

- **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

Spartan Males: 1,149 Spartan Females: 78 Spartan Wheelchairs: 2
 Total – 1,229
 Expected Incoming 2013: 20

Year 2013 continued to see the database becoming more complete along with the continued development of the website. With the resignation of Secretary Graeme Lay during the year it's been all hands on deck to spread the load and keep the momentum continuing.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our financial position is reasonably sound, our Financial Membership is slightly up in year 2012/13 and hence we expect the finances to continue to be in a healthy situation for the 2013/14 year.

242 Financial Members at 30/06/2013

TREASURER'S REPORT		
JULY 1 2012 – JUNE 30 2013		
Bank	Balance	1/7/2012
\$4,786.26		
INCOME		
Membership	\$4,620.00	
Donations	\$933.50	
Merchandise	\$1,777.50	
Postage	\$233.50	
Total Income		
		\$7,564.50
		\$12,350.76

EXPENSES	
AGM (2012)	\$ 4,343.16
Postage / Stationery	\$ 428.70
Merchandise	\$ 1,400.00
Registrations	\$ 43.90
Marathon Day Expenses	\$ 821.00
Web hosting	\$ 116.74
Total Expenses	\$7,153.50
Bank Balance 30/6/2012	\$5,197.26

Reports were circulated for reading and comment. All reports accepted.

Moved by John Dean Seconded by David Foskey

Correspondence In/Out:

- Nil correspondence

General Business:

- Given that Spartan singlets have been a subject of discussion over that last two Annual General Meetings, Jay spoke and presented the singlets as they have progressed over the years and outlined changes that have now been decided upon after much consultation within the Spartan Committee and members in general. Jay made the point that the milestone singlets would remain as they currently are, that is: the 10 Year would remain Green, the 15 Year remain Blue, 20 Year remain Red and the 25 Year remain Black. He mentioned that having a different colour for each 5 Year milestone was seen by the majority of Spartans as an incentive to strive and aim for.

Jay went on to advise that once Hall of Fame status is attained at 30 Years, each milestone singlet thereafter will be Green with a White inset and that each singlet will not only display the level of milestone (30, 35 or 40 years etc.) but also that the wearer is a Hall of Fame Member. Bookending the Spartan singlet range with a Green singlet with a White inset was seen by those in attendance as positive. Sizing variation and increase in singlet cost was mentioned. Positive feedback from the floor was offered by Greg Wright.

- Ken Bowes raised the suggestion of a Spartan singlet identifying runners 75+ years of age. Jay thanked Ken for his excellent suggestion and made note to discuss it further at a Committee Meeting.

Election of Office Bearers:

- Jay confirmed the re-nomination of existing committee members and welcomed new committee member John Kaparelis. Committee positions were filled as follows.

	President:	Jay Fleming	Vice
	President:	Paul Basile	
	Secretary:	<i>(position vacant)</i>	
	Treasurer:	Rod Bayley	
Committee (6)	Cath Bombardieri	Maureen Wilson	
	Colin Silcock-Delaney	David Foskey	
	John Kaparelis	<i>(position vacant)</i>	
	Immediate Past President John Dean		

- Jay thanked the outgoing committee members and acknowledged their valuable contribution.
- Jay encouraged members to consider nominating for committee outlining that duties could be general or specific, as required. He then called for nominations to fill the two vacant committee positions. John Dobson nominated for committee, seconded by John Dean.

Presentations:

- **First Spartan Male in 2012** Michael McIntyre 2:43:28
Presentation of the **Jack Gubbins Award** by Retired Spartan Legend Jack Gubbins. As Michael was not present, Jack spoke briefly to welcome incoming Spartans and to acknowledge Michael finishing First Male Spartan in 2012.
- **First Spartan Female in 2012** Annie Ziogos 3:31:51
Presentation of **Shirley Young Award** by Ron Young
Ron congratulated Annie and acknowledged the honour of having the trophy named after Shirley.

