

ZOOMERS MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Present – Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Teri Hart, Carol & Bob Geyer, Art & Marlie Anauo, Sherry Lemon, Tina Elkins, Debbie Vieira, Marti & Dug Stetter, Tee Callan, Melissa Ellison, Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President - Kimmi van der Veen started the meeting asking those present their favorite racing moment in 2012. Kimmi gave time to the new members present. They were Tina Elkins and Sherry Lemon. Tina and her husband Ron signed up to be volunteers at Lamarque 5K. Debbie Vieira isn't a new member, but came to make sure everything was set for the Harbor Heights 5K.
2. Secretary's Report - a copy of the minutes was given to new members present. The minutes can be found on the Zoomersrun.com webpage. You can go back and download minutes from the past several years.
3. Treasurer's Report – Sherry LaBree was not present due to the critical illness of a close family friend. She sent in the report that the Treasury balance at the beginning of January was \$7, 065.75. The club made \$595 in Timing and membership renewal fees. The club had expenses of \$680.12. Some of the expenses were because of the great Zoomers Christmas party leaving a balance at the end of January of \$6,890.65.
4. Membership & Marketing Director's Report –Teri Hart reported that Zoomers gained 6 new single memberships and 2 families with 8 members. There was also renewals of 8 single and 3 families with 11 members. The total membership at the end of January was 87 singles, 48 families with 124 members and 11 students. The total number of Zoomers stands at 222. Membership renewals were Dee Stout, Randy Peachey, Marianne Gombar, Don McBain, Sally Van Nuland, Mal Miller, Rich Golden and Charlie McDonald. Families that renewed were George Henricks Family, ACME Bicycle Shop Karen & Earl Freeman) and Robert Staughan & Family. New Zoomer members are – Gail Marinari, Jacqueline Conniff, Steve Helgemo, David, Merz, Jeff Snyder, and Stephanie Powers. Family renewals were Bryon Catlin and Family, the Otway Family.
Membership or renewal of membership can now be done on line check Zoomersrun.com for details
5. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer / Kimmi van der Veen
 - Lamarque – Run for the Lions which will be on Saturday, February 4th is set and ready to go.
 - Harbour Heights 5K – Saturday, February 25, 2012. Contact is Steve and Debbie Vieira. The location of the race is Harbour Heights. For additional information from the race organizer email debbievieira@harbourheightsrealestate.com. There are 50 on the pre-registration list as of Feb. 1st. There will be a resource table and wellness fair

connected with the 5K. Race will start at 8:00 AM. Registration form is on the webpage.

- Boca Grande – Sunday, February 26, 2012. Contact person is Bob Green. Email contact is greener@leegov.com. The race will start at 7:30 AM. Registration form is on the webpage. There was talk in the paper that the bridge toll to get to Boca Grande might go up from the \$5.00 so make sure you bring some money for the toll.
 - Friends Day 5K – the second Friends Day 5K will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Suncoast Baptist Church. The contact person is Kent Watkins. Email contact is pastorpatrickbrown@gmail.com. Check the Zoomer webpage for race form.
 - Bike Trials – Saturday, March 4, 2012.
 - Venice YMCA St. Patty's Day 8K will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 starting at Sharkey's in Venice. Contact person is Jill Aycock. Contact email is wellnessstaff@veniceymca.org. Check webpage for more details.
 - Smoothie King Fools Day 5K – starts at 7:30 AM. You can register at www.active.com
 - Shark's Tooth 10K – Saturday, April 7, 2012. Contact Karen Haynes. Registration form on webpage and Active Suncoast
 - Future races (check webpage for registration forms as they become available):
 - Girls on the Run – April 28, 2012. Contact Teri Hart
 - County Line 5K- May 5, 2012. Contact Terri Prechti
 - Divas & Dudes – May 12, 2012. Contact Jennifer Simms
 - Firecracker 5K – July 4, 2012. Contact Steve Lyons
 - Run 4 A Reason - August 4, 2012. Contact Tricia Gilchrist
 - Crab Crawl 5K – August 25, 2012. Contact Maureen Broderick
 - Boca Grande 4 miler – September 22, 2012. Contact Bob Green
 - Free to Breathe 5K – November 10, 2012. Contact Tom Cappiello
6. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked all those who were at the Resolution Run on January 7th and those who helped at Hands Across the Harbor on January 28th. A special thank you to Jim Chappo for pulling the trailer. Ed reminded the new members that if a Zoomer volunteers at 4 races he/she will receive a free single membership. If a Zoomer volunteers at 6 or more races a year they can receive a free family membership.
- Lamarque 5K volunteers – Saturday, Feb. 4th – Bob & Carol, Kimmi & Lou, MC Heffner, Marissa McDonough, Don Fialka, Dave Pierce, Steve & Debbie Vieira and Dug Stetter. Dug volunteered to pull the trailer.
 - Ed reminded everyone that Feb. 25 and 26 is a double race weekend.
 - Harbor Heights – Saturday, Feb. 25 – volunteers Debbie & Steve Vieira, Bob & Carol, Kimmi & Lou, MC Heffner, Andrew Sanchez, Ed & Joan, Dug
 - Boca Grande – Bob & Carol, Dug, Dave, Teri Hart, Joan & Ed, Chris Heffner

- Friends Day 5K – Saturday, March 3rd – volunteers Kimmi & Lou, MC & Chris Heffner, Andrew Sanchez, Ed & Joan, Dug
 - Bike Trials – Saturday, March 4th – Bob & Carol, Jack Stone (?), Mary Harter (?), Ed & Joan
 - Volunteer for future races will be discussed as the races get closer.
 - Volunteers are needed for the future races. Check the webpage for future races and contact Ed Morgan at emjm67@yahoo.com if you want to volunteer.
7. Webpage Director – Lou van der Veen – said he is waiting for the apparel to be put on the webpage. Webpage is up to date. All registration forms can be downloaded from the webpage. The forms will be put on the webpage as soon as they are submitted.
 8. Race Series Committee Report- Kimmi reported that the 2012 Race Series is underway! All three races in February are in the Race Series. They are Run for the Lions (Lamarque 5K), Harbour Heights and Boca Grande.
 9. Special Events Reports:
 - Melissa Ellison, Tee Callan and Kimmi van der Veen have begun working on the Zoomers annual Banquet. The banquet will take place at the Riverwood Golf & Country Club. Dates being checked out are March 24th, 30th or 31st. It was decided that member cost for the banquet will be \$25 and non Zoomers attending the banquet will have to pay \$30. For those who want to go to the banquet and haven't renewed your Zoomer membership or haven't become a member you still have a chance to save on the cost of the banquet. The banquet menu and activities will be similar to past years. We are looking forward to another very successful banquet.
 10. Old Business:
 - Zoomer Fundraising Race – tabled until the next meeting.
 - Apparel – a sample of the Tex shirt material was passed around. Apparel should be on the webpage shortly. Melissa said that most of the final details are finished to make the apparel available.
 - Chip Timing System – the signatures are on the note to apply for a loan from RRCA to purchase the My Laps Chip Timing System. We will be putting \$1,000 down on the system. Bob was told that there were no mats left so we won't be getting the mats until the middle of February at the earliest. Zoomers will be handling the bibs, once we get the chip system, until to the morning of the Race Day. The current rate to hire Zoomers to time a 5K race is \$300. To time a 10K race is \$350. Races with over 400 runners will be required to use the Chip System once it is in place. The bibs for the chip system will cost \$1 each and the cost will have to be paid by the organization

putting on the race. Races under 400 runners can decide if they want to use or not use the Chip System during 2012. We realize there will be a learning time to use the Chip System and since races set up their budgets months out it would not be fair to require that they pay for the extra bibs during 2012. It was discussed that we could even possibly sell our current timing system once the Chip System is firmly established. Zoomers have traditional charged far less than any other timing company. Zoomers have been working with some of the same Race Organizers for years and we don't want to lose that friendship and trust. The club will discuss and come out with fair rates once the Chip System is completely checked out.

11. New Business:

- A proposal for a 5K and 10 K race possibly called Beer and Boar run is being worked on for November 17th starting at 8:00 AM. Bob Geyer volunteered to go to some of the meeting to help set up this race. More details will be coming.
- A number of Zoomers met before the February meeting and had dinner together at Whiskey Creek. Whiskey Creek was chosen because it is so close to the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. We invite all Zoomers or potential members to join us at Whiskey Creek at 5:30 to have dinner together before the next Zoomers meeting which will be held at the Chamber of Commerce building at 2701 Tamiami Trail on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 starting at 7:00 PM.
- Ed Morgan reported that Ashlynn Straughan has submitted a Scholarship Application form.

Submitted by Joan Morgan
Secretary