

ZOOMERS MEETING – April 4, 2012

Present – Tina Elkins, Don Fialka, Bob & Carol Geyer, Teri Hart, Scott & Sherry LaBree, Jack LaPlante, Ed & Joan Morgan, Dave Pierce, Nicci Ramirez, Lou & Kimmi van der Veen

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen called the meeting to order. Tonight's ice breaker was for everyone to share their most prized running possession.
2. New members – Nicci Ramirez was introduced as a new member. Nicci has run a couple of 5K's and became connected with the Zoomers Running Club through the Friends Day 5K at Suncoast Baptist Church. Nicci said she wants to be a part of something big. She is very active in her church. She said she loved the atmosphere at the races.
3. Secretary's Report – Zoomersrun.com has the minutes from the March meeting. April's minutes will be up in a few days. Members present who wanted a copy of the minutes received them.
4. Treasurer's Report – Sherry LaBree reported that we had a balance at the end of February of \$8040.86. For the month of February we took in \$1285.00 mostly from Race Timing and Membership dues. Our expenses for February were \$168.60. Expenses for the Christmas party were \$588.51 which includes rental of the Harbor Heights Civic Association, food, DJ, printing and postage.
5. Membership & Marketing Director's Report – Teri Hart reported that our total number of Zoomers is currently 240. We have 95 single memberships, 52 family memberships (133 total members), and 12 Zoomer students memberships. Membership renewals were John Peacock, Kim Duran, Ron Nelson, John Tanzer, Richard Quevillon, Sherri Lennon-Kemp and Yuli Sproat. Zoomers welcome new single memberships from Marion Conklin, Melissa Hirstein, Michael Giampino, Dina Cochi, Joyce Adams, Astrid Gilbert and Jennifer Kaczynski. Zoomers have two new family memberships – they are Ed & Roxanne Gillen and the Frank Roland family.
6. Race Director's Report – Kimmi thanked all those who helped at the Smoothie King's very successful inaugural 5K. The St. Patty's Day 8K and Smoothie King 5K were both very successful Zoomer timed races.
 - Zoomers will assist the Sharks Tooth 10K but not be in charge of the actual timing. Shark's Tooth is on Saturday, April 14th.
 - Girl's on the Run 5K is going to be a huge race with all the girls in the program and a sponsor running with each girl along with our regular runners. Zoomers will be using our regular timing method and will also use our new chip timing system at the event. Girl' on the Run race will be held on April 28th
 - The YMCA is ready for the County Line 5K which will be held on May 5th.
 - Miles for Smiles will be held on May 12th. More information at next month

meeting.

- Summer Kid's Running Series is set up and flyer will soon be available. The City of North Port and North Port's Y are helping Zoomers with this program.
- Firecracker 5K will be held on June 30th (because the 4th of July is in the middle of the week this year). The Firecracker 5K had 330 runners last year and outgrew its old location. This year it will be held at the Morgan Family Community Center.

7. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan welcomed new Zoomer member Nicci Ramirez, who will be taking over the Volunteer coordinator position. The transition will take several months to make sure that all races are fully covered. Ed thanked the volunteers who helped make the recent races very successful. Volunteers for upcoming races:

- Shark's Tooth 10 K – on April 14th – Ron Elkins, Melissa Ellison, Lou, Carol & Bob, Dug Stetter, Dave Pierce, Ed & Joan
- Girl's on the Run – April 28th – Sherry & Scott LaBree. Tina & Ron Elkins, Dave, Bob & Carol, Nicci, Kimmi & Lou, Ed & Joan
- County Line 5K – on May 5th – Lou, Dug, Joan, Dave, Teri(?), Nicci
- Miles for Smiles – on May 12th – Nicci, Lou, Ed & Joan
- Firecracker 5K – on June 30th – Dave, Nicci, Kimmi & Lou, Ed & Joan
- Run 4 A Reason – (date???) – Bob, Ed & Joan
- Crab Crawl – on Aug. 25th – Jack LaPlante, Bob, Ed & Joan

8. Webpage Director's Report – Lou van der Veen reported that all registration forms are on the Webpage up to Miles for Smiles. The Webpage is up to date.

