

Zoomers Business Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2011

Present – Bob and Carol Geyer, Teri Hart, Kimmi and Lou van der Veen, Yuli Sproat, Bill Cotter, Mike Moses, Steve Ellis, Craig and Eileen Breeder, Sherry and Scott LaBree, Marlie and Art Anauo, Ed and Joan Morgan

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Bill Cotter is a new member and was welcomed. Bill said he always liked running. He has run all sorts of races and marathons with his daughter. He just enjoys running.
Steve Ellis- has been running some of the Zoomers races. Last Saturday Steve ran the Hands Across the Harbor race. We hope to see Steve at more Zoomer meetings and races.
2. Secretary's Report – the January secretary's report is on the webpage and in the newsletter.
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Geyer reported that the expenses and receipt for January have a lot to do with the Hands Across the Harbor Race. During January we received \$2,215.00 but most of that money was due to the HAH race. Other Zoomer funds came from membership, newsletter advertising and a payment for race timing. Expenses this month were also mostly connected with the HAH race. Our total currently is \$5685.39. When all the expenses and receipts for the HAH race are completed we should have made \$1,000 for all the work put into the race by Zoomers. Bob and Carol have been attending meetings for the past several months to help organize the HAH race.
4. Membership and marketing – Teri Hart reported that currently we have 79 single Zoomer memberships, 39 families with a total of 96 members and 10 students. As of the end of January we have 185 Zoomer members. In the future Zoomers will receive an email the month their Zoomer membership is up. Remember to be in the Race Series you must be a Zoomer member. Please encourage other runners to join Zoomers as we are trying to promote and provide better running opportunities in this area.
5. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer reported that we have 24 races lined up for this year.
 - We have already completed 3 (Resolution 5K, Lamarque 5K and Hands Across the Harbor).
 - 2 races scheduled for February (Harbor Height 2/26 and Boca Grande 2/27). Registration forms are on the webpage and at Smoothie King in North Port.
 - March has 5 scheduled races. March 5th is the Friend's Day 5K. Senior

Games on 3/6 and 3/13. The Senior Games will be held at St. Paul's Linear Park in South Gulf Cove. Sharkey's 8K on 3/19 at Sharkey's restaurant in Venice and Harbor Run/Harbor Walk on 3/26 at Laishley Park in Punta Gorda.

- In April the Shark's Tooth 10K at Venice Airport on April 9th, and Girls on the Run will start at Port Charlotte High School on April 30th.
 - May's races will include Miles for Smiles at Charlotte high School on May 1st and the County Line 5K at Englewood Beach on May 7th. A new race has been added on the schedule called Divas and Dudes 5K at Payne Park in Sarasota on May 14th.
 - July will have the traditional Firecracker 5K in North Port on July 4th.
 - August 6th will be the Run for a Reason 5K sponsored by 1st Alliance Church. The Crab Crawl 5k will be held at Charlotte Sports Park on 8/20.
 - September will be started by the annual MDA 5K at the Olde world Restaurant in North Port on Sept. 3rd. Gasparilla 4miler will be held at Boca Grande Community Center on 9/24.
 - October 12th is the date for the Free to Breathe 5K at Charlotte Sports Park and the Pumpkin Y 5K will be held at the Bayfront YMCA in Punta Gorda on 11/19th. The annual Turkey Trot will be held on 11/24 at Edison College.
 - Frosty 5K will be held on Dec. 17th at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota.
6. Webpage Director's Report – Lou van der Veen stated that the Race Series page is being worked on. All race flyers that have been received are on the webpage. Contact Lou if you have any questions.
 7. Race Series Committee - There are 9 race series winners for last year. A committee met on January 23rd and organized the Race Series for 2011. The Race Series for 2011 will consist of 11 races. The races selected are – Lamarque – 1/15, Boca Grande – 2/27, St. Patty's Day 8K – 3/19, Shark's Tooth 10K – 4/9, County Line 5K – 5/7, Firecracker 5K – 7/4, Run for a Reason 5K – 8/6, MDA 5K – 9/3, Gasparilla Island 4 miler – 9/24, Free to Breathe 5K – 11/12 and Frosty 5K – 12/17. The results will be based on runner's best 6 races. If you run fewer than 6 races you will still be eligible. Complete details will be on the webpage.
 8. Special Events Committee – **Zoomers Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 5th at the Riverwalk Country Club. The cost will be \$25 per person.** Check the web site for more details. We hope to you all at the banquet. Great food, lots of race talk and surprises await those who attend the banquet.
Zoomers need a Special Events Volunteer to organize picnics and social events for 2011. Contact Kimmi van der Veen for more information.
 9. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked those that helped with the 3

races held in January. He feared that Zoomers were tired of hearing him beg for more volunteers; however, with 24 races on the 2011 schedule Ed will need to hunt up many more volunteers.

- Ed said that he appreciated the large crew of volunteers that were at the Hands Across the Harbor run on 1/29.
- Harbor Heights – 2/26 – volunteers Bob, Carol, Dave Pierce, Rod Weckesser, Ed, Joan and Susan Flores
- Boca Grande – 2/27 – Bob, Carol, Teri Hart, Yuli Sproat, Art Anauo, Ed and Joan
- Friend's Day 5K – 3/5 – Bob, Carol, Kimmi, Lou, Ed and Joan
- Sharkey's 8K – 3/19 – Bob, Carol, Kimmi, Lou, Ed and Joan
- Harbor Run/ Harbor Walk – 3/26 – **need volunteers**
- Shark's tooth 10K – 4/9 – Bob, Carol, Jane Harry, Dave Pierce, Don Fialka, Ed and Joan
- **Volunteer needed for all other races listed in race director's report. Contact Ed Morgan if you wish to volunteer. Contact Ed at emjm67@yahoo.com.**

10. Old Business – Mission Statement – postponed for another month

11. New Business –

- To encourage and reward volunteers, Zoomers voted to offer a year's free single membership to those who volunteer for at least 4 races this calendar year. For those who volunteer 6 or more races in this calendar year the club is offering a year's free family membership. Zoomers can have fun, enjoy the fellowship of other runners and now receive free membership for volunteering. A volunteer sheet will be at the registration table for those volunteering to sign.
- Partner with NPHS and other area school to sponsor their XC Invitational Meets – Kimmi talked the Jim Simpson at NPHS about Zoomers being a sponsor. The club voted to explore what this would mean. Timing help was talked about. Kimmi is going to explore and report to the club about any other obligations or financial responsibilities involved in such a sponsorship.
- Sherry La Bree was thanked for her fantastic newsletter. If you are a member and haven't received your February/ March newsletter please contact Sherry or Kimmi.

12. Next Zoomers meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:00 PMN at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte starting at 7:00 PM. All Zoomers or interested in becoming a Zoomer are welcome.

Submitted by

Joan Morgan
Secretary