Mr Chris Muirden - Journalist Herald-Sun, Melbourne Marathon IMG committee member and Author of "The Wall"

Jay introduced Chris to the meeting making special mention of his involvement with the marathon through his involvement with IMG as Course Director and the publication of his book "The Wall" last year.

Chris spoke very engagingly about his involvement with the Melbourne Marathon and the feedback he has received from the publication of "The Wall" last year. He also talked about possible inclusion of a 75+ age category in the 2014 marathon; the 2013 marathon course and this year's record registrations making Melbourne the largest marathon in Australia. Chris encouraged feedback to the race organisers to promote positive change. Several questions were addressed to Chris from the floor:

- John Dean asked for clarification concerning preferred starts. Chris advised that preferred starts are directed to "preferred starts/elite organiser" through a link on the website at the time of registration.
- Bruce Hargreaves advised that pacing groups would be available at 10 minute intervals for finishing times from 2.50 to 4.30. NB there is no 4.15 pacing group this year.

- Wayne Thompson expressed concerns regarding course congestion around Birdwood Ave and proposed a course in/around Albert Park Lake as an alternative. Chris responded that this most likely would create issues with Parks Victoria and cause further disruption to tram services.

Spartan President Jay Fleming thanked Chris for his support of the Club and for being with us tonight.

Other Business:

Jay outlined other business before the committee in the past year:

- Singlet progression and Hall of Fame
- Statement of Purpose draft being finalised
- Possibility of introducing forums other than the AGM and Melbourne Marathon for members to engage e.g.: other runs/coffees/ catch-ups/events
- Members encouraged to give feedback via the committee or website.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

10 minute break

Guest Speaker Mr Tristan Miller - Author "Run Like Crazy"

Jay introduced Tristan as a runner who had achieved something extraordinary through his running of 52 marathons in 52 weeks in 42 countries and he invited all in attendance to listen to his story.

Tristan spoke with enthusiasm on how running has positively influenced his life and what can be achieved through persistence and dedication. He spoke very entertainingly about his amazing experience of running 52 marathons in 52 weeks, on which his book "Run Like Crazy" is based. Tristan answered questions from the floor regarding nutrition, recovery, logistics and shoes further enriching our appreciation of his experience. This was an inspirational presentation by an amazing young man.

Paul Basile thanked Tristan for making his time available to us tonight and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Club.

Presentation of Spartan Singlets and photos

Singlets recipients were announced by Maureen Wilson and presented with their singlets by Tristan Miller. 10year x 7; 15year x 1; 20year x 2; 25year x 2; and 35year x 4.

Presentation of Hall of Fame certificates and photos

Immediate Past President John Dean outlined the formation and development of the Hall of Fame over the past few years. John made the point that to be invited to be a Member of the Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club - Hall of Fame, a Spartan must have successfully completed 30 Melbourne Marathons and be a financial member of the Club at the time of induction. He was pleased to announce that 30 Spartans have fulfilled that criteria and congratulated them all. Twenty-five of the thirty Hall of Fame inductees were present to accept their certificates. John advised the inductees that to put their achievement into perspective, of the 123,000 runners that have entered the Melbourne Marathon since the inaugural marathon in 1978, only 30 have made it to the Hall of Fame, that is only one marathoner runner in every 4,100 has made it to Hall of Fame status.

Inductees were announced by John Dean and framed Hall of Fame certificates presented by President Jay Fleming

Conclusion:

- At the conclusion of the evening John Dean made a formal presentation to retiring committee member Peter Ryan for his 25 Years of dedicated committee service, four years as Vice President, twelve as President and nine as a General Committee member.
- Jay thanked everyone for attending and invited attendees to enjoy supper and a chat at conclusion of the evening.

Evening closed 21:50

Minutes: Cath Bombardieri, Melbourne Marathon Spartan Club Committee Member