

## **Zoomers Business Meeting – December 7, 2011**

Present – Carol & Bob Geyer, Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Marlie & Art Anauo, Don Fialka, Teri Hart, Jerry Dunn, Sherry LaBree, Teri Hart, Tee Callan, Ed & Joan Morgan, and Jerry Dunn

1. President Kimmi van der Veen called the meeting to order and started the meeting with an ice breaker asking those present about personal exciting events in running in November.
2. Outside Presentation – Jerry Dunn is an Ultra Marathon runner who has run over 50,000 miles in the last 35 years. Jerry is a race director of 50 K, 50 milers, and 100 K and 100 mile races in North Dakota. Jerry ran the Boston Marathon route 26 days in a row, has run across the width of the United States. All of his running started in Siesta Key. Setting up Ultra Marathons and 100 mile races is like setting up for a military maneuver. The water stations are open around the clock and runners drink, eat and possibly sleep there for a short period of time. Most of the ultra runners are males (64% to 35%). Jerry realizes the value of volunteers and realizes that it's harder to organize a race then to run it. Jerry made planning for a 5K look easy compared to a 100K.
3. Secretary's report – The minutes are on the Zoomersrun.com web page. Check Zoomers webpage for details.
4. Treasurer's Report – Carol Geyer gave the report for November. We started off November with a balance of \$7952.25. During the month we had the expenses to print the newsletter and pay for postage. We also had the funds for Remember the Fallen added and taken out of the treasury. Our balance at the end of November is \$7830.38. Sherry LaBree is taking over the Treasurer's job for Carol starting in December.
5. Membership And Marketing – Teri Hart reported that we had some renewals of membership in November. Currently we have 273 Zoomer members. Single membership = 106, Family membership = 153 total members, and Students = 14 members.
6. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer will be retiring from bring the Race Director as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank Bob and Carol for the almost 9 years they have given to the Zoomers Running Club. It would take a large calculator to try to figure out how many hours they spent doing Zoomer work or how much they have given out of their own pocket to support Zoomers. Zoomers have never paid them a penny for all the time and gas they have used to go to meetings or measure for races. Zoomers timed 3 very difficult races in November. Free to Breathe had about 700

runners, the Pumpkin Y 5K doubled in size from last year and the Turkey Trot had probably close to 800 runners and walkers. We could have really used the chip system on these races. A big thanks for all who helped. The Frosty 5K will be held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and will have about 700 runners. The Frosty 5K will be held at Twins Park in Sarasota. Kimmi and Lou van der Veen will take over as Race Directors in 2012. Kimmi reported that the Resolution 5K course was planned out earlier on Wednesday. Bob and Carol have been going to the meetings for Hands Across the Harbor 5K which will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob and Carol will continue to work on that race. Zoomers will time the race.

7. Volunteer Committee Report –Ed Morgan thanked the volunteers for the November races. We had a lot of volunteers for the 3 races that we timed. As of Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Free Individual membership was earned by: Mary Bonetz, Don Fialka, Susan Flores, Teri Hart, M.C. Heffner, Jack LaPlante, Sherry LaBree, Steve Vieira. Family membership was earned during the year by: Art Anauo, Marlie Anauo, Tee Callan, Melissa Ellison, Ed Morgan, Joan Morgan, Dave Pierce, Kimmi van der Veen and Lou van der Veen. A big thank you to all the volunteers. Bob and Carol Geyer have very well earned membership for life. Volunteer points start over again in 2012.

Volunteers for upcoming races:

- Frosty 5K on Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>– Bob & Carol, Art & Marlie, Kimmi & Lou, Ed & Joan, Dave Pierce, Mark Steuve
  - Resolution 5K - Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Kimmi & Lou, Ed & Joan, Art & Marlie, Tee (?)
  - Hands Across the Harbor on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Tee, Bob & Carol, Ron Thomas, Kimmi & Lou, Ed & Joan
  - Lamarque 5K – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Ed & Joan – more volunteers needed
8. Webpage Director – Lou van der Veen reported that the webpage is up to date. The ability to pay for your membership will hopefully soon be on the webpage.
  9. Race Series Committee Report – Kimmi van der Veen stated that the Race Series has some very healthy competition. She asked any members who have suggestions about next year’s Race Series to email her. At this point we are planning on the same rules as this year. Email Kimmi the races you feel should be in the Race Series. We are looking to have at least one race in the series each month. Not every race can be in the Race Series. Zoomers will announce the races in the 2012 Race Series as soon as possible.  
Kimmi also announce that a meeting with Fleet Feet giving them our “wish list” will be coming up in early January. Kimmi and Sherry LaBree will be attending that meeting.
  10. Special Events Committee Report-
    - Christmas Party will be held at Harbor Heights Civic Association Building at 2530 Harbor Drive on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 PM. Tee and Melissa have sent members a flyer about the Christmas Party and also are calling each member. The party is made special with the side dishes and desserts brought by members to add to the turkey and ham bought by the club. The “White Elephant “gift exchange is also fun and this year the club has hired a DJ to keep the party going.
    - Race Series Banquet – The extraordinary team of Melissa and Tee have been asked to head up our Annual banquet. The dynamic duo will check out locations for the banquet.

11. Old Business

- Zoomers fundraising Race – was tabled for until next meeting. Brainstorming for the October Scholarship 5K will begin in early 2012.
- Apparel – Melissa has just about completed the work to get the apparel line on the computer and the ability to order a closer reality. Final details are being worked out. Designs of the Zoomer apparel going on sale was passed around the meeting room for approval.

12. New Business –

- Future races – Smoothie King Fool's Run 5K will be held on April 1, 2012. Kimmi is working on details with smoothie King and the Venice Chamber of Commerce. More details at the next meeting.
- The moving of the Zoomer trailer to races starting in Jan. 2012 is being worked on. Any suggestions contact a Zoomer officer.
- If anyone is interested in being an officer during 2012 please contact Kimmi with that request.

13. The next Zoomer meeting will be Wednesday, January 4 at the Port Charlotte Chamber of Commerce at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. All Zoomers and potential Zoomers are welcome. Some Zoomers have expressed a desire to enjoy dinner together before the meeting. If you are interested to eat before the meeting we are planning to meet at Whiskey Creek at 5:30 PM. The restaurant was chosen because it is very close to the Chamber of Commerce office.

Submitted by

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Secretary