

ZOOMERS MEETING – MAY 4, 2011

Present: Teri Hart, Bob and Carol Geyer, Art and Marlie Anauo, Bill and Mary Bonetz, Chris, MC, Luke and Emily Heffner, Steven Ellis, Scott and Sherry LaBree, Kimmi and Lou van der Veen, Tee Callan and Melissa Ellison

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen welcomed everyone and was very pleased to see that every seat in the room was taken. Tee Callan and Melissa Ellison were welcomed to their first Zoomers meeting.
2. Secretary's report – Joan Morgan passed around copies of last month minutes.
3. Treasurer's report – Carol Geyer reported that we started the month of April with a balance of \$6601.93. Zoomers ended the month with a balance of \$6,361.38 spending \$225.58 on Race supplies. Some of the costs were for a new chute area that Bob made for Zoomers.
4. Membership Report –Teri Hart reported that we have 214 Zoomer members. Six renewals and a new family joined Zoomers during the month. Currently we have 93 single members, 46 families with a total of 108 members, and 13 students.
5. Race Director's Report – Zoomers were totally involved with the Girls on the Run and Miles for Smiles 5K last weekend and additional Zoomer members helped at the Healthy Kids 5K at the Charlotte Sports Park. Bob appreciated the help of Zoomer volunteers. Zoomers are involved with 2 races in the immediate future and then have a few weeks off before the Firecracker 5K on July 4th.
 - On May 7th the County Line 5K will start by the Englewood Beach pavilion at 7:30 AM.
 - Divas and Dudes will be held on Saturday, May, 14th at Payne Park in Sarasota beginning at 8:00 AM. The course for that race is different, involving a double loop.
 - Firecracker 5K will be held on Monday, July 4th starting at 7:30 AM. Start and finish for that race will be at the Bud and Wanda Korte Scout House on Greenwood Ave. which is part of the Dallas White Park.
 - Zoomers have a number of races planned for late summer and fall 2011.
6. Volunteer's Report – Ed Morgan thanked all the volunteers for their efforts with 3 races over the past weekend. He commented on the many hours that Bob and Carol put into working with Race directors to plan races and try to make sure they understand what needs to be done for a successful race.
 - Volunteers that helped during Sharks Tooth 10K on April 9th –Bob, Carol, Kimmi, Lou, Dave Pierce, Don Fialka, Melissa Ellison, Tee Callan, Mark Steuve , Jane Harry, Chris Heffner, Ed and Joan.
 - Volunteers that helped at April 30th Girls on the Run –Teri Hart, Sue Flores,Bob, Carol, M.C. Heffner, Sherry La Bree, Lou, Steve Vieira, Jay Harrison and Ed. Special thanks for Teri Hart and Sue Flores who run that program.
 - Volunteers that helped at April 30th Healthy Kids 5K – Jim Chappo, Bethany Haslem, Kimmi, Dave, Mike Hourihan, Don Fialka and Joan.
 - Volunteers that helped at May 1st Miles for Smiles – Art and Marlie Anauo, Bob, Carol, Dave, Bill and Mary Bonetz, Yuli Sprout, Ed and Joan.

- Volunteers for County Line 5K on May 7th are – M.C. Heffner, Teri Hart, Tee Callan, Melissa Ellison, Bob, Carol, Andrew Sanchez , Don Fialka, and Joan.
 - Volunteers for Divas and Dudes on May 14th are – Bob, Carol, Kimmi, Lou, Dave, Ed and Joan
 - Firecracker 5K – July 4th – volunteers Bob, Carol, Kimmi, Lou, Ed, and Joan—we could use more volunteers.
 - Volunteers will are needed for Run 4 A Reason on August 6th, Crab Crawl 5K on August 20th and MDA 5K on Sept. 3rd. Other races seem on the Zoomer webpage will also need volunteers as they get closer.
7. Webpage Director’s Report – Lou van der Veen reported that the Firecracker 5K was on the Webpage, but there was a problem in opening it which will be corrected. He reported that race results are up to date on the Webpage.
The Webpage has a new feature which is a Runners Forum - where you can post questions or answer questions. You can post runs or put information on for others. Runners are encouraged to check out this new feature.
8. Race Series Committee Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the Race Series information is up to date. She and Sherry would be meeting with Fleet Feet regarding our “Wish List” for the Racing Series. Please send and ideas to Kimmi or Sherry about what you would like to see Fleet Feet do for our Race Series.
The next race in the Race Series is May 7th – county Line 5K in Englewood.
9. Special Events Committee Report- Zoomers is looking for a volunteer to take over the special events committee. A picnic in June and another one in the fall was brought up as an idea. A canoe trip for June was suggested for June. Those present favored that idea. Final plans will be made at the June 1st meeting.
10. New Business –
- Zoomers merchandise was discussed. It is hard to sell merchandise at races. Runners don’t bring money to buy things and it gets too busy. Listing shirts that Zoomers currently have to sell on the Webpage was suggested. Getting prices for cool wicker shirts and putting them on the Webpage so Zoomer members could order them and pick them up at races was suggested.
 - Zoomers on the Road – a feature in the newsletter and on the Webpage telling the various accomplishments of Zoomers members is wanted. Zoomers are asked to contact Sherry LaBree or Lou about races and running events they have taken part in. Zoomers need to show off what they have done as we are all interested.
 - It was suggested that the newsletter lists those Zoomers who are getting free memberships because they have volunteered at races. We want to thank those who have volunteered and promote the habit of volunteering. If you become a volunteer you see how complicated running a race is and appreciate all the work that goes into successfully putting on a race.
 - For Zoomers who want to pay for multiple races at one time we decided that they could do that up to 5 years. The benefit would be that if we raised our rates they

would be grandfathered in at the old rate.

- Raising our rates for timing a race. Zoomers currently charge less than any other race timers. We work extremely hard and many don't realize, besides the work on race day, the number of hours that especially Bob puts in working with Race Directors, measuring courses, going to meetings, charging the batteries on the equipment, setting up the race course and reporting results. It was felt that larger races should pay more as the work is greater and more money is collected from entry fees. It was decided after some discussion that we would keep the \$250 charged currently for all 5K races with 250 runners or less. As of Jan. 2012 races over 250 we would charge an additional \$1 per person running. 10K races would be charged \$350 plus an additional \$2 per person over 250.
- Putting on a 10K race at Woodlands was discussed.
- Putting on a Summer Race Series for kids was discussed. Also setting up a spring running series for kids with Healthy Kids 5K, Girls on the run and another 5K race for the series with a special award for youth who do all 3 races.
- Since the meeting the Summer Race Series for kids has been set up starting at Dallas White Park in North Port. The youth runs will be held each Thursday in June (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th) for a cost of \$5 per child. Details will be on the Zoomers Webpage.

11. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. All Zoomer or potential Zoomer member are welcome.

Joan Morgan
Secretary