

MELBOURNE MARATHON SPARTANS CLUB

Annual General Meeting 17th September, 2012

7.30 pm

Harrison Room Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Meeting opened: 7:30 p.m.

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT Jay Fleming

Jay welcomed members and guests to the meeting and noted that 2012 was the 35th running of the Melbourne Marathon and the 25th anniversary of the Melbourne Marathons Spartans Club. He advised that there has been an increase in Spartan numbers which was very pleasing and he suggested that we should all be very proud of our unique club.

Jay welcomed the following dignitaries:

Brian Dixon – Past Minister of Youth Sport and Education & Chairman - Melbourne Marathon

Ted Paulin – Executive Director of Melbourne Marathon for 16 years

Chris Muirden – Journalist, Melbourne Marathon Course Director and Author of ‘The Wall’

Greg Hooten – Director of Athletics and Fitness IMG

Tom Hafey – Guest Speaker

Ian Gainey – 24-Year Wheelchair Spartan

10 Year Spartans and all Spartans reaching a milestone.

Jay informed the meeting that 35 years ago Brian Dixon was instrumental in the City of Melbourne having its own marathon. Entrant numbers peaked in the mid 80's and the Spartan Club born in 1987.

Jay outlined the meeting agenda and the order of events and invited all in attendance to be involved in the meeting and asked that everyone complete the Attendance List.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: John Zeleznikow, Chris Worsnop, Chris Wilson, Tony Berry, Kester Baines, John Chibnall, Alan Jones, Chris Grafen, John Lengacher, and Rohan King

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM (2011)

Minutes were read to the meeting and passed. Moved: Ian Gainey Seconded: John Dean.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2011 MINUTES.

Nil

REPORT - PRESIDENT

It has been an enormously satisfying first year as President. Given that this is a milestone year of the magnificent Melbourne Marathon, and consequently a milestone year for The Spartans, the theme was always going to be one of history, identity and tradition. Largely through the efforts of Spartan Legend David Foskey, our website went live earlier this year. This was a belated leap that was badly needed and we hope to further link with likeminded organisations and have them link back to us. We also hope to streamline some of our communication processes to make them more effective and efficient. We firmly believe that the future growth of the club is in building interdependence with other entities, both corporate

and charity, as opposed to being a sole body and closing ourselves off. These relationships must be forged and maintained for us to grow as a club

The resurgence of the Melbourne Marathon continues and it is a great time as the Spartan numbers grow, to increase our presence and relevance on Melbourne's distance running landscape. The status of Spartans serves to inspire and provide goal markers for runners to work toward. Runners in this event front up year after year with the express desire of either gaining their first singlet or a subsequent milestone singlet after that.

Where would any of us be without goals to strive for? The people in this club have goals that they are striving to achieve and in process are inspiring others to strive for their goals. It's tribal. It's belonging. Its meaning and purpose. It's contagious!

REPORT – SECRETARY

Spartan Males: 1,116 Spartan Females: 70 Spartan Wheelchairs: 2
 Total – 1,188

Expected Incoming for 2012 – 40+

Year 2012 will see a record number of inductees join the Spartan ranks. The Committee has undertaken to get the records as complete as humanly possible and Committee member Cath Bombardieri has spent countless hours imputing missing data and her work is very much appreciated – the wider Spartans community will benefit from the information in the future. Likewise David Foskey has been invaluable in maintaining the database and constructing our website.

REPORT - TREASURER

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>			
July 1 2011 to June 30 2012		Expenses	
Bank Balance 1/7/2011		AGM 2011	\$2,569.09
\$3,157.76		Bank charges & Aust Post	\$153.00
Income		Merchandise	\$1,040.00
Membership	\$4,655.00	Stationary	\$364.85
Donations	\$931.00	Corporate Affairs	\$42.80
Merchandise	\$1,380.00	Marathon Day Expenses	\$720.49
Postage	\$234.50	Trophies	\$68.00
Total Income		Web Hosting	\$163.77
\$7,200.50		Honorariums	\$450.00
		Total Expenses	
\$10,358.26		\$5,572.00	
		Bank Balance 30/6/2012	
		\$5,246.26	
		Un-presented cheques	\$460.00
		\$10,358.26	

Our financial position is reasonably sound. Our Financial Membership is slightly down on 2010/11 (219) and currently stands at 216. A very encouraging sign is this year we have 40+

incoming Spartans, so our numbers should be above those of last year. We therefore expect our finances to be in a healthy situation for the 2012/13 year.

Financial Members at 30/6/2012 - 216

All reports accepted
Moved by David Foskey
Seconded by Peter Ryan

CORRESPONDENCE In/Out

Letter received from Peter Black recommending a change to the Spartan singlet. President deferred any singlet discussion to General Business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

President Jay Fleming invited Peter Black to speak to his letter which supported having a uniform Spartan singlet. Peter spoke passionately about Spartan singlets suggesting that in lieu of having the various colours representing the various 5 Year milestones, that the Club have only the one colour singlet and that in doing so it would enhance the Spartan profile and be more recognisable. Jay thanked Peter for speaking and his thoughts.

Jay advised that given the results of the Clubs singlet survey in 2011 which supported retaining the coloured singlet range; he indicated it was not his intention to accept any motion at this time to make any singlet change but to rather create discussion on the subject. The following comments were received from the floor:

- Jack Frederickson had raised the matter of a unified singlet with a number of Marathon runners and most were in favour of the 5 Year colour range.
- Bruce Hargreaves spoke about the lack of motivation to run the Marathon if there is not a new singlet colour to strive for. Most people want something to aim for.
- Paul Basile mentioned that at a recent committee meeting there was discussion about singlets in general including generic/uniform singlets.
- Ted Paulin said "it started off with one colour and with different colours the public don't know who we are." Maybe a colour band on the singlet would recognise 5 year achievements.
- Peter Ryan corrected Ted stating that the singlets initially started as yellow and black and in the second year changed to green.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Jay advised that all but one committee position had been filled and that all nominations had been received by the Secretary Graeme Lay by the due date. Committee positions were filled as follows:

Jay Fleming – **President**
Paul Basile – **Vice President**
Graeme Lay – **Secretary**
Rod Bayley – **Treasurer**

John Dean - **Past President**

General Committee: Peter Ryan
Maureen Wilson
Colin Silcock-Delaney
Cath Bombardier
David Foskey
Vacancy

Jay highlighted that the committee was one member short and he encouraged all present to give consideration to giving a small part of their time to this unique club. No further nominations were received on the night.

Jay recognised the contribution of Spartan Legend John Dobson who retired from the committee.

PRESENTATIONS

Jack Gubbins Award – 1st Male Spartan in 2012 Phillip Green 2.42.30
Presented by Jack Gubbins

Shirley Young Award – 1st Female Spartan in 2012 Teresa Burgess 3.22.25
Presented by Ron Young. Trophy accepted by Maureen Wilson

Life Memberships

Jay highlighted the value of volunteers within a club and made particular mention that the two members being awarded Life Membership have been excellent contributors over many years.

John Dean presented Spartan Life Membership Certificates to Christine Hodges and Jack Frederickson

MR TED PAULIN Executive Director - Melbourne Marathon for 16 years.

Ted spoke of his love for the Spartans and spoke of where the Spartan concept came from. After the 9th year there was a desire to recognise the achievement of running 10 marathons. He discussed the history of the marathon including the history of the ancient Olympiad and the link between the modern and ancient Olympics

He explained that Sparta were Greek soldiers who were strong and committed. From this definition the title of Spartan was given to runners who had run 10 marathons reflecting strength and commitment.

Ted mentioned that during his time as Executive Director the better runners Melbourne marathon has had were Andrew Lloyd (3 time winner), Bill Rogers who was considered the best and Tanzanian born Juma Ikanga.

Ted confirmed his admiration for the race, the Spartans and the increased involvement of women in the race.

Paul Basile thanked Ted for his support of the Club over many years and for making his time available to us tonight.

MR CHRIS MUIRDEN

Chris spoke of the first Melbourne Marathon in 1978 and provided detail on his book "The Wall". The purpose of the book is to tell a "35 year story". He spoke of a series of instances that occurred throughout the history of the race and has interviewed the 10 Melbourne Marathon Legends all of which had a story to tell. The book includes chapters on VFL/AFL players who have ran the marathon and found it very tough and 24-Year wheelchair Spartan Ian Gainey. He highlighted that the book contains a collection of photographs many of which haven't been seen before.

John Dobson (Spartan Legend) thanked Chris for his contribution to the evening.

Jay informed the meeting that assistance was required for the Marathon Expo on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the marathon and to help at the Spartan Tent on race

day. He also informed the meeting of the Spartan website www.melbournemarthon Spartans.com
Jay thanked all at the meeting for their attendance.

Meeting Closed 8.58pm

5 minute break was taken

GUEST SPEAKER - MR TOM HAFEY

Tom certainly connected with those in attendance with his very down to earth and inspirational style. He spoke of his three decades as a senior AFL coach, coaching Richmond, Collingwood, Geelong and Sydney Swans and of his commitment to a healthy lifestyle. He spoke of the good and bad times during his playing and coaching career and was able to give us an overview of his daily exercise routine starting off at 5.20am followed by ten minutes of stretching, 200 push-ups on the beach then a ten minute swim in the freezing bay. After a quick dry-off he trots back to his bayside apartment, not to have a cup of tea and a lie down but to do 700 crunches and sit-ups. He rounds the morning off with a gentle five to seven kilometre run.

Peter Ryan thanked Tom for making his time available to us tonight and presented him with a beautifully presented hamper.

Tom was more than happy to be involved in the presentation of Spartan singlets.

Evening closed at 10.00pm.