

## ZOOMERS MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2012

Present – Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Bob & Carol Geyer, Marlie & Art Anauo, Don Fialka, Dave Pierce, Sherry La Bree, Marti & Dug Stetter and Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President Kimmi van der Veen opened the meeting with an icebreakers to all of those present. Everyone was asked about their favorite race in 2011. Lots of different answers ranging from a PR race, being encouraged by friends and family along the race route, running for dinner, biggest challenge or longest race, families running together, announcers acknowledging them as a runner to interesting off road races.
2. Secretary's report – Copies of the minutes from December and all other months are on the webpage. Copies of last month's minutes were available at the meeting. There were no questions about last month's minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report - This was the last month for Carol Geyer as Treasurer. Carol gave the report. Opening balance was \$7,742.19. The receipts for the month from race timing, membership and merchandise equaled \$790.00. Expenses for the month were \$1466.42. The biggest expense was insurance for \$828.20. We also paid for some race supplies, flyers for the picnic and postage for the picnic. Zoomers balance at the end of December was \$7065.77. Sherry LaBree will be the new Zoomer Treasurer.
4. Membership and Marketing – Teri Hart could not make the meeting but reported to Kimmi that all Zoomers who earned free memberships were given credit.
5. Race Director – Bob Geyer gave his last report as official Race Director. Kimmi van der Veen became our official Race Director on January 1, 2012. Kimmi read from face book some glowing remarks that were said about Bob and Carol and the work they have done for almost a decade. Zoomers can never thank them enough for their devotion to the club. Bob and Carol will continue to be members and have already signed up to help at Hands Across the Harbor and the Lamarque 5K. Bob and Carol will also continue to go to some of the meetings that Kimmi can't make due to her work schedule. We hope to see the Geyers running races instead of working all of them. Bob reported that he is going to the final meeting for Hands Across the Harbor. Work being done at Gilchrist Park might cause the race route to be altered. It was reported that Zoomers has been asked to be part of the Shark's Tooth 10K even though another timing company with a chip system will be do the actual timing of the race. Zoomers will be helping in other capacities. Kimmi will be speaking to Karen Haynes to get more information. It was also reported that the YMCA Healthy Kids run and the Girls on the Run spring race will be joined together. Last year they were separate races on the same day. This year we are excited to report they will be united into one race on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Charlotte Sports Park.

Bob also reported that all the paper work had been sent into secure a loan for RCAA the chip system voted for at the November 2011 meeting. Bob felt that we should have word back shortly from RCAA about the low interest loan. Members are very excited about the chip system. The system will be utilized at all the large races once it is up and ready. The first races of 2012 will be timed with our present system. As soon as the system is ready it will be made available to race organizers. The extra expense for bibs with the chips embedded will be

explained to all organizing future race organizers.

6. Volunteer Committee – Ed Morgan thanked those who helped make the Frosty 5K a great success. The volunteer points start over in 2012. All who want to volunteer to help the club and eventually qualify for a free membership contact Ed Morgan at [emjm67@yahoo.com](mailto:emjm67@yahoo.com).

- Resolution Run – Jan. 7, 2012 in Venice – volunteers: Kimmi & Lou, Ed & Joan, Dave Pierce, Tee Callan bringing a new Zoomer member, Dug Stetter, Yuli Sproat
- Hands Across the Harbor 8K – January 28, 2012 – volunteers: Bob & Carol, Lou, Tee, Dave, Ed & Joan
- Lamarque 5K – February 4<sup>th</sup> – volunteers: Kimmi & Lou, Marlie & Art Anauo, Sherry La Bree, Bob & Carol, Don Fialka and Dave
- Harbor Height – February 25<sup>th</sup> – volunteers needed
- Boca Grande – February 26<sup>th</sup> – volunteers needed

7. Webpage Director's Report – Lou van der Veen is starting new and exciting features on the webpage. You will be able to send in photos for races you were at to be added to the webpage. You are also going to be able to pay online your membership dues for online Zoomers. Check the webpage often and you'll be surprised about all the changes. You can download any and all entry forms from the webpage.

All runners who check the social networks can see for themselves all the action and talk about Zoomers. Keep checking and getting involved with all the Zoomer social networking. Many runners are becoming more connected from these networks.

8. Race Series Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the Race Series for 2011 is completed. The final totals aren't on the webpage as we don't want to spoil all the surprises for the banquet.

The 2012 Race Series Races were approved at the meeting.

- Resolution 5K – January 7, 2012
- Lamarque Run for the Lions – February 4, 2012
- Harbour Heights 5K – February 25, 2012. The Senior Games Run will also be part of the run.
- Boca Grande 5K – February 26, 2012
- St. Patty's Day 8K on March 17, 2012
- Shark's Tooth 10K on April 14, 2012. There will be a chip timing company at this race along with Zoomers to help with race organization.
- County Line 5K on May 5, 2012
- Firecracker 5K on July 4, 2012
- Remember the Fallen 5K on September 8, 2012
- Gasparilla Island 4 Mile Run on September 22m 2012
- Zoomers Scholarship Run – possible date Oct. 13, 2012 – more discussion about this race at a future meeting. Detail still need to be work out.
- Free to Breath November 10, 2012
- Frosty 5K on December 15, 2012

The Race Series standing will be based on your best 6 races in the Race Series Races. When we

get the final date for Run 4 A Reason it may be added to the Race Series.

9. Special Events – Tee and Melissa were not at the meeting so a report wasn't given. Special thanks to Melissa and Tee for an excellent Christmas Party. They both put a lot of time and effort into organizing a wonderful party. A date for the Zoomer's Banquet wasn't set. Melissa and Tee will be asked to look into late March.
10. Old Business:
  - Zoomer's Fundraising Race – possible date will be in Oct. 2012. The Paddlepalooza event has inquired if Zoomers might want to put on a 5K race starting at Dallas White Park in North Port on Oct. 13, 2012. The 5K would add to the outdoor activities being put on during Paddlepalooza.
  - Apparel is ordered. The apparel should be ready soon to be added to our webpage.
11. The next Zoomer meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at the Port Charlotte Chamber of Commerce at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. The meetings start at 7:00 PM. All Zoomers and potential Zoomers are welcome. Some Zoomers have expressed a desire to enjoy dinner together before the meeting. If you are interested to eat before the meeting we are planning to meet at Whiskey Creek at 5:30 PM. The restaurant was chosen because it is only a few doors away from the Chamber of Commerce building. Come join the growing crowd for dinner.

Submitted by: Joan Morgan - Secretary