

## **ZOOMERS MEETING –MARCH 7, 2012**

Volunteers for future races:

- Girls on the Run 5K on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Kimmi & Lou, Bob, Ed & Joan – more volunteers are needed
  - County Line 5K on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Kimmi & Lou, Dug (bringing trailer), Ed & Joan – more volunteers are needed
1. Race Series Committee Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the Race Series points are all added up. The rules for the 2012 Race Series will be the same as last year. The races are on the webpage. The results from this year had to be looked at closely because there can't be a tie for the winner. All the results were carefully looked at to determine the winner.
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    - Zoomers Fundraising Races – at this point no plans are being made. Zoomers had planned to put on a fund raising 5K in October 2012. Zoomers is open to ideas from members.
    - Apparel – Melissa Ellison reported that East Bay is not willing to open new online stores at this time. Members gave Melissa the authority to check other possible apparel vendors for information, and possibly make a deal to be our apparel supplier.
    - **CHIP TIMING SYSTEM** – Bob Geyer presented the \$5,000 check to Zoomers from the loan obtained from RCAA for the Chip system. Bob has been studying the various systems for many months and presented his report to the officers at a meeting last Wednesday and the Zoomer members at the monthly meeting. Bob presented graphs and detailed information showing the total costs for the various systems. Many questions were asked and Bob explained the pros and cons of each system. The IPICO System was chosen by the members present. It will feature a reusable foot chip. The system will pay for itself over the course of a few years and the reusable chips can be used for years to come. It was decided that the smallest races will continue to pay a timing fee of \$300. Races with larger numbers will pay \$1.50 for every pre-registered and day of race runner. The timing fee of \$1.50 will apply to all pre-registered and day of race runners including no shows or those who don't complete the race. Those organizing a race will be required to pay on or before race day \$300 and any additional charges, due to the volume of runners, within a month of the event. Race directors will be required to have at least 6 or more volunteers present on

race day to distribute and collect the reusable chips. Most races are organized to help a very worthy cause; therefore, Zoomers has strived to provide professional timing services at the lowest cost possible. All other timing companies are charging far more than Zoomers. Race organizers must be willing to following the new directions that will be spelled out in the new Zoomer contract. Zoomers is hoping to have the new Chip system perfected by the end of 2012. Zoomers voted to spend an additional \$450 to have the Zoomers logo on the chips. Any runner who loses or destroys a chip will be required to pay a fee to replace the chip. The fee will be decided at the next meeting along with the fees for 10K races. The cost of the IPICO System will be \$5,995 which includes 150 shoe tags. It will cost an additional \$1,800 for 600 additional reusable chips. Sherry LaBree led the thanks to Bob for the months of research on the chip systems.

### 3. New Business:

- Scholarship submission – Zoomers received 2 applications for scholarships for 2012. Those present voted to give a \$500 scholarship to Ashlynn Straughan. Ashlynn has been a Zoomer member for years, has run in many 5K races, has volunteered at races and is going to attend the University of Central Florida to study Forensic Science. Ashlynn has been on the Cross Country and Track Teams at North Port High School since her Freshman year and has been awarded Coaches awards and MVP awards. She is extremely excited about running and intends to be on the track and/or cross country team in college. She loves running and intends to continue running in college and beyond.
- A \$250 scholarship was awarded to Kayla Straughan. Kayla has been an active member of Zoomers for years. She has run 5K races, has volunteered at races and was on the Cross Country and Track Team at North Port High School until this year. Kayla received the most improved runner award in 2008 and sportsmanship award in 2009 and 2010. Kayla is attending the State College of Florida and hopes to achieve an AA degree. Although currently not running she said that she plans on running some 5K races in the future and will use running to stay fit.
- Zoomers who are interested in being a Volunteer Coordinator and or Vice President of Zoomers needs to contact Kimmi ASAP. Those present thanked Ed Morgan for his years of service to Zoomers as he leaves the position of Vice President.
- Zoomers Summer Running Series will be held at Dallas White Park in North Port. The 5 week running program for youth will be held on Thursday evenings at 7 PM beginning on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The North Port Recreation Dept., YMCA, Jim Chappo and Zoomers volunteers will run this series. Cost per child for the 5 week series is \$5. Contact Ed and Joan Morgan at [emjim67@yahoo.com](mailto:emjim67@yahoo.com) for more details.
- Because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday the monthly meeting for July will be held on the second Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM.
- The next Zoomer meeting will be Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce meeting room. All Zoomer and potential Zoomers are welcome. Everyone wishing to have dinner ahead of the meeting is invited to come to Whiskey Creek Restaurant starting at about 5:30 PM. Whiskey Creek Restaurant was chosen because it is closest to the Charlotte Chamber office.

Submitted by Joan Morgan

Secretary