

## ZOOMERS MEETING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Present – Bob & Carol Geyer, Jack La Plante, Art & Marlie Anauo, Don Fialka, Steve Ellis, Tee Callan, Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Teri Hart, and Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Art and Marlie Anauo were welcomed back from their absence during the summer months.
2. Secretary – report was on the webpage for anyone to read. The minutes will no longer be in the bimonthly newsletter so please go to the webpage to view the minutes. The newsletter will contain highlights and other pertinent Zoomer news.
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Geyer reported that we started the month with a balance of \$7119.97. We took in \$833.50 and spent \$761.22 giving us a balance of \$7192.25. The expenses this month were for the newsletter printing and postage, trailer storage and race supplies. The canoe trip was mostly paid for by those Zoomers who participated.
4. Membership – Teri Hart reported a new PR for Zoomers with a total membership of 258. We have 104 single memberships, 14 students and 54 families with a total of 140 members. Welcome to new or renewed membership to Ron Davis, Traci Busch, Julie Bookout, Matt Stevens and the family of Doug and Marti Stetter. Zoomers welcome all new and renewed members. All students need to be a member for at least 2 years to apply at the end of their senior year for a scholarship.
5. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer reported on upcoming races.
  - Remember the Fallen 5K on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> will be a new race organized by the Police, Fire Dept., and Military in provide some needed funds for the families of victims . The race will begin and end in the North Port City Hall complex. In honor of 9/11 a portion of one of the Twin Towers will be on display along with tributes to victims of the national tragedy. There will be post race activities to remember the victims. Registration will open at 6:00 AM for this 7:30 AM race.
  - Gasparilla 4 Mile race will be held on Boca Grande on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The 4 mile race will replace the 5K and 10K of past years. Also please note the race is being held on Saturday this year and the cost for the bridge toll is \$5. Also remember not to speed along the way as they have Police out with ticket books during the early morning hours. The Gasparilla 4 Miler will begin at 7:30 AM.
  - Free to Breathe 5K on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Charlotte Sports Park. The race will begin at 8:00 AM.
  - Pumpkin Y 5K – we will have more information on that race next month.
  - Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day - November, 24, 2011. It will be held at Edison College in Punta Gorda but will have new race directors. The race will start at 7:30 AM.
  - Frosty 5K will be a certified course. The race will be held on December 12, 2011. The

registration form is already on the Zoomers webpage. Zoomers' members can register for the \$20 fee until Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. The fee goes up for non Zoomers runners in Sept.

6. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked all those who volunteered at Run 4 a Reason, Crab Crawl and the MDA. We were very grateful to our newest volunteer Marissa McDonough. The following have volunteered for upcoming races:
- Remember the Fallen 5K – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – volunteers – Tee Callan, Melissa Ellison, Lou van der Veen, Dave Pierce, Art & Marlie Anauo, Bob & Carol Geyer, Marissa McDonough
  - Gasparilla 4 Miler – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – volunteers – Bob and Carol, Susan Flores, Mary Harder, Mark Stueve and Joan
  - Free 2 Breathe – November 12<sup>th</sup> – volunteers – Kimmi & Lou, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan, Tee and Dave
  - Pumpkin Y – 5K – November 19<sup>th</sup> – volunteers – Kimmi & Lou, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan
  - Turkey Trot – November 24<sup>th</sup> – volunteers – Bob & Carol, Kimmi & Lou, Jack LaPlante, Ed & Joan
  - Frosty 5K – December 17<sup>th</sup> – volunteers – Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan
  - We can always use more volunteers – we would appreciate some of the membership volunteering so some of the regular volunteers can get a chance to also run a few races.

Zoomers are being awarded with free membership this year if they volunteered at 4 or more games. They are being rewarded with a family membership if the volunteered at 6 races or more. The following Zoomers are being awarded membership for their outstanding volunteer service:

- Art & Marlie Anauo
  - Tee Callan
  - Melissa Ellison
  - Teri Hart
  - M.C. Heffner
  - Sherry LaBree
  - Dave Pierce
  - Ed & Joan Morgan
  - Kimmi & Lou van der Veen
  - Steve Veira
  - Bob & Carol have paid up membership for life for their thousands of volunteer hours
  - A number of Zoomers are close to getting a year's membership come volunteer at one of the remaining races for 2011.
7. Webpage Director – Lou van der Veen reported that the webpage is up to date. All registration forms are on the computer. Please check Zoomersrun.com for registration forms or other Zoomer needs.
8. Race Series – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the Race Series is completed up to the MDA 5K race. The MDA 5K points will be updated soon. Check Zoomersrun.com for Race Series results. Kimmi and Sherry will be contacting Fleet Feet to check on Race Series awards. Gasparilla, Free to Breathe and the Frosty 5K will all be in the Race Series.

9. Special Events Committee- Melissa and Tee have done a fantastic job organizing the upcoming picnic for Zoomers, their families and guests on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 4 at Harbor Heights. Zoomers have rented the pavilion area. Zoomer's member voted to have the picnic catered. There will be 2 kinds of meat, 2 sides and bread for \$5 per Zoomer member. All non Zoomers will be charge \$8 each for all age groups. Charlotte Regional is providing the plates. Those coming are asked to bring a desert share and your own beverages. A flyer will be sent by mail to all Zoomers about the picnic. Come join the fun! The picnic is privileged to have live music by our very own Art and Marlie Anau. Music will be a first for a Zoomers picnic. There will be 3 legged races and other games to entertain everyone who comes.
10. Old Business –
- Mission Statement – A committee was formed and came up with the following “The Mission of Zoomers is to promote health and inspire fellowship by providing quality events for our community.”
  - Vision statements are being worked on.
  - Apparel – Melissa and Tee are working through the details to get apparel on line so all can order Zoomers apparel. Catalogs will be printed with the available articles for sale. The members present were very excited about apparel finishing being on line to purchase. Information will be on the webpage as soon as it is available.
  - Kimmi is working on a working calendar for next year's races. It was decided that all new races will have to be booked and approved at least 6 months before the event is to happen
11. Next Zoomers meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Port Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. All Zoomers or potential Zoomers are welcome.