

Zoomers Meeting – March 2, 2011

Present: Teri Hart, Bob and Carol Geyer, Kimmi and Lou van der Veen, Chris and MC Heffner, Maureen Winsor, Vicky Laud, Steven Ellis, Art and Marlie Anauo, Ed and Joan Morgan

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen called the meeting to order and began the meeting letting the new guests tell something about themselves. Chris and MC Heffner are fairly new to running, but have already done the Princess, Alaska and Disney Wine and Dine Half Marathon. Both have jumped right into being Zoomer members and have already volunteered to help at future races.
Maureen Winsor was a member of the old Peace River Running Club. Maureen and Vicky Laud both like running and want to set up running groups for evening jogs. They would like to get a group going at Kiwanis Park in Port Charlotte. The county is upgrading the park facilities and they would like to get runners interested in group runs in and around the Kiwanis Park. President Kimmi that many runners have expressed the same desire for group runs. Lou, our webpage specialist, is going to try to put together a section on the webpage where runners can see post where they are planning runs. Runners can encourage other runners to join them in their evening or weekend jogs. Group runs can provide security for joggers and make the training session more of a social event.
2. Secretary's Report – Joan Morgan passed out the minutes from last month's meeting to the new members present. The minutes are on the webpage for all Zoomers to read.
3. Treasurers Report – Carol Geyer reported that we started February with a balance of \$5685.39. We took in \$2092.00 and spent \$2479.02 brings our new total at the end of February to \$5298.37. Carol reported that besides the money for the newsletter and postage for the banquet and newsletter our main expenses dealt with the Hands Across the Harbor Run on January 29, 2011. We paid the expenses and took in some of the money from that race. Zoomers are owed another \$1,600 for the race after all the expenses and receipts are figured out. Since Zoomers does all the bookkeeping for the race there are a lot of responsibilities for the Treasurer.
4. Membership report – Teri Hart stated that we added 6 new singles and 1 new family to Zoomers. We have a total of 85 singles, 40 families (totaling 98 people) and 10 students for a new total of 193.
5. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer reported that Zoomers timed 2 races last

weekend the Harbour Heights 5K on Saturday and the Boca Grande 5K on Sunday. Both races had between 170 and 200 runners and were enjoyed by those who ran. Shelley LaPean a longtime Zoomer member and local runner won the grand prize at Boca Grande. Congratulations Shelley!

Bob reported that Zoomers has already timed 5 races in 2011 and is signed up to time an additional 19 this year. Bob stated that Zoomers isn't taking on anymore races this year and that he has turned down a number of potential races.

Bob reported that the timing clock is no longer functional. The clock is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. Members present voted for Bob to purchase a new 9 hour digital timing clock. None of the timing clocks are water proof. The new timing clock will have 4 inch numbers and will cost about \$1,000. \$150 for computer support items was also approved.

Bob reported that the Suncoast Baptist 5K which will be held on March 5th is a new race, will have a lot of new runners and walkers and profits are going to be used for the homeless ministries.

Check zoomersrun.com for future races and registration forms. The races will be listed below with the volunteers.

6. Volunteer Committee – Ed Morgan thanked everyone who has volunteered so far this year. He noted with 2 races last weekend we had a number of volunteers. Everyone was reminded that starting in 2011 that a single membership will be given to a volunteer in 4 races; a family membership will be given for volunteering for 6 races or more.

Races and volunteers set up. Remember we can use and will need more volunteers.

- Friend's Day 5K – Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan, Lou van der Veen and Dave Pierce. The race is Saturday, March 5th at Suncoast Baptist Church.
- Sr. Games Cycling – Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan and Karen & Earl Freeman. The bike 5K and 10K will be timed at St. Paul's Linear Park in South Gulf Cove starting at 9:00 AM on March 6, 2011.
- Senior Games 5K – Bob, Carol, Tee Callan and friend and Art and Marlie Anauo. The 5K will be at St. Paul's Linear Park in South Gulf Cove starting at 8:00 AM on March 13, 2011.
- Sharky's 8K – volunteers Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan, Lou, and Ken and Kathy Wilkes. Location of 5K is Sharky's Restaurant in Venice. Remember the 5K is followed by a complementary St. Patrick's Day breakfast and green refreshments. Race day is March 19, 2011.
- Harbor Run/Harbor Walk 5K will be held at Laishley Park in Punta Gorda on

March 26, 2011. Volunteers are Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan Kimmi van der Veen, Lou and Chris Heffner.

