

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

Board Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

The board meeting was called to order by Delilah Bragg at 10:00 am at the Patrick Beaver Library. In attendance were Delilah Bragg, Dianne Straley, Dale Pfingst, Adra Kryszczuk, Shari Kidd, Suzie Matthews and Amy Chizen. Absent: Sandi Shear. Greg Gervasio attended as a guest.

The minutes of the March board meeting were amended to correct a spelling and to include Tech Talks and any other oversights that may be added at a future time; approved as amended after a motion by Dianne Straley seconded by Shari Kidd.

Greg Gervasio updated the board on the status of the club's new website. He has created a completely new domain site (.org) that will soon be replacing the current (.com) website. The original site built by Brian Hoover had many special plug-ins that have crashed and are no longer working to the point that most members can no longer access the private areas of the website. Greg and Adra are hoping to launch an invitation to all members within the next two weeks to create new passwords to the new site. Once all non-renewed members have been purged from the database, this invitation and instructions will be emailed. Greg asked that the club get a company credit card so that he would not have to put the annual web expenses on his own card. Greg will get a receipt for his expenses (less than \$40) for the new domain to Dale.

Dale Pfingst gave the treasurer's report and told us that the starting balance as of April 1, 2019 was \$3,848.00. Income from dues, the 50/50 raffle and sponsor renewals was \$503.00. Expenses were \$369.19 leaving an ending balance of \$3,981.81. Dale reported that there were three sponsor renewals and two new sponsors since the beginning of the year. Dale will investigate a credit card or the possibility of establishing a PayPal account for web and other club expenses.

Dianne Straley announced that the May General Meeting speaker will be Natalie Robinson of the Catawba Valley Humane Society. She also noted that when the speaker is of some special note, she does not publicize the event in the local papers to reduce the number of guest attendees.

Adra delivered two thank you letters from the year-end charities that were picked up at the mail box. Delilah will store them with the letters sent with the checks. Suzie Matthews reported that a carload of supplies has been delivered to the Catawba County Humane Society, our charity of the quarter.

Adra Kryszczuk reminded all board members that Brenda Ireland has ink and paper provided by the club if club documents need to be printed in bulk (i.e., more than 15 copies; for example – membership applications.) However, please make sure that the documents you send to her are in .pdf format. She shared a one-page handout of club events with descriptions that she will have Brenda print out to have available at General Meetings and for inclusion in New Member packets. Brenda will also have the Sponsor page available for the General Meetings.

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Delilah asked board members to take on the task of reporting back to the board each month any concerns and/or positive things of the various ongoing groups in the club. Interesting tidbits, recognition (someone who has gone above and beyond volunteering) and things like whether people are not showing up or too many people are showing up, etc. Assignments were accepted as follows:

Amy Chizen – Publicity (Rack Cards) and Book Club

Shari Kidd – Special Events, Games Day, Dominoes, and Samba

Adra Kryszczuk – Games Night, Web, Bridge, Rummikub

Suzie Matthews – Charity and Newsletter

Dianne Straley– Programs, Press Releases, Team Cuisine, Mah jongg

Dale Pflingst – Bowling, Shooting

Sandi Shear – Membership, Members Helping Members

Delilah Bragg– Hospitality, Historian and Sponsors

There has been a spate of 'reply all' emails and it was determined that the original email was improperly composed, so Dianne Straley will contact the composers and make sure that they have the correct (bcc) instructions for their next missive.

Delilah has seen a variance in the attendance records vs the actual number of physical persons in the room. We will ask Sandi Shear to make sure that everyone in attendance has registered.

Sharon Snellings presented Delilah with an offer from Chad Burel to subsidize the club's General Meeting coffee expenses (\$30 each month). There was discussion about this, but it was determined that although we think he's a great guy, we would have to recognize Edward Jones at each meeting, something we are trying to avoid doing for any one sponsor or company. Chad has sponsored other big things and probably will again.

Dianne Straley explained the idea behind Tech Talks. She is proposing that those who are interested could get together following each General Meeting for a brief educational session to help each other with some small technical issue, such as how to get the most out of Amazon Prime. Dianne will announce a topic each month in the newsletter and look for inspiration from the club too.

The Special Events committee has requested \$260 for use at the Pontoon Party (\$200 for Chad Burel's yacht and \$60 for supplies). The date is not yet firm but will be in June or July. There was a motion to approve the request by Adra Kryszczuk, seconded by Dianne Straley. Motion carried.

Delilah polled the board to determine if it would be better to reschedule the next meeting from May 22 to May 29. It was decided to leave it at May 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk