

ZOOMERS MEETING – AUGUST 1, 2012

Present – Kimmi van der Veen, Teri Hart, Bob & Carol Geyer, Tina Elkins and son, Sara Drake, Dave Pierce, Dug & Marti Stetter, Sherry Lennon Kemp, Tina Ice, Sherry & Scott LaBree, Joanne Daubenspeck, Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen started the meeting asking everyone about their favorite Olympic event or athlete. That drew lots of excitement as everyone loves the Olympics. Most responses cycling, swimming and gymnastics and next week all eyes will be on track and field events.
2. Sara Drake who moved recently into this area was introduced during her first Zoomer meeting. Sara has been running for a year and is training for her possible 1st marathon which might be the Wine Glass Marathon. Sara has a degree in Hospitality and likes to organize events.
3. Sherri Lennon announced that she is opening a shoe store in Punta Gorda. Foot Landing will have a soft and hard opening in November. Sherri wants to make her store a comfortable place for runners and be a big part of the running community. Go Sherri!
4. Secretary's report – No report because we didn't have a regular July meeting.
5. Treasurer's report – Sherry LaBree reported that in June the opening balance was \$7268.93. We received \$810 which included race timing and membership dues and gave us a closing balance of June of \$7319.19 after expenses including the Summer Running Series and postage for the newsletter. We spent \$952.77 on the banquet. In July we received \$1200.00 in race timing and had expenses of \$437.93 and our balance ended up as \$7268.93.
6. Membership & Marketing – Teri Hart reported we have a total of 258 Zoomers. We have 102 singles, 55 families with 144 members and 13 students. Single membership renewals went to Tammie Karalfa, Dana Neal, Craig Breder, Ron Travis, Mary Harder, Trudy Botbyl and Larry McMasters. Renewal of family membership went to Bill & Mary Bonetz, and Denise, Steve, Josh and Danielle Costa . New memberships were

sent in by Joanne Daubenspeak and a big welcome back to Tess Madeya. The Figueroa Family joined Zoomers and we welcome Robert, Rosaly, Tatiana, and Katarina Wilburn and Jenily Figueroa. Anthony Mellor joined as a new student Zoomer.

7. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer reported the IPICO was used for the first time at the Firecracker 5K with good results. We lost 1 chip and 1 chip didn't function for some reason. Zoomers is set up and ready to use the IPICO for future races. Dug Stetter has made signs up to guide the runners to use the chip system properly.

Bob will be attending a meeting about the Take Stock In Children race for Dec. 8th. The race will be at the Charlotte Sports Park.

8. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked those who helped at the Firecracker 5K. Ed reported that we will need at least 4 or 5 volunteers for each race. For races at the Charlotte Sports Park we will need an additional 5 people.

Volunteers:

- Crab Crawl – on August 25th at Charlotte Sports Park starting time of race 7:30 AM. Volunteers – Bob & Carol Geyer, Ron Elkins, Sara Drake, Lou van der Veen, Dave Pierce, Dug Stetter, Ed & Joan Morgan, Joanne Daubenspeak, Sherry La Bree, and Don Fialka
 - Remember the Fallen – at Mullen Center in North Port starting time 7:30 AM for race. Volunteers – Joanne Daubenspeak, Bob & Carol Geyer, Dug Stetter, Dave Pierce, Joan & Ed, Ed & Roxanne Gillen
 - Gasparilla 4 miler on Sept. 22. Volunteers – Bob & Carol, Tina Elkins, Dug, Dave (might run), Ed & Joan
 - Howl at the Moon 5K – ZOOMERS RUN – 7:30 AM at Ann Dever Park 6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood. On Oct. 20, 2012. Volunteers – Bob & Carol, Dug & Marti, Tina & Ron Elkins, Sherry Kemp, Tina Ice, Dave , Ed & Joan
9. Webpage Report – the webpage is up to date. All race forms and results are on the webpage.

10. Race Series – Kimmi van der Veen said runners could check the Race Series results to find their current totals. The results are up to date including the Firecracker.
11. Special Events –
 - Canoe Trip – on Sunday, August 19th at 9:30 AM canoe trip. Cost \$16 per person if we get 20 or more to canoe. A flyer will be sent out. Place where canoeing is Arcadia. Bring your own lunch. You will be able to pay that day. Make sure you bring sunscreen and bug spray.
12. Old Business –
 - Zoomers Fundraising Race – Vice Presidents Dug and Tina Reported that the sponsor letters are complete for the Howl at the Moon 5K on Oct. 20th. SPONSORS ARE NEEDED – please contact Tina, Dug or Kimmi to be sponsor letters. We need sponsors! Zoomers have ordered 500 goody bags in the Zoomer purple with Zoomers written on the bag. The bags are on sale for \$5 and will be at the Crap Crawl race to purchase. All finishers will receive a medal. The finisher’s medals are being designed by Dug. Lots of special features to our Zoomer run. The race will be at Ann Dever Park off San Casa in Englewood. Most of it will be on the path in the park. There will be prizes for the best 3 costumes. Zoomers will hopefully support our race as it will also benefit Bit of Hope Ranch and no-kill animal shelters. Zoomers are counting on this race for funds for future scholarships and the help pay for the new chip system. Contact Tina Elkins and Dug Stetter for more details or to volunteer to help.
 - Apparel –Melissa Ellison is hoping to be able to order some Zoomer apparel soon.
 - The Zoomer Trailer has been moved. It will be needed at each Zoomer race.
13. New Business:
 - Rev. 3 Triathlon needs volunteers. The organizers need volunteers on Friday, Oct. 26th, Sat. Oct. 27th and Sunday Oct. 28th. If we can get a group of volunteers together we

can actually make some money for Zoomers. Any and all volunteers are needed as we want to encourage such events for our area. These kinds of events raise the excitement, financial support and encourage healthy living. Any runner or community member that is willing to help contact Candice Roberts at crobertssrev3@gmail.com or Ed & Joan Morgan at emjm67@yahoo.com for more details.

- Newsletter Editor needed – Sherry LaBree has done a fantastic job on our newsletters for the past 2 years. After 2 years of being very creative and opening her own business it is time to turn over the newsletter to someone else. Please contact Sherry or Kimmi if you have any interest in helping with the newsletter. A huge thank you to Sherry for all her hard work and dedication.
- New Zoomer bags --- As stated earlier the Zoomer bags will be on sale at the Crab Crawl. They are \$5 in Zoomer purple with Zoomers written across the front.

14. The next Zoomer meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at the Charlotte Chamber of commerce meeting room. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcome. Anyone wishing to have dinner ahead of the meeting is invited to come to whiskey Creek Restaurant starting at 5:30 PM. Whiskey Creek Restaurant was chosen because it is the closest to the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Joan Morgan

Secretary

