

## ZOOMERS MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2011

Present – Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Bob & Carol Geyer, Susan Flores, Teri Hart, Jack LaPlante, Dave Pierce, Don Fialka, Melissa Ellison and Ed and Joan Morgan.

1. President – Kimmi noted that we didn't have any 1<sup>st</sup> time Zoomers at the meeting. We also didn't have any outside presentations.
2. Secretary's Report – It was noted that the Secretary's report is in the Newsletter besides being on the webpage. A discussion was held about only putting the Secretary's report on the webpage to save paper and postage expenses. It was agreed that the races would be put in the newsletter, as well as the webpage, along with the volunteers. The rest of the information in the minutes will be on the webpage for all Zoomers and Potential Zoomers to read.
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Geyer reported that our opening balance was \$7165.68. Receipts for the month included mostly membership dues, a race timing payment. Expenses for the month dealt with the newsletter printing and mailing along with some expenses dealing with the canoe trip. Our total at the end of August was \$7119.97.
4. Membership and Marketing Report – Teri Hart reported we have 101 single Zoomer members, 53 families with a total of 138 members and 14 students. Our total membership stands at currently stands at 253. We welcome new members Don Fialka, Ben, Dana and Sarah Neal and James Kieck. Membership renewal Larry McMasters and Tim, Holly, Jessica and Courtney Selders are also welcomed.
5. Race director's Report – Race Director Bob Geyer reported that our last race was on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Our next race will be Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration will start at 6:45 AM at 1<sup>st</sup> Alliance Church. This is a change of location for this race. It will begin and end at 1<sup>st</sup> Alliance, the Church that sponsors the Run 4 a Reason Race. Run 4 A Reason has 145 registered already. Run 4 a Reason should have more runners than any of their previous races.
  - Crab Crawl on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Charlotte Sports Park. Please take note that the Crab Crawl is on the 27<sup>th</sup> as the date is wrong on some old race forms.
  - MDA 5K starts at the Olde World Restaurant in North Port on Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration will be open by 6:15 AM. The race will begin and end at the Olde world Restaurant in North Port. Race will start at 7:30 AM
  - A new race this year in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 is Remember the Fallen, on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at the George Mullen Center in the North Port. The race starts at 7:30 AM.
  - Gasparilla 4 Miler will be on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Boca Grande. This is a change for this race so please note that it is on Saturday this year.
6. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked all those who helped in the past, but he will still be looking for more help for future races. Volunteers are always wanted and needed. Contact Ed Morgan [emjm67@yahoo.com](mailto:emjm67@yahoo.com) to volunteer for a race.
  - Run 4 a Reason volunteers – M.C. Heffner, Steve Vieira, Susan Flores, Lou van der Veen, Jack La Plante, Tee Callan, Bob & Carol Geyer and Ed & Joan Morgan

- Crab Crawl – Sherry La Bree, Steve Vieira, Melissa Ellison, Lou & Kimmi, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan
  - MDA 5K – Don Fialka, Dave Pierce, Bob & Carol, Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Ed & Joan
  - Remember the Fallen 5K – Tee, Melissa, Lou, Dave and Art Anauo, Bob & Carol
  - Garparilla 4 Miler – Susan Flores, Bob & Carol, Ed&Joan
  - Free to Breathe – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Kimmi & Lou, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan, Dave
  - Pumpkin Y – Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Kimmi & Lou, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan
  - Turkey Trot – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Kimmi & Lou, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan, Jack LaPlante
7. Volunteers who have won a free 1 year membership from volunteering – Art and Marie Anauo, Tee Callan, Melissa Ellison, Teri Hart, M.C. Heffner, Dave Pierce, Ed & Joan Morgan, Kimmi & Lou van der Veen. Bob & Carol have a lifetime membership awarded for their 9 years of race coordination.
8. Webpage Report – Lou van der Veen stated that the Race entry forms are up to date on the webpage. He also reported that the Race Series is up to date as of the Firecracker 5K. Lou intends to change the design of the webpage when he has the time.
9. Race Series Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the up to date Race Series is growing in popularity among Zoomers. Currently about 20 to 25 Zoomers run in each Race Series event. Kimmi encouraged everyone to show their Zoomer pride by wearing Zoomer apparel to the races.
10. Special Events –  
Melissa Ellison has set the Zoomer picnic date for Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Harbor Heights is being secured from Noon to 4 PM. Tee Callan and Melissa Ellison are looking for a reasonable caterer. It was decided that Zoomers would be willing to pay a few dollars to be at the picnic rather than have to bring food and do all the work. They want the picnic to be very enjoyable. Some of the caterers they checked had a 100 person minimum. Other suggestions were given to check out.
11. Old Business –
- Mission Statement will be worked on at a dinner/ work party at the Morgans home on Saturday evening. Next meeting the members will discussion and vote on the Mission statement drafted.
  - Apparel - Melissa Ellison is working on a contract with East Bay to set up a website with Zoomer apparel. Members can order the merchandise wanted from the website. Zoomers need to select 3 to 6 different items they feel will sell well. They must agree to pay for 36 to 72 items. If the items don't sell by the end of the year Zoomers will have to purchase them. If they are sold out more will be ordered. A catalog will be sent to members twice a year. The officers will look more closely at the merchandise and contract and bring it to the next meeting. Apparel will also be discussed at the Saturday work dinner for Zoomers.
12. New Business –
- Ed Morgan was pleased to announce that Art Anauo got a great blood test result. Art and Marlie will be back in about 4 more weeks.

- Race Calendar 2012 –Kimmi wants to have a calendar for 2012 set up by the end of October 2011. Her goal is to reach out to Race directors to have 2012 plans completed so that we can plan better, look ahead and make provisions for the hauling of the Zoomers trailer. Without the guidance of Bob and Carol at each event for 2012 Zoomers needs to be prepared and organized to reach its goals.
  - Brotherhood Ride – check the newsletter for details of the Brotherhood Ride. The riders will be at the Punta Gorda Fire Dept. on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Melissa is organizing a huge welcoming party of Zoomers on hand to greet them. Big signs, wild cheering and lots of encouragement we hope will be offered to the riders. Melissa Ellison is working on setting up water for the riders from donations by various Publix markets. Publix is extremely supportive for community projects.
  - Tour de North Port will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011. Information is available in the newsletter and on line. For more information contact [treelady12001@yahoo.com](mailto:treelady12001@yahoo.com)
  - Paddle Palooza will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cocoplum Waterway in front of the YMCA in North Port on Sam Shapos Way from 9 AM to 5 PM. Dragon boats, rowing, kayaks – cayuco and stand up paddle board will be present.
  - Hands Across the Harbor will have the help of the Environmental Center next year. Zoomers will only be in charge of timing the race.
  - The new newsletter was sent and will be in the webpage. Congratulations to Sherry LaBree for another fantastic issue. Remember to submit your articles and suggestions for the newsletter to Sherry.
13. Next Zoomers meeting will be Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Port Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcome.

Joan Morgan  
Secretary

