

Minutes of Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba Valley
September 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Club President Cathi Montgomery at 10:32 AM via Zoom. Present at the meeting aside from the President were Vice President Rob Herman, Treasurer Kathy Rozea, Secretary Chris Beckom, Past President Delilah Bragg, and Directors Adra Kryszczuk, Amy Chizen and Addie McSherley. Absent was Director Nancy Geiger.

Approval of the Minutes for the August Board Meeting was requested. Motion was made by Amy and seconded by Adra and the August minutes were approved by vote.

Vice President: Rob said there were no new members for this month.

President: Cathi asked Adra if she and Paige Straley had finalized any plans to start back up with cards at the Hickory Airport. Adra said she had planned to get started in October with one event of day cards and one of night cards to see how many members respond. However, she has not been able to confer with Paige. Rob suggested to have only a night card event in October to judge member interest and confidence in starting up events. Adra brought up the issue of many members not willing to get out at night and it was suggested to start the event at 4 PM instead of 6 PM. She said she would offer both Canasta and Samba card games in the invitation and the wishes of the majority of members responding will decide which game is to be played. A box meal would be provided and masks would be required except when eating. The date of October 8th was decided upon, and notice of this October event will be put in the upcoming club newsletter as well as invitations sent by email to all members.

Treasurer: Kathy said she has received an accumulation of \$250.00 in donations for our Robin's Nest Charity. Kathy suggested that the club could match some of the donations as funds are available. It was decided to match \$125.00 bringing the total to \$375.00. Motion was made by Adra to make this contribution, seconded by Amy, and motion passed by vote. Kathy added that there was one sponsor renewal for September, Auto Fitness Center.

Special Events: Amy said the proposed Concord Mills shopping trip was cancelled due to lack of response. However, eighteen members are confirmed for the September 30th picnic at Glen C. Hilton Park, with a rain date of October 1st. The picnic will be held from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Food will be provided in the form of a box lunch catered by Crosswinds Café for a charge of \$5.00 per attendee. The club will pick up an additional charge of \$3.75 per person. The two park sites reserved cost the club \$50.00 per site plus a \$40.00 refundable clean-up deposit each. All money would be refunded in case of cancelation. There are five tables per site which should allow for social distancing as the limit for the picnic attendance is currently twenty-five members. Games to play might include cards, bingo, corn hole, lawn darts and Hillbilly Golf.

President: Cathi brought up a previously suggested idea for the members of the board to continue in their positions through the 2021 year. She will send out an email to all board members to get written confirmation that each person is amenable to this idea. She also asked board members if they were ready to start meeting in person. Several members agreed, but no definite decision was made on this issue.

Vice President: Rob suggested restarting the monthly general meetings with a speaker as was the norm pre-Covid. It was decided to try this in December, but only as a social event as there will be no Holiday Party this year. Amy agreed to plan this for December 9th, with the club providing

coffee, tea and Holiday cookies to the members attending. As our usual venue, Hickory Airport, is only allowing groups of 25 at this time, Adra asked if we could find a venue that would allow more to attend. Market on Main was suggested by Cathi who said the larger space could be used for \$100.00. A time of 2:00 – 4:00 PM was suggested for this December event by Rob. Amy will put information about this upcoming event in the newsletter. It was suggested to have our fourth quarter charity, Marine Toys for Tots, put a collection bin for toys at the venue for members to donate at the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beckom