

ZOOMERS MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2013

Submitted: Ed Gillen - Secretary

PRESENT: Tina Elkins, Don Fialka, Bob & Carol Geyer, Ed Gillen, Sherry LaBree, Jack La Plante, Donna McGinn, Ed & Joan Morgan, Dave Pierce, Stephanie Powers, Dug & Marti Stetter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Tina Elkins):

Meeting called to order at 7:00. Tina opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their support throughout her tenure as president of Zoomers. Those in attendance thanked Tina for her leadership during the past year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Dug Stetter)

Dug reported that there were a number of Zoomer members who are interested in the Road Runners Club of America coaching certification course. The course will be held in Bradenton, FL, June 21-22, 8 am-5 pm each day. There are 35 slots and the cost is \$400 per person. It was suggested that Zoomers host a course in 2015. No further discussion or vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Ed Gillen)

Ed thanked Stephanie Powers for taking the minutes in November during his absence. There were no revisions made to the November meeting minutes and Dave Pierce made motion (seconded by Joan Morgan) to approve minutes. Motion passed. Ed will forward finalized minutes to Dug for posting on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Sherry LaBree)

Sherry reported out on the 'Treasurer's Report for November 2013 (Statement date October 1-October 31, 2013)' Report showed an opening balance of \$11,999.04, total receipts \$7,431.92, total expenses \$3,618.00 and a closing balance of \$15,812.96. Sherry reported that books on the Howl at the Moon race will be closed prior to the January 8th business meeting. The estimated profit for the 2nd annual Howl at the Moon race is between \$3,700 and \$3,800. Ed will contact Suzanne Park and Dave Valentino regarding presentation of check to Bit of Hope Ranch at January 8th business meeting.

Sherry also announced that the club PA system broke during the Ft. Myers Marathon/Half. The system was returned and Zoomers received refund. A new system will be repurchased and a two-year electronic warranty (\$15) will be purchased. Sherry also reported that there is about one year left on the Zoomer loan for timing equipment totaling \$3,000 (4 quarterly payments of \$750 for 2014). A motion was made by Joan Morgan (Dave Pierce, second) to approve the November 1, 2013 Treasurer report. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP/MARKETING DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Marti Stetter)

Marti submitted and reported on the December Membership Report on November activity. Marti reported that the total number of Zoomers, including families, is 218, up 1 from November. Marti will send a membership list to Ed Morgan and Sherry LaBree. Constant Contact updated 11/27 by Dug Stetter.

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bob Geyer)

Bob Geyer thanked Sherry LaBree and Sally Van Nuland for their assistance in making sure over 550 runners had their correct timing chip on at the Turkey Trot. In 2014, Bob reported on upcoming races Zoomers will be timing. In February, Zoomers will be timing at least five events with the busiest weekend being February 22/23. The Scrub Jay 5k/10k trail run will be February 15.

The Tampa Rays have requested Zoomers assistance with timing a late Sunday afternoon race in March. After discussion, two dates were proposed – March 9th or March 23rd. Bob will relay dates. There was some discussion about using disposable chips on racing bibs at upcoming races.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT (Ed Morgan)

Ed M. thanked volunteers who worked recent November races. Special thanks to Sally VanNuland, Patti Wargo and Jack LaPlante. Ed M. reported on volunteer status for Frosty 5k where Zoomers will be providing assistance with registration and water stop. Ed passed around the upcoming races/volunteer listing. He is concerned about our role at the Hands Across the Harbor event on January 25 and how many volunteers we need to provide. The turnaround time from January 8 Zoomer meeting and race is short if we need to provide additional volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED to help with set up and tear down of the start/finish, day of registration, typing, extra course marshal(s) if we deem it necessary for safety, chip removal/return. **If you can volunteer, please contact at Ed Morgan at emjm67@yahoo.com**

WEBPAGE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dug Stetter)

Dug reported that he has not received any Scrub Jay info to put up on the Zoomers site. Hands Across the Harbor information is up on site. Zoomers online membership is using PayPal and it is working well. Those in attendance agreed with recommendation of webpage director to replace Sports Sign Up with PayPal as our online membership option.

RACE SERIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Tina Elkins)

Tina reported that she will be sending out a congratulatory note to those who are participating in the Zoomer Kids Series. Tina proposed changes to the existing Zoomers Race Series to make it fairer to those who compete in most of the race series events. There seems to be consensus that the race series should have more variety (e.g. include longer race distances.) The series recognizes runners of various ages who compete at races and are awarded points based on different factors (placement, attendance, etc.) Race series events were announced at the meeting and Tina will send it to Dug to be published on website.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT (Tina Elkins)

Tina Elkins reported out on the Holiday Luau, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Myakka Golf Course. Dug recommended that Zoomer members receive a discount. After discussion, it was agreed that Zoomers Club would subsidize cost (\$10 per member) reducing the cost to members to \$15. Non-Zoomer members will pay original price of \$25. Payment to Tina Elkins, 8370 Creekview Lane, Englewood, FL 34224 or give monies to Tina at party. Those who pre-paid prior to decision will be reimbursed.

OLD BUSINESS: (All)

Zoomers will pay to house the timing trailer. Six months 'rent' has been paid. Trailer is being stored near Mineral Springs.

Ed Gillen will chair scholarship committee. Dug Stetter, Tina Elkins and Joan Morgan have agreed to serve on this committee. Ed will call a meeting after first of year.

RRCA insurance is due. Bob has received membership information he needed to pay and reports everything is set.

A new version of Race Director is being released and Zoomers will be receiving the new update.

NEW BUSINESS (All)

The January business meeting will be held on January 8th instead of January 1st. Change is made due to New Year's Day holiday. Bob Geyer will double check to make sure with the Chamber that the room is available.

Bob Geyer announced that he will be stepping down as Race Coordinator starting June 1st.

NEXT MEETING: The next Zoomers business meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce located at 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL. **Proposed location for 5:30 p.m. dinner is tbd.** All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcomed.