

ZOOMERS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RUNNING & TRIATHLON CLUB
June 7, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ed/Roxanne Gillen, Lori/Pat Vasquez, Jack LaPlante, Gail Marinari, Judy Goike, John Libonati and Joan/Ed Morgan

Ed opened meeting welcoming guests in attendance.

PRESIDENT: ED GILLEN

Ed thanked all who volunteered at the Memorial Day run, happy to see 15 volunteers wearing the purple Zoomers shirts. Ed requested that Zoomers hold a July meeting and cancel August meeting. Pat will chair September 6th board meeting. Ed was interviewed by the North Port Sun about Zoomers.

SECRETARY REPORT: GAIL MARINARI RAU

Board members reviewed and approved May 2017 minutes. Gail reported June newsletter was late due to work overload. July newsletter deadline is June 20th. Lori brought up a suggestion to form a committee to interview athletes and spotlight them each month in newsletter. Ed will send out a President's message asking for volunteers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PATTI WARGO (Absent)

Ed read and submitted the May 31, 2017 Treasurer Report for review. Beginning balance of \$23,847.76, ending balance of \$23,584.19.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING DIRECTOR REPORT: LORI VASQUEZ

May 2017 Membership report submitted and placed in minutes. Zoomers membership +21 for May making Zoomers total members at 422. Lori asked for all board members to help remind members to renew their Zoomers membership. 266 memberships are due to expire the end of June. Lori asked that all board members promote sponsors and welcome new sponsors. Peace River Distributing would like to be a sponsor for offering raffles prizes or beer to an event. Lori suggested that members that refer business sponsors/members to Zoomers be given a point in the series. Roxanne would like to purchase giveaway items (sunglasses, bag clip etc.) to have on hand when the Zoomers tent is at events. Roxanne will get back to the board with pricing and suggestions on items.

VICE PRESIDENT: PAT VASQUEZ

Ed and board praised Pat for the write up our Zoomers scholarship recipient Darielle Costa!

RACE COORDINATOR: ED GILLEN

Ed read into minutes report by Jessica Oldfather, race director for Trick or Trot. Packet pick up will be at Real Bikes Englewood. She is looking for new giveaway ideas to replace pint glasses from last year's race.

4th annual Turkey raffle run on Sunday Nov. 19th. Ed looking for committee to run event. Lori volunteered to help form a committee.

Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving (11/24/17). Zoomers has been involved with race for many years and believes they will invite us back to assist with timing and marking course. Pat stepped up to help form committee if Zoomers is invited.

WEB DIRECTOR'S REPORT: JOHN LIBONATI

John reported Mailchimp email account is being used to seek sponsors for Trick or Trot. June newsletter has been added to website. Zoomers president's email has been added to the website as 'Contact' address. John suggested instead of using gmail he create @zoomersrun.com for more professional appearance. He would like to display a sponsor banner on web pages to give sponsors more exposure. Please inform John if anyone sees something on the website that isn't correct or up and running correctly. Ed suggested a drop down under events for the Trick or Trot race.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RACE SERIES (ADULT) COMMITTEE REPORT: PAT VASQUEZ

Pat reported 2017 Race Series has no issues and is moving along.

RACE SERIES (KIDS): DUG/MARTI STETTER (Absent)

Ed read report from Dug Stetter into minutes. Last run for the Kids Race Series ends with the Firecracker 5k. There will be a bowling/award party on July 15th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Youth Summer Fun Runs will start June 8 and run every Thursday at the Morgan Center at 6:30 pm (registration at 6). First 50 kids will get a shirt (48 kids signed up to date.) Rain or shine. There is a 'plan B' to have games played on gymnasium court in the event of rain.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: ROXANNE GILLEN

Roxanne reports 8 tickets sold to date for the Zoomers Stone Crab baseball game July 18, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat reported finalizing the planning stages with Heather on the Venice Splash and Dash. Pat reported the 1st choice for the Tri kits won the vote by Tri members, currently there are 4 sponsors. Tri kits will cost the member about \$132. We have about 25 members interested in the purchasing the Tri kit. Kits will be ordered within a few weeks for those who pay up front. Cannot get purple singlets talked about going with white singlets again with purple logo.

NEW BUSINESS

Question was raised about setting up a PayPal account. Pat made motion to place a bulk order of Zoomers visors (seconded by John), motion was passed. Ed Morgan thanked everyone who helped out at the Holly Fisher memorial race. Ed thanked Ed Morgan for asking Zoomers to participate.

Ed suggested creating a trail run series since we have members who enjoy trail running. Pat suggested adding trail races into the race series instead.

Pat suggested having a class on how to use and program your Garmin and charge \$5 per person. Pat is aiming to have this ready to offer at the July 5th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm. Next meeting: July 5, 2017