

ZOOMERS MEETING – APRIL 6, 2011

Present: Bob and Carol Geyer, Art and Marlie Anauo, Chris, MC, Emily and Luke Heffner, Sherry La Bree, Bill and Mary Bonetz, Kimmi and Lou van der Veen, Ed and Joan Morgan

1. President – Kimmi van der Veen introduced MC and Chris Heffner to speak about Team in Training. **Team in Training** is an organization that trains volunteers to raise money for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Team in Training members are provided a coach to train for runs, their registration fee for specified races, team runs, and refreshments after a major race. The main goal is to provide needed funds to support research for cancers such as Leukemia and Lymphoma. MC and Chris are working hard to get the patient services for cancer patients in our area. They want Team in Training to show up at every race and put up a tent to provide a visual presentation and inspire people to get in better condition by running and also provide funds to find the causes of blood cancers. Research into blood cancers has opened up the door to find drugs to help with lung and other forms of cancer. TNT hopes to provide more patient services, financial aid, provide more information to the general public, encourage runners and fund research which recently has found new ways of fighting not only blood cancers, but has led to drugs for other forms of cancer. Racing for charity has become increasingly popular. It brings a sense of purpose to your training and gives you the opportunity to help others. Team in Training (TNT) has raised over \$1 billion to fund research into blood cancers. In 2010 – 39 new drugs have been discovered to help fight various cancers. The Zoomers website will have additional information about TNT sponsored runs. Stop by the TNT tent at local races to get more information about this valuable program. Sherry La Bree suggested that we devote the “Focus on a Member” spotlight to TNT. MC and Chris Heffner got involved with TNT starting with the loss of Chris’ Mom and seeing the need for these services and funds.
2. Secretary’s report- The minutes for the March 2011 meeting are on the Zoomers webpage and also will be in the next newsletter.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Carol Geyer reported that Zoomers were paid \$3369.04 for timing races. Payments came from: Hands Across the Harbor, Veteran day, Boca Grande, County Line, Sharky’s, Resolution Run, Harbor Run/ Harbor Walk and Senior Games. Zoomers balance at the beginning of March 2011 was \$5298.37. Zoomers’ biggest expense was \$1314.12 for race supplies. Most of that money was spent on our new timing clock which cost \$1090. Runners have certainly appreciated our new clock which has been at the last several races. We also had some receipt and expenditures from the banquet in March. Zoomers treasury balance at the end of March was \$6601.93.

4. Membership – Teri Hart couldn't make the meeting but emailed the new membership numbers. We have 93 single members, 45 families (106 members), and 13 students for a total of 212 Zoomer members.
5. Race Director's report – Bob Geyer reported that all energy is being directed towards the Shark's Tooth 10 K on Saturday, April 9th. Lots of time has been put into this massive race which already has over 500 registered and will probably by race day have 700 plus runner. Bob will be measuring courses and working with a number of race directors for upcoming races. Go on the Zoomersrun.com webpage for registration forms and additional information.
6. Volunteers Report – Ed Morgan said his main focus is also on Shark Tooth 10K. The following have volunteered for that race –Bob and Carol, Jane Harry, Kimmi and Lou van der Veen, Dave Pierce, Melissa Ellison, Tee Callan, Mark Steuve, Chris Heffner, Ed and Joan.
 - Girls on the Run on April 30th – volunteers – M.C. Heffner, Sherry La Bree, Lou, Bob, Carol, Ed and Joan. Zoomers is one of the sponsors of Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run will start at Port Charlotte High School.
 - Healthy Kids 5K – Zoomers is not timing this event, but some Zoomers members are helping with the 5K race which will be held on April 30th starting at the Charlotte Sports Park. Zoomer members Jim Chappo and Bethany Heslam are working with other member of the YMCA staff to put on this race. Zoomer volunteers – Kimmi van der Veen, Mike Hourihan and Dave Pierce.
 - Miles for Smiles will be held on May 1st starting at 7:30 AM at Charlotte High School. Proceeds from this race will help provide dental works for some needy students. Volunteers for this race are: Dave Pierce, Art and Marlie Anauro, Bob, Carol, Ed and Joan
 - County Line will be held at Englewood Beach on May 7th. Volunteers for this race are Chris and M.C. Heffner, Bob, Carol and Joan. Additional volunteers would be appreciated.
 - Divas and Dudes 5K will be held at Payne Park in Sarasota on May 14th. Mary Harder, Kimmi, Lou, Dave, Bob, Carol, Ed and Joan have volunteered to help.
 - Additional races are planned and volunteers are needed. Please call Ed Morgan at 423-5752 or email emjm67@yahoo.com to volunteer. Remember if you volunteer for 4 or more races in 2011 you will receive Zoomers membership for 1 year. If you volunteer for 6 or more races in 2011 you will receive a family membership for a year.
7. Webpage report – Lou van der Veen stated that he has put a "Forum" on the webpage so members can share information or set up group runs. It will be Zoomers own Face Book page for members to ask questions or seek information. Check out our new

message area. In addition Lou is working out the details to provide on line membership and payment. Lou calls his research a “work in progress”.

8. Race Series – Kimmi reported that the Race Series is up to date. The current results will be posted on the webpage by noon on April 7th. Question about the Race Series contact Kimmi.
9. Special Events – A group run was set up to start on Wednesday, April 27th at Smoothie King in North Port. The group run will encompass Sumter and Greenwood Ave. Come join the fun on April 27th.
Zoomers present were excited about a picnic sometime in September at Englewood Beach. We are lucky to have Art and Marlie Anauo as Zoomer members and entertainers that might perform at the picnic. Contact Kimmi or Joan with you ideas. We are looking forward to a fun time at the picnic.
10. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 2701 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. All Zoomers or those interested in becoming a Zoomer are welcome.