

Melbourne Midday Milers

2017 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Details

Meeting Date	Friday 24 November 2017
Meeting Time	6:22pm
Meeting Location	Mercer – 727 Collins Street, Melbourne
	Meet out the front at 5:50pm. If you arrive late, call Richard (Dozer) on 0414 341 387.
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Meeting Agenda

Welcome by Chairperson

Apologies and Attendance

1a) Attendance (24)

Shane Fielding, Richard Does, Dale Nardella, David Alcock, Elisa Mooren, Steven Williams, Luke Goodman, Chris Wade, Nicholas Bignell, Luke Pengelly, Garth Calder, Nick Turner, Ben Briggs, Sean Helmut, Bella Richardson, Glenn Carroll, John Hand, David Munro, Amy Yeo, Darren Vandenberg, Gary Zuccala, Robert Jones, Simon Tu (dialed in), and James Chiriano (dialed in).

1b) Proxies (8)

Stephen Paine (to Dale Nardella), Tony Hally (to David Alcock), Gary O'Dwyer (to Richard Does), David Mellings (to Luke Goodman), Ingrid Morrison (to Elisa Mooren), Paul Marsh (to Shane Fielding), Robert Dalton (to Glenn Carroll), Ewen Vowels (to Steven Williams).

1c) Apologies (15)

Ewen Vowels, Dan Langalaan, Stephen Paine, Glenn Goodman, Robyn Millard, Mike Bialczak, Simon Bevege, Tony Hally, Gary O'Dwyer, Mark Purvis, Matt Adams, Selim Ahmed, Sam Burke, Anthony Lee, Geoff Nicholson.

Ordinary business

2. Confirm 2016 AGM minutes

Presented by Dale Nardella

Motion:

I move that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the 2016 annual general meeting.

Moved – David Alcock / Seconded – David Munro

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

3. Actions arising

Nil from 2016 AGM Minutes.

4. Annual President's Report

Presented by Shane Fielding

Motion:

I move that the annual report be adopted.

Moved – Richard Does / Seconded – Stevie Williams

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's report

Presented by Richard Does

Motion:

I move that the treasurer's report be adopted.

Moved – Glenn Carrol / Seconded – Elisa Mooren

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

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6. Election of Office Bearers

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"That the number of ordinary committee members be set at a maximum of 6 for the 2017/18 financial year."

Moved – Garth Calder / Seconded – Luke Goodman

Carried unanimously

All positions were declared vacant. The core responsibilities of each position were circulated prior to the meeting.

Election process:

If nominations for positions on the committee have been received by the secretary before the meeting, the chairperson (or secretary) reads the nominations aloud. If there are fewer nominations than there are positions available on the committee, the chairperson may call for any additional nominations at the meeting.

If there is only one candidate for a position, the chairperson will state that the candidate has been elected (without a vote being taken). However if there are more nominations than there are positions available on the committee a ballot is taken as per Rule 54.

Office Bearer positions

President – Shane Fielding

Vice President – Ewen Vowels

Secretary – Dale Nardella

Treasurer – Richard Does

Club Captain – Dave Alcock (18 votes and 8 proxies) and David Hartley (6 votes)

Ordinary members of the committee positions (up to 6)

Committee 1 – Elisa Mooren

Committee 2 – Bella Richardson

Committee 3 – Glenn Goodman

Committee 4 – Luke Goodman

Committee 5 – James Chiriano

Committee 6 – David Hartley

7. Bank account signatories

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"That the committee take whatever steps are necessary to replace the outgoing Treasurer with the incoming Treasurer as a signatory to the Club's account with Bendigo Bank"

Moved – Garth Calder / Seconded – Nick Turner

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

8. Nomination of members of the Membership Application Sub Committee

Instead of Full Committee considering every joining member and sending out welcome pack this task is delegated to a membership application subcommittee. Traditionally the President and Secretary have performed this role.

Nominated: President and Secretary

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

9. Appointment of non-Office Bearers

Handicapper – Michael Bialczak

Training programmer – Simon Bevege

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

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10. Membership / Fees for 2017/2018

Resolution

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

“That:

- i. *The 2017/18 annual subscription be set at \$20;*
- ii. *The 2017/18 annual subscription be due and payable no later than 31 December 2017.”*

Moved – Chris Wade / Seconded – Luke Goodman

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

General business

11. Non-Financial

A. 2018 Championship Calendar (Presented by Richard Does)

Proposed draft calendar is shown in **Attachment 1**. It is more of a sequence than with firm dates as Athletics Victoria (AV) has not released its XCR calendar thus there too many unknowns but will be updated as soon as AV releases its schedule. Note as follows:

- a. The proposed calendar has modified the timing of some of the events for a bit of variety and to keep interest/participation levels up longer throughout the year. Once the calendar is settled, it will be made available to members via the club's website with Committee members assigned to coordinate and manage nominated events.
- b. 5M's course proposed to be on a new course in Neerim developed by Ewen Vowels with help from Shane Fielding. Shane Fielding presented proposed course details.
- c. parkrun event is proposed to start from 1 January 2018 and finish the week before Melbourne Marathon with the following rules:
 - *Result must be verifiable via Parkrun website (no barcode = no result);*
 - *Must be a fully paid up Miler on the date you run; and*
 - *From 1 July onwards we will publish progressive results on the Milers website. If there are any mistakes or omissions, it is each member's individual responsibility to advise the club secretary on or by the Sunday in the week before MM.*
- d. As has been the case since 2015, the September Nigel Aylott Relay is not in the proposed draft calendar. However, with plenty of new members joining the club and increased participation in the October Melbourne Marathon (which NAR was ideal for), it is perhaps opportune time to revisit/discuss holding this historical event which honors a great past Miler. The relay will not be formally added to the club championships but interest will be gauged during 2018 to determine whether it is viable to run the event. This item was discussed and noted (no actions arising).

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as ordinary resolutions:

- a. *That the proposed draft calendar included in Attachment 1 be provisionally endorsed and revised with dates as soon as practicable after Athletics Victoria releases the 2018 XCR calendar.*
Moved - Bella Richardson / Seconded – Stevie Williams. All in favour. Carried unanimously.
- b. *That the 2018 5Ms relay be held at Neerim.*
Moved - Luke Pengelly / Seconded – Ben Briggs. All in favour. Carried unanimously.
- c. *That the parkrun event will start from 1 January 2018 and finish the week before Melbourne Marathon with the rules as outlined above.*
Moved Stevie Williams / Seconded – Nick Bignell. All in favour. Carried unanimously.

B. Split training sessions (Presented by Dale Nardella)

This item is for discussion/feedback. See **Attachment 2** which provides feedback from the 2017 programmer, Simon Bevege. Rob Jones also has provided his written thoughts on the split sessions which he discussed at the meeting.

Action – Further discussion with Bevo and Robert Jones to occur about having more variety and explaining the benefits of the sessions with the first step of seeking feedback from members about what they want from the program (e.g. shorter/speed or 3-5km intensity, depending on what is coming up on the racing calendar).

C. Club Championship point scoring system (Presented by Richard Does)

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

“That the existing Club Championship point scoring system of 2017 be retained for 2018, and that the

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club continues with the "drop your worst two results" format. In addition, that the club ratifies the dirty sock format of lowest score in which 20% of the membership have participated (volunteer points ignored for this)".

Moved - Sean Helmot / Seconded – Glenn Carroll
All in favour. Carried unanimously.

James Chiriano raised that there is currently no restriction on how many championship events a member must run to be eligible to win a club award (e.g. fastest grade Parkrun or marathon, or the AV 10km). There was plenty of discussion about whether the club should have a minimum requirement.

Action: The committee was requested to consider whether any of the awards that can be won at a public event (e.g. fastest marathon, 10km scratch, parkrun etc) should have an eligibility criteria that they can only be awarded to a Miler who has participated in at least one non-public Miler event during the year.

D. Club Merchandise (Presented by Shane Fielding)

JC has suggested that orders for miler tops also have the option of including the number of years as a member like spartans e.g. 5, 10, 15 etc. Is this an option something we should look at? Are there any other ideas to consider?

Action: Committee takes this idea on and considers how to implement this in a meaningful way (e.g. what is the number/period that makes it special).

E. Changes to the Club championship and Annual Awards to cater for our increasing female membership base (Presented by Shane Fielding)

There has been growing discussion and interest within the club to do more to support our female members, not only to demonstrate the club's commitment to diversity, but also in the interests of:

- attracting more female members to the club; and
- increase female participation in club championship events.

To find out what the club could do more or less of, a survey was recently sent to all 27 of the club's current female members.

The full results were tabled at the meeting by Shane Fielding and Elisa Mooren.

Essentially there was strong support from the ladies for separate women's club championships, separate points and trophy to be allocated for the 10km scratch event and separate awards for the fastest marathon and fastest tan. The original resolution from the agenda was amended following discussion at the meeting to remove the eligibility requirement of a minimum participation number of events.

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

That the following changes be made to the club championships and annual awards:

- a. That a separate women's club championship be implemented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Points scoring to be considered by committee;
- b. The addition of a ladies 10k trophy in the club championship event; and
- c. The addition of a ladies fastest marathon award and ladies fastest tan award".

Moved – Bella Richardson / Seconded – Rob Jones

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

12. Financial

F. Proposed MMM Prizes

The following table indicates the proposed prizes and awards for the 2017/18 financial year.

Event	Championship event	Trophy	Prize
Mile handicap	✓	✓	Sponsor or \$50*
Winter Romp		✓	\$50
Killer Loop	✓		Sponsor or \$50*
Max Howard Tan Handicap – winner – last place	✓	✓	Sponsor or \$50*

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Peter Moor 2000m	✓		Sponsor or \$50*
3000m	✓		Sponsor or \$50*
5000m	✓		Sponsor or \$50*
10km scratch	✓	✓	
10km age grade			Sponsor or \$50*
5M's	✓		Must be funded within event budget
Two Bridges	✓		
Tan time trials			
Fastest tan		✓	
Fastest marathon		✓	
Best marathon age grade			\$50
Best parkrun age grade	✓		\$50
Dirty sock		✓	
Club champion			
1 st		✓	\$350
2 nd			\$200
3 rd			\$100
Chas Harcoan champion (must be age 50 by 1 Jan)		✓	\$100

Notes:

- *Where no sponsor prize is available, \$50 cash will apply
- Male and female awards will be presented for those highlighted in yellow. All other events have no gender category
- Most trophies are perpetual trophies

The prizes for 2017 were as follows: \$500 (1st) \$250 (2nd) \$125 (3rd) \$125 Chas, \$50 fastest age graded marathon and \$50 or sponsor awards for all other championship scoring events, whichever was deemed appropriate by the committee.

In 2016 and 2017, the club spent an average of around \$1,260 per year on prizes.

The club continues to be a healthy financial position (refer financial statements), has no need to accumulate funds and essentially operating on a break-even basis. The inclusion of any of the abovementioned awards will impact the club's balance sheet. It is therefore proposed to set a maximum budget for the 2018 prizes. Where sponsorship cannot be obtained for championship races, the club will fund the prize as outlined above.

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"That prizes be distributed based on the above table, subject to a maximum budget of \$2,000, exclusive of any sponsor awards gifted to the club and used by the club as championship prizes."

Moved Luke Goodman / Seconded – Luke Pengelly

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

G. 5Ms Relay Fees (Presented by Richard Does)

See **Attachment 2** for further information.

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"That a maximum budget of \$1,000 be set aside to enable the club to self-fund the relay".

Moved – Chris Wade / Seconded – Stevie Williams

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

H. Chas Harcoan Award (Presented by Richard Does)

The Chas Harcoan Award has traditionally been awarded to the Miler aged 40+ at 1 January who achieves the highest points tally over the championship year. Worst results are dropped in the same manner as the club championship.

- With 62% of the membership currently aged 40+, the concept that this trophy recognised the best

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performed 'veteran' is somewhat lost.

- During 2016 and 2017, the club champion and runner up have both been 40+.
- Particularly given the prize money involved, it would be preferable to reduce the probability that the same person would win both the club championship and veteran's award.
- By increasing the eligible age for Chas Harcoan to 50+, we reduce the number of eligible members to approximately 18% of the membership and restore the allure of the best 'veteran'.

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"For the 2018 championship season and beyond, that the eligible age for the Chas Harcoan trophy be set at 50+. Age is to be calculated at 1 January of the championship year."

Moved – Darren Vandenberg / Seconded – Luke Goodman.

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

I. Budgets for Christmas Breakfast and Annual Dinner/Awards Presentation night (Presented by Shane Fielding)

In the past the club has generally spent modest amounts on both the Christmas breakfast (up to \$100) and annual dinner/awards presentation night (up to \$300). Some years have proven to be more expensive than others however without formally setting a budget the club has generally tried to keep within these spending levels to ensure the club remains financially sustainable. It is now prudent time to formalise these budgets as the club continues to evolve and grow.

Resolution:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"To set a maximum budget of \$100 for Christmas Breakfast and \$300 for the annual dinner/awards presentation night. Any proposed expenditure above these amounts require pre-approval by the committee".

Moved – David Alcock / Seconded – Chris Wade

All in favour. Carried unanimously.

