

Minutes of Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba County
March 25, 2020

Meeting was brought to order by President Cathi Montgomery via Zoom. Aside from Cathi, those participating in the meeting were Vice President Rob Herman; Treasurer Kathy Rozea; Past President Delilah Bragg; Secretary Chris Beckom, and Directors Amy Chizen, Adra Kryszczuk, Suzie Matthews and Addie McSherley.

President: Cathi initiated discussion on the impact of the coronavirus on the club. Activities were initially put on hold until the end of April, but now with current predictions it was discussed holding activities until May 15th with the subject to be reassessed at the April meeting which will be held April 22, 2020, at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Cathi will send an update to the membership.

Vice President: Rob Herman discussed new memberships and asked for list of members with length of their membership to possibly commemorate memberships over five years in the Newsletter. Adra Kryszczuk said she will work on it. He also asked about getting postage stamps for his mailings to new members. He was advised to purchase needed supplies and give receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Treasurer: Kathy Rozea had sent copies of the February, 2020 finances and initial proposed budget to all board members. She mentioned some of the past budgetary items were not completely understood. She was advised to contact Vince Legrand and Dale Pfingst, past treasurers to discuss.

She said at the monthly meetings the cost of drinks for members is \$30.00 per month and the collection of \$1.00 per attendee usually came to around \$17.00.

Funds had previously been approved for new name badge holders for the members. Adra reports she replaced all the old name badge holders at the airport and also alphabetized them.

Output for new rack card holders was discussed and a photo of rack cards that can be hung on bulletin boards was shown by Adra. Price quoted was two for \$9.68 available at Office Depot when number of holders needed is determined.

Adra had also gotten prices on table number card holders for games at the airport. However, Amy Chizen said she has some she will give the club.

Amy brought up putting money in the budget for purchasing a cornhole games that the club would own rather than borrowing when needed. Making a game instead of buying was brought up and a few members who do woodworking were suggested as possible craftsmen for this project. Rob Herman said they may also be available by way of garage sales.

Kathy said she will discuss with Amy (Events chair) how proposed upcoming events would affect the budget. Also discussed was the need to purchase new business cards.

Kathy sent to board members a list of still unpaid yearly dues. Since then a few have paid and a new list will be compiled. It was discussed that in the past the list was divided up by board members who would then call each member to inquire if they are going to remain in the club. Because there are no activities

due to the coronavirus it was decided to extend the date for discounted dues payment to May 15th. Members would be asked to remit by mail only at this time.

Charity Report: Suzie Mathews said as she is not leaving her home at this time that Francine Gissy had gotten the information on the next quarterly charity, Robin's Nest, and had a wish list from them that Adra said will be published in the next Newsletter.

Events: Amy Chizen said some possible dates for activities after the virus could be:

Pontoon Party June 3rd

Picnic June 22 or June 29 as a rain day. The location to be at Glen C. Hilton Park with the club renting 2 of the shelters that abut each other. The final cost would be \$33.00 per shelter and would be rented from 11 AM till 3 PM. Games to be played were discussed.

The Asheville Food Tour initially scheduled for May runs all year so can be rescheduled.

Fall Trolley Leaf Color Tour late October

Crawdad's baseball postponed.

The upcoming end of year Holiday Party was discussed. It was decided to be a joint venture between the club President and the events committee. The date for the party is set for December 4th this year. Cathi said she and Rob were working on a band at this point. Past costs for venue and bands were discussed running between \$500.00 to 1500.00 for the venue and between free to \$1000.00 for the band. The cost of the catering at the holiday party is paid by the members attending, with the club possibly able to subsidizing some of the cost.

Membership Drive: Cathi reported she only had one volunteer thus far for a committee, John Almeida, and that she would further discuss the issue with him.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beckom
Secretary