

ZOOMERS MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2012

Present- Kimmi van der Veen, Yale Houghton, Tina Elkins, Dave Pierce, Bob & Carol Geyer, Marti & Dug Stetter, Ed & Roxanne Gillen, Sherry & Scott LaBree, Teri Hart, Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President Kimmi van der Veen called the Zoomers meeting to order. The meeting was held at Bocca Lupo the major sponsor of the Zoomer 5K race on October 20th.
Kimmi asked all those present what they eat for their pre-race go-to meals. Peanut butter on a bagel or toast seems to be the favorite of most of the runners. At the meeting we also learned that Ed & Roxanne Gillen's wedding was a 5K race. The wedding guests ran the 5K with them, and the invitation was a waiver to be in the race. This is a great idea for runners planning their unique future weddings.
2. Secretary's Report – a copy of the minutes from the last meeting are on the Zoomersrun.com webpage.
3. Treasurer's Report - for August 2012 was given by Sherry LaBree. Zoomers started off with a balance of \$6200.01 and ended the month with a balance of \$6928.40. Our balance is actually less then reported as we have the deposits from the canoe trip, but the check to the canoe company has not been cashed at this point yet. The final scholarship check for 2012 has been made out to Kyla Straughan and during the month money was paid for postage of the newsletter.
4. Membership and Marketing Report – Teri Hart's report indicated that we had 1 Zoomer renewal by Astrid Gilbert. Zoomers currently have 260 members which include 105 single memberships, 13 students and 54 families (with a total of 142 people). Teri Hart reported to the meeting that she is seeking a replacement as Membership and Marketing Director sighting many outside obligations. Any Zoomer wanting to fill this positions is asked to contact Teri or some other Zoomer officer and for more information.
5. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer gave an update on future Zoomer runs. Bob reported that the IPICO system worked well during the past several races. The IPICO system worked perfectly during the Gasparilla 4 mile race and race results were available within moments of the last runner/walker crossing the finish line. Zoomers will be very busy during the month of November with a race scheduled every week during the month. Bob reported that the IPICO system is ready for the Howl at the Moon 5K.
6. Howl at the Moon - Kimmi van der Veen, Dug Stetter and Tina Elkins filled members in on Zoomers upcoming race Howl at the Moon on Saturday, October 20th. Currently we have 106 registered for the race and that doesn't include a number of Zoomers and employees at Bocca Lupo Restaurant that will be involved with the race. The October meeting was held at the Bocca Lupo Restaurant in Port Charlotte. Zoomers is very

grateful for all the help and assistance being given by Bocca Lupo Restaurant for the Zoomers 5K. Runners who register at the restaurant for the race will receive a free personal pizza. Many Zoomers attending the meeting enjoyed their free personal pizza. Some of the Bocca Lupo employees will be dressing up as Zombies during the race on October 20th. Tina Elkins' son Zach has done a fantastic job dressing up as a Zombie during the past several Zoomers races to advertise Howl at the Moon. Finisher metals will be given to all runners / walkers that complete the Howl at the Moon 5K. Tee shirts will be available to the first 150 that register for the race. Special Zoomer goody bags will be given to those who register for the race. Tina reported that goody bags will be filled at her home on October 19th. Any Zoomer wanting to help fill the goody bags needs to contact Tina for more information.

Volunteers and additional runners are still needed for this special Zoomer event. Two to four volunteers to help park vehicles are being sought. Zoomers wants to make this event enjoyable from for the runners from the parking attendants, special treats in the goody bags, Zombies to delight but not touch or scare runners during the event, and having finishers medals as well as the regulate race awards. More sponsors are needed! Time is running out for business names to be on the tee shirts so please contact a Zoomer officer ASAP if you wish to be a sponsor.

7. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked Marti and Dug Stetter for hosting a surprise birthday party for him after the Gasparilla 4 mile run. The Stetter's home was the location for a wonderful breakfast party for Zoomer members after the 4 mile run. Ed thanked all the volunteers that helped in September at the Remember the Fallen and Gasparilla races. Volunteers for future races include:

- Howl at the Moon 5K on October 20th at the Ann Dever Park on San Casa Rd. in Englewood – Bob & Carol Geyer, Tina Elkins, Dug & Marti Stetter, Sherri Kemp, Tina Ice, Stacie Sparks, Yale Houghton, Ed & Joan , Sherry and Scott LaBree
- Run for a Reason – at First Alliance Church in Port Charlotte – Bob & Carol, Tina Elkins, Dave Pierce and Ed & Joan
- Free to Breathe on November 10th at the Charlotte Sports Park – Bob & Carol, Dave Pierce, Tina & Ron Elkins, Yale & Tarin Houghton, Ed & Joan
- Tippecanoe 5 & 10K on November 17th – Bob & Carol, Holly Selders, Lou van der Veen, Dave, Pierce, Ed & Roxanne Gillen, Ed & Joan
- Turkey Trot on November 22nd at Edison State College – Bob & Carol, Lou, Dave, Ed. G., Tina & Ron E., Ed & Joan
- Take Stock in Children on December 8th – Bob & Carol, Tina E., Yale & Tarin, Ed & Joan
- Any Zoomer who would like to volunteer for any of the above races contact Ed Morgan

8. Webpage Director's Report – the webpage is up to date and the race series information is up to date.

9. Race Series Committee Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the Race Series information is up to date. Zoomers will be helping at but not timing the Frosty 5K so it won't be a race series event.

10. Special Events Committee Reports:

- Picnic –A Zoomers Running Club Picnic will be at the pavilion area at the Ann Dever Park on San Casa following the Howl at the Moon 5K. The cost of the picnic will be \$5 per person to cover the cost of the food. Those wishing to swim at the county pool located near the park need to pay the county fee of \$2.50 plus tax. It was felt that a picnic after the Zoomers race would be a perfect time to relax and have fun. The picnic will immediately follow the awards ceremony and close of the Howl at the Moon 5K and last until 2 PM.
- Holiday Party – December 15th will be the date for our annual Christmas Party. The location hasn't been decided yet. Our traditional fun gift exchange (\$10) will be again a highlight for the event.

11. Old Business:

- Apparel is here! Sherry reported that some of the shirts came in white instead of the purple that was ordered. We will get more information about the apparel shortly. Apparel will be available for sale in the near future.
- Newsletter – Zoomers is still seeking members willing to work on a newsletter to be put on the webpage. The idea of continuing to mail the newsletter out is still be discussed. A number of members still like a hand copy which they can download from the computer.

12. New Business:

- Ed Morgan reported that some runners are having problems with the entry cost of some races. Going to all the races gets rather expensive. Zoomers does not control the fee that race organizers charge for the different races. The organization putting the race together decides the registration fees. Zoomers charges \$300 for smaller races to be timed and \$1.50 per person for races above 200. The club is currently paying for the IPICO timing system. The organization that sponsors the race decided the registration fee, number of tee shirts ordered, discounts for running club members, quality of awards and food served. If runners wish to complain please send it to the race organizer as they make the decisions.
- Officers for the 2013:
Nominated as officers for 2013 are:
President – Tina Elkins

Vice President – Dug Stetter

Secretary – Ed Gillen

Treasurer – Sherry LaBree

Voting for Zoomers officers will occur at the November meeting

The next Zoomers meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce office. The pre-meeting dinner at Whiskey Creek will start at 5:30 PM. Whiskey Creek Restaurant is the closest restaurant to our meeting location. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcomed.

Submitted:

Joan Morgan - Secretary