

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley
Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2019**

The board meeting was called to order by Delilah Bragg at 10:05 a.m. at the home of Adra Kryszczuk. In attendance were Delilah Bragg, Dianne Straley, Adra Kryszczuk, Suzie Matthews, Dale Pfingst, Sandi Shear and Amy Chizen. Absent: Shari Kidd.

The minutes of the July board meeting were amended by Dale to reflect that the debit card has been established for online purchases, not large purchase. The minutes as amended were approved by a motion by Sandi Shear seconded by Dale Pfingst.

Dale reported that the starting balance as of August 1, 2019 was \$3,034.99. Income from the 50/50 raffle, charity donations and dues was \$54.61. Expenses were \$249.55.00 leaving an ending balance of \$2,815.44. Shooting continues twice monthly and bowling will start October 10th.

Suzie Matthews reported that donations are coming in and cash donations are welcome. She will be emphasizing this fact at future events. Brenda is back so newsletter should be easier.

Amy Chizen reported that the rack cards have all been replenished as needed. All is well with the book club. Yearly books will be selected at the next meeting and once they are determined, a general invitation will be sent to the whole membership. Digitizing of the scrapbooks is complete and the disc was turned over to Adra to upload to the Web.

Dianne Straley reported that just under 40 participated in the August Team Cuisine event. The next menu will be Autumnal Feast in October. Future menus will include Thai, Summer Feast and Kentucky Derby. There were 95 people (Newcomers and the general public) that attended the Orphan Train presentation at the Newton Historical Museum. Mah Jongg is doing well.

September Table Talks will be on Streaming Video. The speaker for September will be Sgt. Eric Page of the Catawba County Sheriff's Office, talking about how to avoid scams. The speaker for October will be the Hickory Mayor talking about the city walk project.

Adra Kryszczuk reported that the web seems to be working well. However, she and Greg have discovered a small glitch and are working to correct that (no email connections from the .com site to the .org site). There are no issues with Dominoes, Bridge or Rummikub which will stay at the Wynnshire Ridge clubhouse through September. There was a situation at the last Samba Day that caused consternation among many members and will have to be addressed. Some players arrived late causing delay and played with really slow players extending the delay. The situation will be discussed with the coordinators and options for fixing the issues will be determined.

Amy then reported for the Special events in the absence of Shari. A Hike at River Bend is scheduled for October 7th (October 21st rain date) with 3 levels of ability. A 'Sip'n Social is scheduled in late October/Early November at the Olde Hickory Station and the committee will again stage a Tailgate Party at the airport in January. Francine Gissy has expressed her desire to step down as chair of the committee in January and Amy has volunteered to replace her.

Delilah Bragg reported that she'd spoken with Sharon Snellings who is not having any issues with Hospitality. Discussion then ensued regarding snacks and the conclusion was to leave them as they are. Brenda has a couple of sponsors whose payments are due soon and will be keeping in touch with them. A point was raised about inviting sponsors to attend meetings to see what Newcomers is about – not to promote themselves. After discussion, it was determined that a sponsor "fair" would not be attended by Newcomers, therefore would not be productive.

Lori Gervasio is still looking for a replacement but won't leave until she finds one.

Sandi Shear will be contacting members to see who may be interested in taking over Members Helping Members. Betty Schwartz will be stepping down and Christi Austin is moving.

The names of several members were put forth to Delilah as possible persons to be on a nominating committee that would need to be formed by our next meeting.

Delilah had a request from the Special Events Committee and made a motion to again donate \$150 towards the purchase of stockings and fillings for children from South Mountain Children's Home who will be guests on the Lake Hickory Adventures Christmas Lake Parade. The motion was seconded by Adra Kryszczuk and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk