

ZOOMERS MEETING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

Present – Kimmi & Lou van der Veen, Bob & Carol Geyer, Tina & Ron Elkins, Marti & Dug Stetter, Dave Pierce, Don Fialka, Ed & Roxanne Gillen, Joanne Daubenspeck, Sherry LaBree, Sherry Lennon Kemp, Ed & Joan Morgan

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen called the meeting to order and asked each person what their favorite running distance was. The Half Marathon seemed to be the most popular answer for those members present.
2. New members – Ed & Roxanne were welcomed to their first official meeting. Zoomers met Ed and Roxanne for the first time at the 2011 canoe trip. The Gillens come from Albany, New York and have been communicating on Facebook with other Zoomers for the past year. They have already committed to helping at a number of races. Ed & Roxanne have been very involved with running clubs in New York.
3. Secretary's Report – copies of the minutes from August were available to anyone wanting them.
4. Treasurer's Report – Sherry LaBree reported our opening balance as of July 1, 2012 was \$7319.19. We only took in \$135.00 for membership and apparel sales this last month. In July we paid out \$1254.18 for Zoomer bags, Go Daddy, and for a scholarship payment. Zoomers balance as of 7/31/2012 was \$6200.01.
5. Membership & Marketing Director's Report – Our membership as of August was about 260 Zoomers.
6. Race Director's Report – Bob Geyer and Kimmi van der Veen reported. Bob Geyer reported that the IPICO chip system worked well for the Crab Crawl 5K. Bob continues to study the system and do test simulation trials at his home. Our next race is Remember the Fallen on Saturday, September 15, 2012. So far there are 220 registered for the 5K. Running the race will be some North Port Police with bullet proof vests on, some Marine Corp runners in uniform and some Firefighters with backpacks. Our IPICO chip system will be used to do a chip start and finish for this race. There will be Fife and Drums at the 1st and last turnaround. Registration will be at the

George Mullen Center in the North Port City Hall complex. Check the webpage for a registration form.

7. Howl at the Moon - Zoomers Scholarship Run will be held on Saturday, October 20th at the Ann Dever Park at 6791 San Casa Drive in Englewood. Pre-registration cost is \$20 and race day registration is \$25. The race will begin at 7:30 AM. If you register at Bocca Lupo restaurant in the Murdock Carousel at 1900 Tamiami Trail you will get a free small pizza. Every runner will receive a finisher's medal and a special Zoomers goody bag. Proceeds for this race will go to the Bit of Hope Ranch and the Zoomers Scholarship fund. We hope all Zoomers and runners in the area will come join our 1st annual event. Runners are encouraged to dress up for Halloween and join in on our costumes contest at the 5K run. All Zoomers are encouraged to help find some sponsors and prizes for the 5K. Contact any of the Zoomers officers about possible sponsors and door prizes.
8. Volunteer Committee Report – Ed Morgan thanked all Zoomers that helped at the Crab Crawl 5K. Zoomers will be busy with timing especially in November when we have a race each weekend. Anyone willing to volunteer please contact Ed at emjm67@yahoo.com.

Volunteers:

- Remember the Fallen –Race Series Race - Sept. 15th – Bob, Carol, Dug, Dave, Ed Gillen, Michael, Lou, Ed and Joan
- Gasparilla 4 mile run and fun walk –Race Series Race - September 22nd at Boca Grande. Race starts at 7:30 AM Remember to bring money for the bridge toll. Volunteers – Ed G., Roxanne Gillen, Bob, Carol, Tina, Dug, Ed and Joan
- Howl at the Moon – Bocca Lupo and Zoomers Scholarship race – Race Series Race – race starts at 7:30 AM on Saturday, October 20th. Volunteers –Tina E., Bob, Carol, Dug, Sherri Kemp, Tina Ice, Dave, Ed, Joan, Bob, Carol and Dave.
- Run 4 A Reason – Saturday, November 3rd. Volunteers- Dave, Bob, Carol, Ed M. , Joan, and Dug

- Free 2 Breathe – Race Series Race -Saturday, November 10th.
Volunteers – Bob, Carol, Dave, Tina, Dug, Ed M. and Joan
 - Tippecanoe 5 &10 – Saturday, November 17 at Tippecanoe Environmental Park at 2400 El Jobean Rd. in Port Charlotte. – 10 K and 5K start at 8:00 AM. Volunteers – Holly Selders, Lou, Bob, Carol, Dave, Ed G., Ed M. and Joan
 - Turkey Trot – Thursday, November 22nd. Volunteers – Lou, bob, Carol, Tina, Dave, Ed G., Ed M. and Joan
 - Take Stock in Children – Saturday, December 8th. Volunteers – Bob, Carol, Dug, Dave, Ed M. and Joan
9. Webpage Director’s Report - Lou van der Veen reported the webpage is up to date. Check webpage for race results and to get registration forms for future races.
10. Race Series Committee – Kimmi van der Veen reported that the Race Series is up to date on the webpage. If you have any question contact Kimmi.
11. Special Events Committee Report – Melissa Ellison wants to get ready for the future special events which includes the Zoomer picnic, the Zoomer Holiday party and the Zoomer Annual Banquet.
- Those present decided to have the Zoomers picnic at the Ann Dever Park directly after the completion of the Howl at the Moon 5K race. We hope this will encourage more Zoomers to attend. After our scholarship run Zoomers can set back and have a great time together.
 - Christmas Party – it was decided to have the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15th at the recreation center at Harbor Heights. More details next month.
 - The Zoomer Award Banquet will be discussed next month. Work on the awards banquet will begin soon after next month’s meeting.
12. Old Business:
- Zoomers Fundraising Race –it is hoped that the entire Zoomers club will get behind our Scholarship Race on Oct. 20th

- Apparel – Melissa has made an order at East Bay for \$488 worth of tee shirts. Tee shirts will be on sale as soon as they arrive.
- Newsletter Editor –we are still looking for a Newsletter Editor. The club discussed using Constant Contact to get messages to Zoomers or getting everything on the webpage. Getting stories for a newsletter from members isn't easy to do and putting together a newsletter is a lot of work. Many ideas were discussed including the listing of member's birthdays.

13. New Business:

- Imagine Schools want Zoomers to help them time a track meet on Set. 20th. Dug will work with the Imagine School on this project.
- Officer's positions for the 2013 calendar year are coming up. Nominations will take place at the October meeting. Voting will take place at the November meeting.
- The next Zoomers meeting will be Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The pre-meeting dinner at Whiskey Creek Restaurant is getting more popular. This month we had 14 gather for dinner before the meeting. We encourage all Zoomers to join us at 5:30 PM for dinner at Whiskey Creek Restaurant and join us at the October meeting.

Submitted:

Joan Morgan -Secretary