9. Race Series Committee Report – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the 2012 Race Series is underway. She said the Zoomers banquet was fabulous and was well attended. Zoomers will work on having a sponsor for this year's Race Series.

10. Special Events – Melissa Ellison was thanked for all her efforts in making the banquet a success. Special thanks also to Kimmi and Tee Callan making it a success. The fantastic and yummy cake served was donated by ????????

Future social events – A second annual canoe trip was discussed and had the support of most present. August was selected for the canoe trip.

Another social event mentioned was a brunch after a race. Some members knew of possible restaurants or areas that such a brunch could be held. We encourage all members to give us your suggestions.

11. Old Business-

- Zoomers Fundraising Race – Kimmi is going to talk with a possible business partner for a race in October. Zoomers felt that we could split the race between several causes. It was noted that there are a number of established races on the

last weekend in October. Zoomers is looking at October 20th as a possible date. Teri Hart brought up the idea of a Halloween party. Zoomers have discussed a Halloween party or a night race around Halloween in the past. We would like to hear from members with ideas and that would like to help with such a project.

- Apparel – Eastbay has cancelled and we are looking for an apparel sponsor. Please let us know if you have any ideas. Tina Elkins volunteered to take pictures of current apparel that we have in stock to put on the Webpage at a great sale price.
- Chip Timing- Bob Geyer passed the book around that he studying about the IPICO Chip System. The chip system arrived about a week ago and Bob have been studying all aspects of the new system. Zoomer members will get together to try out the system. The plan is to use the system for the first time at Girl's on the Run. The IPICO system will be used at the Shark Tooth race by another timing company. Zoomers are encouraged to check out the IPICO system at that race.
- Vice Presidency – Ed Morgan will continue as Vice President during April. Anyone interested in being the Zoomer Vice President needs to make it known this month. The club by laws provides that we can have a couple of Vice Presidents possibly in charge of different areas of club needs.

12. New Business –

- Sherry brought it to attention of Zoomers that everyone who pays membership on line cost Zoomers \$2 fee for registration processing and an additional credit card transaction fee. Zoomers voted to add a \$2.50 fee on to those seeking to pay dues on line. Last month the club lost \$30.38 for such fees. Future on line membership will be \$17.50 for a single membership and \$40.50 for a family membership.
- Zoomers is supporting the Summer Running Series on May 27, June 6, 13, 20 and 27th. The running series will take place at Dallas White Park in North Port and will be a 1 mile run within the park grounds. Publix is supplying water for the runners. The YMCA is providing ribbons for the runners and will host a pool party at the end of the last run on June 27th. The City of North Port is providing the use of the park, pavilion, will spray for bees, provide a city employee at each event and supply the flyers for the event. Jim Chappo and Ed Morgan will design and monitor the route. Runners will be charged \$5 for the 5 week series and will receive a ribbon after each race and a trophy if they complete 3 of 5 of the runs. Zoomers voted to pay additional expenses if needed for the series.
- Don Fialka wasn't able to attend the Zoomers banquet received his age group award at the meeting. Dave Pierce was presented a trophy calling him

the “Hippest Volunteer” for Zoomers. Dave, who fell and broke his hip months ago, volunteered at 11 races in 2011. We are happy to report that Dave will be getting doctor’s permission to start jogging again in a few months.

13. The next Zoomers meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2012 starting at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce meeting room. All Zoomer and potential Zoomers are welcome. Everyone wishing to have dinner ahead of the meeting is invited to come to Whiskey Creek Restaurant starting at about 5:30 PM. Whiskey Creek Restaurant was chosen because it is the closest to the Charlotte Chamber Office.

Submitted by Joan Morgan

Secretary