

ZOOMERS MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Present – Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Sherry LaBree, Yale Houghton, Bob Geyer, Tina Elkins, Dave Pierce, Don Fialka, Marti & Dug Stetter, Ed & Roxanne Gillen, Tee Callan, Stephanie Powers, Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President and Birthday Girl (Nov. 8th) – Brownies were served with a lively rendition of Happy Birthday for Kimmi's birthday and Kimmi and Lou's 4th Anniversary. Kimmi opened the meeting asking everyone their favorite moment at the Howl at the Moon. The answers varied, but many spoke of the costumes some runners were dressed in and other were very impressive with the picnic that followed. Kimmi wants to organize a follow up meeting to get a heads up on organizing next year's event. Stephanie Powers was a 1st time visitor to the Zoomer meeting. She said that she wanted to be an active member and was interested in working on the Newsletter. Stephanie already signed up to volunteer at several upcoming races and we certainly appreciate her help.
2. Secretary's Report – Copies of the minutes from October are on the webpage. Copies were also handed out for anyone who wanted them.
3. Treasurer's Report – Sherry LaBree reported for the month of September that Zoomers started with a balance of \$6928.40. During the month we spent money for stamps. We have some payments and from Bocca Lupo but won't have the complete balance from the event for a month or so. Our balance as of September 30th is \$7493.40.
4. Membership report – Teri couldn't make the meeting. New report next month.
5. Race Director's Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported on the upcoming races.
 - Saturday, November 10, 2012 – Bob and Carol have attended all Free to Breathe meetings and report that we have over 700 IPICO chips ready for this huge event. There will be a 5K run, 5K walk and 1 mile survivors walk. Free to Breathe will be held at the Charlotte Sports Park. Race / Walk starting at 8:00 AM. Packet pickup will be held at Don Gasgarth's Charlotte County Ford on 11/8 from 4-7 PM.
 - Saturday, November 17th – 1st Annual Tippecanoe Trail Run at Tippecanoe Environmental Park in the back of the Charlotte Sports Park. The 10K & 5K will start at 8:00 AM. A 1 mile Adult walk and Kids Fun will start at 9:00 A.M.
 - Thursday, November 22nd is the annual Turkey Trot at Edison State College. The race starts at 7:30 AM. There will also be the annual costume contest.
 - Saturday, December 8th – Take Stock 5K Walk/Run - Strides for Education will be held at the Charlotte Sports Park. 5k will begin at 8:00 AM. Registration form is on zoomersrun.com.
 - Saturday, December 15th will be the 3rd annual Frosty 5K at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota. The 5K race will start at 8:00 AM. The 5K will be limited to 800 participants. Zoomers won't be timing this event, but will be helping with water distribution and road set up.

- The 2013 race calendar is already filling up. Check zoomersrun.com for all race registration forms.
 - Zoomers is helping with a water station for the Suncoast Half Marathon on January 27, 2013. We can dress up the water station to advertise the Zoomers Running Club. We need 6 to 8 people.
6. Volunteers Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked all those who helped at the Howl at the Moon and Run For A Reason races. A new volunteer job chart had been devised to help coordinate volunteers needed for Zoomer races. It is hoped that volunteers will be able to better understand what they are volunteering for and what time they will need to be there for the various races. Contact Ed Morgan at emjm67@yahoo.com to volunteer.
- Volunteers for upcoming races:
- Free 2 Breathe volunteers – Bob, Carol, Dave, Tina, Dug, Ron E., Yale, Tarin, Tess M., Ed, Joan, Ed G., Wanda, Ken Cormier, Bill Harrington and Stephanie Powers
 - Tippecanoe 5 & 10K volunteers – Holly Selders, Bob, Carol, Ed, Joan, Lou, Dave, Ed G., Roxanne, Bill H., and Don F.
 - Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving morning - Mary Bonetz, Bob, Carol, Lou, Tina, Ron, Ed G., Tee, Wanda, Sherry, Dug, Stephanie, Ed, Joan, Dave, and Kathy V.
 - Take Stock 5K Walk/Run volunteers – Bob, Carol, Tina, Dug, Yale
 - Frosty 5K volunteers – Dug, Ed, Joan
 - More volunteers are needed for the Frosty 5K and we will need 6 to 8 volunteers to help with a water station for the Suncoast Half Marathon. Contact Ed Morgan by email or phone if you wish to volunteer to help at a race.
7. Webpage Director's Report – Lou van der Veen started that he is going to try to get the race results up within 12 hours of the run/walk. The webpage is up to date and received complements. It was stated it would be nice to put pictures up on the Webpage, but it might be easier to just put them on Facebook.
8. Race Series Committee – Kimmi van der Veen – the Race Series results doesn't include Howl at the Moon. Kimmi hopes to get those results up shortly.
9. Special Events Committee Reports-
- Christmas Party will be held at the Harbor Heights Civic Center starting at 7 PM on Saturday, December 15th. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcome. The Civic Center will be decorated for Christmas, we will have a DJ and the club will provide turkey and ham. Everyone coming is asked to bring a dish to share. Our very popular traditional \$10 White Elephant exchange will take place. Everyone wishing to participate needs to bring a wrapped, unlabelled gift and enjoy the fun. Contact Melissa or Tee for additional information. Tee will call and flyers will be sent about the Christmas Party. It will be BYOB.
 - Annual Race Series Banquet – the banquet will be a Sunday brunch on March 3, 2013. The date and time was chosen after checking the 2013 race schedule for Zoomers and other well liked races.

- Apparel – the new Zoomers apparel is here. The cost for the new shirts is \$12 or 2 for \$20. You can purchase a tee shirt at any of the races or order one to be brought to the next Zoomer race. The purchase of more apparel was talked about but those present preferred to reduce our present inventory or put together a small order for those who desire tech or purple shirts.

10. New Business-

- Dug conducted the official vote for the 2013 Board of Directors for the Zoomer Running Club. Congratulations to our new Board of Directors:
President – Tina Elkins
Vice President – Dug Stetter
Secretary – Ed Gillen
Treasurer – Sherry LaBree
Race Directors – Kimmi van der Veen & Bob Geyer
Membership & Marketing Director – Marti Stetter
Webpage Director – Lou van der Veen
- Zoomers decided to take on the responsibility of a water station for the Suncoast Half Marathon. The water station can be decorated to promote Zoomers. Contact Kimmi if you are interested in helping.
- Newsletter – Stephanie Powers volunteered to take over the Zoomer newsletter. It was decided that we might ask Zoomers if they wish to have a paper copy sent to their address. Many Zoomers wish to go green and prefer to read it on the internet. It was suggested that the 1st issue have a brief bio of the newly elected Board of Directors.
- The next Zoomers meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce office. The location of the pre-meeting dinner will be announced during the month as it might change locations. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Submitted:

Joan Morgan- Secretary