J. Residual Club Funds (Presented by Shane Fielding and Dale Nardella)

Currently there is approximately \$4,100 in cash reserves available to be spent. Even with the additional amount of moneys budgeted for prizes on offer in 2018, and the budgets set aside for the 2018 5Ms relay (free entries, catering, running tops), the club continues to operate a healthy bottom line (further details to be provided at the meeting). Proposals to use clubs funds within appropriate limits for the betterment of the club include:

- Improved messaging application for distribution of club communications and better monitoring of entrants in club championship events. SMS messaging services could cost upwards of \$1,000 per annum. Alternatively, free smartphone apps such as "Team App" may provide a suitable solution. Proposed solution to be investigated.
- Race equipment for time keeping. General support expressed at the meeting which the committee can also consider.
- New club flag to replace lost flag at around \$400.
- Sponsoring a Melbourne Marathon entry for a member to pace a group of members, as raised by Luke Goodman.

Action: The committee shall consider the above options in due course.

Meeting Close 9:13pm

Attachment 1

Month	Date	Confirmed	Details
Jan	23 Dec - 29 Jan	Y	School holidays
Feb	Tue 6		Summer tan timetrial
	Tue 13		Mile handicap
	Sun 25	Y	Tokyo / Wangaratta marathon
Mar	Sun 4		5M's - Neerim
	Mon 12	Y	Labour day
	Fri 23	Y	Oxfam Trailwalker
Apr	30 Mar - 15 Apr	Y	School holidays
	Fri 6 - Sun 8	Y	Milers golf weekend R4TKs
	Sun 15	Y	Canberra marathon
	Wed 25	Y	ANZAC day
			AV-XCR Round 1
			Killer Loop handicap
May	Sun 13	Y	Mother's day
			Autumn tan timetrial
			3000m handicap
			Two Bridges relay
			AV-XCR Round 2
Jun	Mon 11	Y	AV-XCR Round 3
			Queen's birthday
			5000m handicap
			AV-XCR Round 4
Jul	30 Jun - 15 Jul	Y	School holidays
	Sun 1	Y	Gold Coast marathon
			AV-XCR Round 5
	Sun 22	Tentative	10km scratch / Albert Park
	Sun 29	Y	Run Melbourne
Aug			Winter tan timetrial
	Sat 4	Tentative	AV-XCR Round 7
	Sun 12	Y	City2Surf
	Sat 18	Tentative	AV-XCR Round 8
			Peter Moor 2km handicap
	Fri 31		Winter Romp

MMM championship event

MMM non points event

AV event

Date to be avoided

Sep			AV-XCR Round 9
			AV-XCR Round 10
			Max Howard tan handicap
	22 Sep - 6 Oct		School holidays

Oct	Sun 14	Y	Melbourne marathon
	Fri 19	Y	Awards night

Nov	Tue 6	Y	Melbourne cup
			City2Sea
			Spring tan timetrial

Dec	Tue 11	Y	100 x 100
	Wed 12	Y	Xmas brekky

Attachment 2

From Simon Bevege on 24 October 2017:

"Firstly, I am happy to continue setting the program unless someone wants to take it on. In terms of the split training sessions, we trialled this for a few months, but I don't think it's working because one session will still get the majority of milers, whilst the other will have around 5-10. I have actually gone back to one session now, and I think it's working a lot better. One of the other issues with the split system is that it was getting to a point where it was hard to come up with enough sessions to ensure they were rotated accordingly. With just one session each day, this is much easier.

The main reason for splitting in the first place was because for some sessions there was a safety concern (6x3min was the main one). I think though having done this session a few times over the past few months, the group is generally pretty good when it comes to being aware of other people on the tan – so I don't think there is a major problem anymore.

If there is a group consensus that we should revert back to split sessions (or if there is a different alternative agreed upon), then I am happy to follow this – but my preference is to go back permanently to the one session per day structure."

Attachment 3

PROPOSAL TO WAIVE 5M RELAY FEES IN 2018

Historically we have charged a nominal fee to participate in the relay. Originally this was to cover prizes and some post-race food & drink. As we now self-fund the cost of the iconic t-shirts, the fee has gradually risen to \$15.

Revenue from the 2016 relay was \$420, expenses were \$797, a loss of \$377.

In 2017, a budget of \$1,000 was allocated to the 2017 5M's relay. Costs ended up being \$950.

A similar approach to the 2018 should enable a 'free' event for up to 9 teams (we had 9 teams in 2017, 7 teams in 2016, 6 in 2015, 5 in 2014).

This presents an opportunity for all members to benefit equally from the financial position of the club, and hopefully encourage increased participation at the relay.