

Minutes of Board Meeting  
Newcomers of Catawba Valley  
March 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Cathi Montgomery via Zoom at 10:32 am. Aside from Cathi, present were Vice President Rob Herman, Secretary Chris Beckom, Treasurer Kathy Rozea, Past President Delilah Bragg and Board members Nancy Geiger, Adra Kryszczuk and Amy Chizen. There were no absences.

President: Cathi asked for approval for February's minutes. Adra said she found a few corrections and will send them to Chris. Adra made motion to accept minutes after corrections were made. Amy seconded motion and minutes were conditionally passed.

Vice President: Rob said there were no new members for the month and asked Adra to send the paperwork on last month's new members so he can send the appropriate information to them.

Treasurer: Kathy said she sent the donation check to Toys for Tots for the cash donated by members in the fourth quarter of 2020. Also said she had received a donation in memory of Zig Kryszczuk in the amount of \$25.00 which will be sent to Exodus House, the charity of this quarter.

Charity Coordinator: Nancy suggested the club make a cash contribution to Exodus House as there has been little sent in by members. Adra brought up a possible charity activity and donation for the club called Stand Up to Hunger which has a comedy competition in April to raise money for this charity sponsored by The Corner Table in Newton and by the Back Pack program. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Adra to send \$100.00 each to Exodus House and Stand Up to Hunger. The motion was passed. Adra said there will be a notice about the Stand Up to Hunger event in Bob Jones' weekly column and information about it will be sent to Brenda Ireland for the Newsletter.

Nancy said the next quarter charity will be Habitat for Humanity in Taylorsville. She and Amy are working on an event for members to meet in a central location with their donations for the Habitat Store, they can then carpool to Habitat, drop off donations, shop and go to lunch. The projected date for this is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Another suggestion was to get a group together to take lunch to the Habitat workers on a Saturday when they work on their housing projects.

Opening Club Activities: Rob discussed the survey results which show that many members are wanting to get back to activities with safety precautions in place, the majority to outdoor activities. Rob will put the results of the survey in the Newsletter for the members.

There was concern from some members about vaccination status of other attendees at events. After very much discussion it was decided due to privacy laws that the club cannot have any requirements about vaccine status at any club related event. Rob made a motion to accept this decision. It was seconded by Kathy and the motion passed by vote. Cathi will put out a notice explaining this to all club members.

It was brought up that the Newcomer's Bridge group is having bridge in their homes with only vaccinated players allowed. Cathi said she will call the Bridge group coordinator to discuss this issue.

Rob, Cathi and Adra discussed starting the monthly Club General Meetings in person again at the Airport and suggested they could also be remote via Zoom for members who do not want to attend in person yet. Questions can be asked by text or email due to the limitations of zoom meetings for large crowds. Rob offered to monitor the questions and Adra was going to look into streaming the meetings. It was discussed to possibly have this start at the May meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Cathi said she will contact Dianne Straley who is the coordinator for the General Meetings. Adra offered to look into getting a medical person as the speaker for the first meeting to address any COVID concerns.

Special Events: Amy said there have been some responses to the announcement about the picnic at Hilton Park for April 15<sup>th</sup> and another one is being planned for May 4<sup>th</sup> at Riverbend Park. Both will be Bring-Your-Own-Lunch.

Plans are being discussed for a Pontoon Party. Cathi said she will contact Chad Burrel to ask if he wants to be involved this year.

Crawdads Baseball: Amy said the situation with the games has changed and the Crawdads will be playing at the local stadium for six consecutive games starting May 11<sup>th</sup>. She will get in touch with the baseball coordinator, Kathy Durand, to discuss starting up this event again.

Amy mentioned other events for the future like the Popcorn Factory and Museum

Cathi brought up that Chuck Bethany has resigned as one of the Lunch Out coordinator. He was doing this with Francine Gissy who Adra said is willing to continue but is not in a hurry to restart. Cathi said she is going to contact coordinators of other activities to see who is willing to start up activities.

New Members: Amy said she is working on a scaled down club newsletter to give to potential club members. It was discussed about approaching younger members who may still be working as many of the club activities are during the day. The possibility of having some general meetings in the evening was touched on. Further discussion is needed.

Cathi said she spoke with the representative of Living in the Hickory Bubble Facebook group and will put information on Newcomers on the site.

Board Meetings: It was decided that BOD meetings could begin in person again. Amy will check the Hickory Library for dates. For those BOD who are not yet comfortable meeting in person we will use Zoom at the in-person meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beckom