

ZOOMERS MEETING – JUNE 1, 2011

Present: Melissa Ellison, Tee Callan, Sherry LaBree, Steve Ellis, Bob and Carol Geyer, Teri Hart, Kimmi and Lou van der Veen , Ed and Joan Morgan.

1. President Kimmi van der Veen started the meeting by asking Sherry La Bree to tell about the “Brotherhood Ride” that her husband Scott was going to be part of starting on Aug. 20th and being completed by Sept. 10th. The bike ride will be from Naples to Ground Zero in New York City. Donations are being sought and will go to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors). The riders will ride an average of 70 to 80 miles a day and will be put up at Elks lodges along the route. The riders are using their personal vacation days to be part of the ride. You can find out more about this ride by going to www.active.com/donate/brotherhoodride2011/ScottLaBree. Also check out www.brotherhoodride.com. Scott would like to raise \$1,600 which equals a dollar for each mile he will ride.
2. Secretary’s Report – The minutes from last month’s meeting are on the web page.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Carol Geyer reported that the bank has changed some of its procedures and she will get us a report when it is figured out. Carol will give a 2 month report at the next meeting.
4. Membership & Marketing – Teri Hart welcomed our new members Maureen Winsor, Steven Ruthman; Chris, M.C., Luke & Emily Heffner; Isabella & Sarah Charneau; and David and Sharon Gannon. We also welcome our renewals Richard Mancilla, John Tanzer, Kim Cusick, Kristi Gerathy, Brian & Melissa Ellison, Tee Callan, Tom & Carol Fabian. We now have 95 single members, 49 family memberships and 13 students for a total of 225 Zoomers.
5. Race Director – Bob Geyer reports that our next race is the Firecracker 5K held in North port starting at the Bud and Wanda Korte Scout house on Greenwood Ave. located in Dallas White Park. The race will be on Monday, July 4th starting at 7:30 AM. Steve Lyons who is collecting the registration forms for the city states that the registrations are coming in already.
 - August 6th is Run for Reason will start at 7:30 AM at the 1st Alliance church on Midway in Port Charlotte. Race time is 7:30 AM.
 - Crab Crawl 5K has been changed to August 27th. The change is due to the Stone Crabs schedule. The race will be at the Charlotte Sports Park starting at 7:30 AM.
 - MDA race will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3rd starting at 7:30 AM. The registration will be inside the Olde World Restaurant in North Port. The race will start and end at the Olde World Restaurant.
 - The Pumpkin Run will most likely be cancelled for this year because of the renovation of Gilchrist Park and the tearing up of the sidewalks.
 - Bob and Carol attended the Hands Across the Harbor organizational meeting. Zoomers will be timing the Hands Across the Harbor Run, but will no longer be in charge of all aspects of the race. Zoomers will not be providing all the road volunteers or recording all of the financial transactions. Zoomers will be receiving the timing fee but will not be

receiving additional money for additional services.

6. Volunteer Committee – Ed Morgan thanked those that have volunteered for past races. He stated that he sent out an all call for the future races and was pleased by some of the responses. Ed said that really appreciates having such dedicated volunteers. He thanked Melissa Ellison and Tee Callan as truly becoming part of the volunteer team for Zoomers.

Additional volunteers as always are needed and will be appreciated.

- Firecracker 5K on July 4th in North Port- volunteers –Jane Harry, Dave Pierce, M.C. Heffner, Sherry LaBree, Bob & Carol Geyer, Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Ed & Joan Morgan, Brooke & Summer Fisher.
 - Run 4 A Reason – at 1st Alliance Church in Port Charlotte on Aug. 6th – volunteers –M.C. & Chris Heffner, Steve Vieira, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan.
 - Crab Crawl at the Charlotte Sports Park on Aug. 27th – volunteers Sherry LaBree, Steve Vieira, Tee Callan, Melissa Ellison, Kimmi & Lou, Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan.
 - MDA – at Olde World Restaurant in North Port on Sat., Sept. 3rd – volunteers – Bob & Carol, Ed & Joan. More volunteers are needed.
7. Webpage Director – Lou van der Veen said the webpage is up to date. The problems some had opening the Firecracker 5K is due to the program the registration form is under. Check out the newsletter on the webpage. Sherry La Bree did a fantastic job. The minutes are also on the webpage if you click they will open. Lou also reported that he is still looking into on line Zoomer registration and payments. He reported that the Racing Series is up to date.
 8. Race Series – Check the webpage for the up to date Racing Series results. Kimmi and Lou have the race series races all scored. They Race Series races so far this year were Run for the Lions, Boca Grande 5K, St. Patty’s 8K, Shark’s Tooth 10K, and County Line 5K. The next Race is run will be the Firecracker 5K held on the 4th of July. If you have any questions about the Race Series contact Kimmi. All in-stock Zoomer merchandise will be put on the webpage –first come basis. Get the great bargains while they last. Call Kimmi if you wish to purchase any merchandise.
 9. Special Events Committee Reports:
 - **Zoomer Summer Run Series will begin on June 2nd.** The runs will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at Dallas White Park in North Port. The runs will be held on June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Cost will be \$5 per child for the entire series. Special thanks to Jim Chappo and the YMCA for their help. Melissa Ellison and Tee Callan also secured donation for Popsicles, bananas and water from Publix. A special thanks to Melissa, Tee and the always willing to help Publix.
 - **Canoe Trip** – Carol Geyer presented information about a canoe trip. The Zoomers in attendance liked the idea and set Sunday, June, June 26th for the canoe trip. Melissa Ellison and Tee Callan are going to put together a flyer and send it out to Zoomer members with all the details. We are planning on taking the 10:00 AM canoe trip so set aside June 26th and wait for the details.
 - **NEW RACE- “Remember the Fallen 5K “** - Saturday, September 17th in North Port. The North Port Police and fire Dept. are working to put on a remembrance of 9/11 and using the proceeds to help those affected. Details will be put on the webpage as they become

available.

- Many have asked to purchase Zoomers shirts. We have a committee to look into providing the merchandise over the webpage.

10. Old Business –

Zoomer members present were asked to write down a work that describes Zoomers and write down the importance of Zoomers. A committee over dinner will take these ideas and form our mission statement. The time and place of the meeting will be advertised was it is decided.

11. Next Zoomers meeting will be Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. All Zoomers and potential Zoomer members are welcome.

Joan Morgan
Secretary