basile  Secretary: Anne Ziogos  Treasurer: Rod Bayley  Immediate Past President: John Dean</p> <p>IT: David Foskey  General Committee: John Kaparelis, John Dobson, Matt Callaghan, Colin Silcock-Delaney, Vicky Chung and Felicity Doolan who works from home.</p>

	<p>Expressions of interest were invited from the floor.</p> <p>Moved by Neville Gardner, seconded by Peter Battrick</p>
11.	<p>Presentations/Awards:</p> <p><b>Life Membership 2019:</b> Colin Silcock-Delaney</p> <p>a. <b>Hall of Fame Inductions:</b> Duncan Bartley</p> <p>b. <b>Honorary Spartan Singlet:</b> Presentation to Tom Roach of CPEC by David Foskey</p> <p>c. <b>Shirley Young Award:</b> First Female Spartan in 2018- Michelle Tham Time 3.29.11</p> <p>d. <b>Jack Gubbins Award</b> - First Male Spartan in 2018- Antony Richards Time 2.41.49</p>
12.	<p><b>Guest Speaker – Doug Wilson</b></p> <p>Doug is a recovered cancer survivor. Doug went on to start running and various races around the world after he recovered from cancer. As a young man he was troubled with anxiety and running has helped him overcome this and go on to win some spectacular races around the world. His mother, the legendary Maureen Wilson, Female Spartan (SF34) was his inspiration.</p> <p>In 2015 Doug won the 777, a race series of 7 marathons in 7 days in seven continents and has run many marathons world wide, including four Melbournes with the best time of 2:44 in 2016. He won the Shepparton Marathon in 2018 (2:40:59) and a few months ago he won the Great Wall of China Marathon.</p> <p>Doug has also written a book about his life struggles and achievements. The book is called 'Kundalini Running' visit <a href="https://kundalinirunning.com/#buybook">https://kundalinirunning.com/#buybook</a> and use the code MELBOURNE19 for a \$10 discount. Doug will also have copies tonight for \$20 or \$50 for 3 copies (cash only). This price applies to the Expo at the MCG(October 10-13 2019)</p> <p>Paul Basile thanked Doug and presented him with gifts.</p>
13.	<p><b>Presentation of Spartan Singlets</b> by Doug Wilson to incoming &amp; milestone Spartans: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years.</p> <p>Jay thanked everyone and paid tribute to our Ron Young.</p> <p><b>Passing of Ron Young – Saturday 14 September 2019</b></p> <p>It is with sadness that I announce the passing of one of the Spartan Clubs greatest supporters, Ron Young last Saturday, 14 September. He was 88. Ron and his wife Shirley were committee members for eight years and loved the Club involvement.</p> <p>Ron was one of our inaugural Spartan Club Life Members and he certainly had a soft spot in his heart for the Club. Since the passing of his wife he has presented the Shirley Young Award (an Award named after his wife) to the first female Spartan to finish the marathon, and he loved doing that on her behalf and of course we also loved his involvement.</p> <p>Ron had three loves in his athletic life, the St Stevens Harriers AC, the Victorian Masters AC (formerly the Victorian Veterans AC) and the Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club and I think the Spartans Club may have come out on top.</p> <p>Thank you Ron for all you have given to this great Club.</p> <p>Whilst Ron could not be with us we are delighted that his grandsons Dylan and Rhys Young</p>

	<p>and Dylan's fiancée Marina are with us tonight. Dylan will present the Shirley Young Award later this evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ron had run 15 Melbourne Marathons</li><li>• First Melbourne in 1978 at 47</li><li>• Last Melbourne in 1997 at 66</li><li>• Had a Personal Best of 2.49.31 in 1981</li></ul>
14.	<p>Meeting Closed 9.50 pm Refreshments were then served.</p>