- Sharks Tooth 10K – will be held on April 9, 2011 at Venice Airport. Volunteers so far include Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan, Jane Harry, Dave Pierce and Don Fialka
- New Balance Girls on the Run 5K will be held on April 30, 2011 at Port Charlotte High School. We need more volunteers for this race. So far our volunteers are Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan, Susan Flores, Teri Hart, and M.C. Heffner doing the typing.
- Healthy Kids 5K will be held on April 30, 2011 sponsored by the YMCA. The 5K will be held at the Charlotte Sports Park. Jim Chappo is in charge. Timing will not be done by Zoomers because we have another race.
- Miles 4 Smiles on May 1, 2011 needs volunteers
- County Line on May 7, 2011 need volunteers
- Divas & Dudes at Payne Park in Sarasota will be held at 8:00AM on May 14, 2011. Volunteers so far are Jack Stone, Mary Harder, Kimmi, Lou. Bob, Carol, Ed and Joan
- Check Zoomers run.com for additional races scheduled. If you would like to volunteer call Ed Morgan at 423-5752 or email emjm67@yahoo.com
- Run Shoppe made a generous donation for volunteer awards for the 2010 Award Banquet.

7. Webpage Director – Lou van der Veen reported that all race results are on the Zoomers webpage. Please check for additional information and registration forms. The members present voted to have Lou investigate the possibility of paying dues on line through PayPal. Lou stated that many running clubs have payment on line as most people pay by credit card rather than a check. Lou said that the signature part can be done by computer, typing in your initials.

8. Race Series Committee Report – Kimmi van der Veen suggested Zoomers check the webpage for the rules for the 2011 Race Series. There will be 11 races in the 2011 Race Series. So far 2 have been completed. They were Lamarque 5K and Boca Grande 5K. Your best 7 of the 11 races in the Race Series will be counted and this year there is no minimum. The winners will be chosen by total points and there is not a minimal number that you must run to be eligible. You must be a paid up Zoomer member for the races to count for you.

Steven Ellis was introduced at the beginning of the meeting. He made a suggestion for the 2012 series about having an Ironman and Iron women category for those who ran every race. The winners would be chosen by total points. Several running clubs use this system and have a sponsor for the additional prizes.

Kimmi is going to speak to Fleet Feet about being the OFFICIAL SPONSOR for the 2011 Race Series. Zoomers are very excited about the possible partnership with Fleet Feet for the 2011 Race Series. Fleet Feet made a generous donation to awards for the 2010 Race Series. We are very appreciative of their donation.

9. Special Events Committee Report – Kimmi reported that the 2010 Race Series Award Banquet will be held at the Riverwood Gulf Club on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Currently 53 Zoomers and guests have made reservations for the banquet.
10. New Business:
 - Girls on the Run Coordinator – Teri Hart spoke of the program now in 7 schools in Charlotte County for girls in 3rd to 5th grades. The program is designed to develop good decision making skills in the girls. The girls are challenged to do a 5K at the end of the program. The 5K is to build body strength and better eating habits. Healthy behaviors, confidence building and making healthy choices are all part of this 10 week program which will be completed for this year with the Girls on the Run 5K run sponsored by New Balance. Susan Flores and Teri Hart are both coordinators for the Girls on the Run program.
 - Ed Morgan reported that the Southwest Florida College Justice Club is interested in volunteering for some Zoomers races to get some public recognition. The members present were in favor of looking into their offer to provide volunteers.
 - Maureen Winsor asked about high school students getting community hours for volunteering. Zoomers have signed community hour sheets before for volunteers and is in favor of helping students get the much needed hours. Students who volunteer will be encouraged to become Zoomer members for \$5 a year. Students who volunteer who are not Zoomer members will need a waiver from RRCA insurance. Bob Geyer will handle those details.
 - Lou van der Veen volunteered to develop a section on the webpage for runners to organize group runs. Kimmi said it is the question she is most asked. Runners who are interested in starting group runs should contact Kimmi.
11. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. All Zoomers or those interested in becoming a Zoomer are welcome.

Submitted by,

Joan Morgan, Secretary

