

ZOOMERS MEETING – MAY 2, 2012

Present – Sherry LaBree, Bob & Carol Geyer, Don Fialka, Dave Pierce, Tammie Karalfa, Yale Houghton, Nicci Ramirez, Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Tina Elkins, Dug & Marti Stetter, Melissa Ellison, Tee Callan, Ed & Joan Morgan, Bill & Mary Bonetz, Tina Ice, Dana Neal, Rich Golden, Sherri Lennon

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen opened the meeting by letting everyone talk about their dream race. Many of the races mentioned were out of this country and all of them would be challenging.
2. Outside Presentation – Don Fialka a seasoned Ultra-Marathoner spoke about the challenges and fun in running extreme races. He said runners place limits on themselves. The challenge of you against the elements can be fun is you mentally race for yourself. You can lose 18 oz. of fluid every hour so it is essential to hydrate. If you are running in the middle of the night you can totally lose your perspective of where you are and where you are going. Don recently did a 24 hour run and has another one planned for the near future.
3. Secretary's Report – check Zoomersrun.com for the minutes for the April 4th meeting. All past meetings and newsletters are on the webpage.
4. Treasurer's Report – Sherry LaBree stated Zoomers balance as of March 1st was \$8040.86. Receipts for the month include \$45 for membership, \$29.35 for SportsSignUp and \$1150 from Race Timing. Also we took in \$1145 from the banquet. Zoomers received the \$5000 loan from RRCA. Expenses for the month include \$64.95 for GoDaddy, \$152.60 for banquet trophies, \$1448.55 for Riverwood Gulf club for the banquet and \$124.23 for the banquet invitations. Zoomers paid \$7890.00 to IPICO for the Chip timing System. The total expenses for March were \$9697.50. The Zoomer balance at the end of March was \$5712.71. Dues can now be paid on line. Check Zoomersrun.com for details.
5. Membership & Marketing Report – Teri Hart reported that our total Zoomer membership is currently 247. We have 99 single, 53 families with a total of 136 members and 12 students. New memberships: Nicci Ramirez, Katie Johnson, Mandy Isemann, and Gary Ettinger. A new family membership for the Yale Houghton. Overall membership went up 7 during April.
6. Race Director's Report – Kimmi reported that the April races were successful. Upcoming races:
 - County Line 5K on Saturday, May 5th at Englewood Beach. The race starts at 7:30 AM. Kimmi reported that the road has been recently repaved and that should make the runners happy. Dug will be pulling the Zoomer trailer. Organized by YMCA of Englewood. The race will benefit breast cancer awareness. Registration starts at 6:30 AM. The County Line 5K is a Race

Series Race.

- Miles 4 Smiles 5K will take place on Saturday, May 12th starting at Charlotte High School. This is the 4th annual Miles for Smiles sponsored by the Charlotte High National Honor Society to provide money for lip and palate surgery. The race starts at 7:30 AM.
- Youth Fun Run Series sponsored by the Zoomers Running Club, North Port YMCA and the city of North Port. The 5 week running series will be held at Dallas White Park in North Port. Each week there will be a 1 mile run starting at 7:00 PM on Wednesday May 30th, June 6, 13, 20 and 27th. The cost is \$5 per child for the entire running series. A pool party will be provided after the final run on June 27th at the North Port YMCA pool.
- Firecracker 5K – will be held on Saturday, June 30. Registration will be held from 6:15 to 7:15 and the race starts at 7:30 AM. The Firecracker 5K is a Race Series Race. The 5K will be held at the Morgan Family Community Center at 6207 West Price in North Port. Runners 18 and under that register by June 22nd will only have to pay \$10 to run. Zoomers Running Club is happy to announce that the new IPICO Clip Timing System will be used along with our current timing system at the Firecracker 5K.
- Remember the Fallen will be held at the George Mullen Center on Saturday, September 15th. Remember the Fallen 5K is held to honor and support first responders in the armed services and who protect and serve our community and county on a daily basis.
- A new run is scheduled for Nov. 17th. More details as they are available
- Registration forms for all of the above races can be downloaded from Zoomersrun.com

7. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked all those who helped at the Shark Tooth 10 K and Girls on the Run 5K. He thanked Teri Hart for pulling the trailer. The Shark Tooth 10K had 766 runners and the Girls on the Run 5K had 377 runners so a lot of Zoomers helped during April.

Volunteers for future races:

- County Line 5K – Dug will bring the trailer. Race volunteers- Bob & Carol, Melissa, Dug, Lou, Dave, Ron Reid, Nicci, Dave and Ed & Joan
- Miles 4 Smiles – Dug, Dave, Don, Mary Bonetz, Ed & Joan, Susan Flores
- Zoomers Fun Run Series – Jim Chappo, Melissa, Tee, Ed & Joan
- Firecracker 5K –Bob, Carol, Dave, Nicci, Kimmi, Lou – more volunteers needed
- Remember the Fallen 5K – Kimmi, Lou, Ed, Joan –more volunteers needed
- Volunteers are needed and welcome contact – Ed Morgan at

emjm67@yahoo.com or call 423-5752.

8. Webpage Director's Report – Lou van der Veen reported that the webpage is up to date with race forms through September. Consult Lou about any webpage needs.
9. Race Series Committee- Kimmi van der Veen reported that the 2012 Race Series Report on the computer doesn't include Shark's Tooth 10K. The Shark's Tooth 10K had close to 800 runners and it will take a little time to get the results posted. Kimmi asked anyone who feels there is a mistake with the posted Race Series Result please contact her to fix them.
10. Special Events Committee- Melissa Ellison is ready to organize another Zoomers canoe trip. The canoe trip will most likely be on a Saturday or Sunday in August starting at 9:00 AM.
11. Old Business:
 - Zoomers Fundraising Race – Kimmi spoke about Zoomers commitment to help other causes and many worthy causes. This year we gave out 2 scholarships. Zoomers is seeing more and more young kids enjoying running and is realizing we will be want to hand out more scholarships as time goes on. Our Zoomers scholarship race will be designed to provide funds for future scholarships. A committee was formed to work on a scholarship race for the end of next October. Melissa, Tina Elkins, Dug, Marti, Bob, Ed, Joan, Sherri Lennon, Kimmi, and Lou volunteered for that committee. Possible race locations will be explored before the next meeting.
 - Apparel – Melissa have explored possible apparel to be sold on the webpage without any success. Zoomers discussed selling it at races.
 - Chip Timing system – Bob Geyer had put in a number of weeks perfecting his knowledge about the IPICO Timing System. He feels it is ready for a trial race. The trial race has been set up for Saturday, June 2nd at 8:00 AM. Marti and Dug have kindly offered to host the trial run at their home. If you want to attend the trial run please email Joan at emjm67@yahoo.com for the directions.
 - Vice President – The bi-laws allow for Co-Vice Presidents and Zoomer elected Dug Stetter and Tina Elkins as Co-Vice Presidents. Congratulations to both, and we look forward to a promising future for Zoomers.
12. New Business:
 - Yale Houghton volunteered to help pull the Zoomer trailer to races. Dug Stutter has been doing most of the trailer pulling in 2012. Dug might have a new trailer storage location. Yale and Dug will work together

to take care of the needs to pull the Zoomer trailer. Zoomers are very grateful to both men.

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6 at the Charlotte chamber of Commerce meeting room. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcome. Anyone wishing to have dinner ahead of the meeting is invited to come to Whiskey Creek Restaurant starting at 5:30 PM. Whiskey Creek Restaurant was chosen because it is the closest to the Charlotte Chamber Office.

Joan Morgan

Secretary