

Zoomer's Southwest Florida Running & Triathlon Club

Minutes from the Meeting June 1, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Ed Gillen, Don Fialka, Dave Pierce, Stephanie Jimenez, Jack LaPlante, Sherry LaBree, and Pat Vasquez.

Guests: None

Quorum was present.

President's Report - Ed Gillen:

- Newsletter will be coming out tonight.
- Proud to help at the Memorial Day race. Congrats to Sherry LaBree on winning! 18 Zoomer members on the course volunteering.

Secretary's Report - Stephanie Powers:

- May Minutes have been emailed.
- No revisions.
- May minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report - Sherry LaBree:

- Opening balance \$22,671.46. Receipts \$1,419.24. Expenses \$577.04. Closing Balance \$23,513.66.
- Treasury report will be filed.

Membership & Marketing Director's Report - Marti Stetter:

- Marti was not present but emailed her report which Ed read to the group.
- Total w/families: 320
- New members: 21
- Renewals: 33
- Total Single: 84
- Total Family: 71, with family members 185
- Total Businesses: 14, with families 39
- Total Students: 12
- June Totals: 320, up 7 members
- Membership Report will be placed in the minutes.

Vice President's Report - Pat Vasquez:

- Nothing to report.

Race Coordinator's Report - Ed Gillen:

- Trick or Trot Update – 75 people registered which is not as high as last year but is still good. Still working on sponsors. The newsletter will contain a sponsorship form for Trick or Trot. Roy Borrego and his Foundation donated \$500 to help Zoomers Trick or Trot.

Webpage Director's Report - Vacant:

- Tracy Hussey and John state that the new website is 80% done. Don stated that he thought Tracy was going to be here to show us. Ed will send out the link so we can all see what is there so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Race Series Adult Committee Report - Tina Elkins:

- Update on Race Series through May: Tina was not present but she provided Ed with a report and he read that on her behalf – no issues at this time. 65 people are participating. Her notes indicated we are adding the Remember the Fallen 10K to the series. Ed will follow up with the Race Director so they know this is a part of our race series.
- Update on new Tri Series (Tina, Pat): Running smoothly so far. Small group so far, hoping it will grow.

Race Series Kids Committee Report - Dug/Marti:

- Not present, nothing to report.

Special Event Committee Report - Tina Elkins:

- Kayak/paddle board trip was cancelled. The August 20th Stone Crab event is going to be included in the newsletter and will go out on the Facebook page.

Unfinished Business:

- Youth Fun Run Series starts 6/9 update. Joan and Ed Morgan will be there. Ed will plan on being there. Dug and Marti did not mention a dire need for volunteers but Ed will bring the cones and Zoomers flags.
- Zoomers tent purchase – Dug sent out the design – it is purple with white lettering. Ed is assuming he purchased it because everyone approved of it via email. We hope to have it soon. Pat would like it for the 18th and 19th for the Heartland Triathlon. Sherry reported she has not yet received an invoice from him. Ed will look into it.
- USATF Membership (Pat) – Ed reported that he is working on a budget. Something basic that we can look at to see when we want to spend money we can know if we can afford it. Ed requested Sherry send him January through March of 2016 treasury reports so he can continue working on that. Pat reported he called Karen Hayes. She called back to say she was busy and would call back but she never did. Has not had contact yet. She said she is a USAT Official and did say she was not sure she could help. Pat also found out to become a USAT club only costs \$50. Then to get the insurance is the big money, per member. Ed may see her on Thursday and can mention it to her. Pat is looking for a contact person to discuss this with. Don reported Steve from Sarasota would be a good person but could not remember his last name. Ed reminded us that the purpose of this is to get group bike rides and swims covered by insurance since we are trying to grow the Triathlon aspect of Zoomers but we don't want to lose the tax benefit of being a 501(c).
- Spin Class with Roy Borrego Update (Pat) – Pat reported that Roy has been busy but will be getting together this week or next to get a date.
- Tarpon Masters Swim update (Pat) – Pat reported he has not gotten too far. He is trying to talk Kerri into being a sponsor but she is focused on kid swim right now. They are down to 4 lanes in the morning for everyone including the non-Tarpons. Next two months are very busy with the kids swimming so probably won't focus on that right now.
- Zoomers Visors (Tina) – Ed reported for Tina that she will check with Head Sweats and report back next month. She posted on Facebook and there are 9 people interest but we need a minimum of 36. The cost of the visors has gone up fifty cents, they are now

\$12.97. The visor with the adjustable strap is available and is the same price, but not sure if they would split the order. Ed will ask Tina to follow up on that.

New Business:

- Zoomers Pub Runs – Foot Landing is taking the summer off from Pub Run. We are not trying to replace Foot Landing but are trying to meet the demands of the crowd. Pat stated that he has had three people express interest. Dan offered up his business as a meeting spot. He is a dentist and his office has some shade in the lot. He is good friends with the owner of Gatorz. Ed stated his only concern is for Sherri not to think we are trying to take over. Pat reported that it would not be as formal as Foot Landing. Sherry stated that the pub runs are a lot of work, there is a lot of cancellations because of the weather, and the lines of communication need to be open with the restaurant owners so they don't double book themselves. Pat reported that we could change it up and maybe we don't do it every week, maybe we move it to different locations. Sherry reported the other problem was that the restaurants don't always accommodate the large group. Don reported that Sally had similar problems in Flounders with her runs. Sherry suggested trying to do something without linking up with a restaurant so we don't have that problem. We could charge \$2 and have a cooler of beer popsicles. Ed suggested we just try one. Meet at 6:15PM at Gilchrist Park. Ed can bring a cooler of water and beer. We will call it a Zoomers Fun Run. Ed will reach out to her just in case. Ed will send something out to get the ball rolling.
- Zoomers Boat Race – was approached by a Zoomers member who reported they did a Dragon Boat race last year and it was a lot of fun and wanted to know if Zoomers was interested. Boat race is October 29th \$765.00 before 8/15 or \$815 after – you need 20 team members and 4 alternates. Team members need to come to practice and to the race. Proposal was for Zoomers to pay for half and the team members to pay for the other half. Pat stated that it should be easy to get 20 people from our 300 members. Pat stated that might be another way to get a group of people who would not normally come. Ed reported there might be a new race that day in Port Charlotte that might conflict with the boat race. Pat made a motion to move forward with the boat race and pay half. Sherry seconded it. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- Shoe collection for Alternative Academy – process for shoe drop off. Ed reported that we had previously discussed this but never set up a plan. Tina is going to be working with her to set this up. A drop box at Trick or Trot is fine. Jack indicated you could just bring a tote to our events with a sign and collect shoes wherever we go. Jack reported they need more than just sneakers. They are school aged kids. Tina has been in contact with her but Ed will reach out to Tammy and get more details.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 PM. Next Meeting July 1, 2016 @ 6:30 PM, dinner at TBD.