

Minutes of Board Meeting  
Newcomers of Catawba County  
June 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the home of Vice President Rob Herman at 1:03 p.m. In addition to Rob, present were President Cathi Montgomery, Past President Delilah Bragg, Treasurer Kathy Rozea and Board Members Nancy Geiger, Adra Kryszczuk and Amy Chizen.

Cathi called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes of the May meeting. Delilah pointed out a clarification on the second page under Vacancies; that contacting a journalism major at CVCC would be offered as an *intern* position, not for a fee. Minutes were approved as amended with a motion by Rob, seconded by Kathy.

It was noted that Chris Beckom has resigned as Secretary and Adra volunteered to take minutes of this meeting.

Rob reported that we have one new member – Catherine Caswell. He is planning a luncheon for new members for late July/early August. Board members will also be invited.

Kathy reported that some club monies have been misplaced but that she has the details and has replaced the funds from her own pocket. She passed a treasurers report showing a balance of \$4,229.87 as of May 31, 2021. The subject of dues was raised and Adra suggested that, due to club inactivity, **current** members not be charged dues through the balance of the current year but that new members would pay the current pricing. Regular dues for current members would resume as payable no later than March 31, 2022 for the customary discount (\$2.50 per person). Kathy made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Amy with unanimous approval.

Nancy reported that Alexander County Habitat for Humanity will remain the club's charity through the third quarter (July-September) so she is looking to see if there's a Saturday in July when we could have members help with a build and provide lunch for the workers.

Amy reported that that Vince and Michele LeGrand will host a pool party at their home on July 31 with members bringing food. She is also investigating tubing and river rafting for August. Apparently there had been some interest in Pickle Ball but the public courts have no equipment so it was determined that the activity would not be feasible as a club event. She has also been approached to see about arranging an event at the Hickory Community Theatre by purchasing/using season tickets and possibly a donation for a sponsored night. She and Kathy will investigate group rates and options. Amy reported that the Pontoon Party is scheduled for Friday, September 17 with a rain date of September 24. She noted that Chad had suggested a later start time. She is also looking into Blue Ridge Transportation as a possibility for out-of-town events. Because of the awkward Crowdads scheduling this season, there will not be a NCV event – it would be too hot and there aren't home games in September.

Adra reported that the responses she'd received to starting games in May and June was not sufficient to run them so she has informed the members that it will be September when we try again and that the schedule will be limited to one Canasta night and one Samba night. She also reported that Elizabeth Strickland has volunteered to run Samba Day for six months of the year – October through April. There are still openings for Dominoes, Daytime Canasta and Evening Samba.

Dianne Straley has arranged for the July General Meeting to be held at the newly renovated Wade Center in Conover. The date will be **Thursday**, July 15. Michele LeGrand has asked that we investigate holding the club's Rummikub games at that location although they would currently charge a fee for use of the facility. Adra noted that in the past games had been held in member's homes. Cathi will pursue.

Cathi brought up the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Corps League Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>. Historically the club has sponsored one hole for the event. Due to the inactivity in the club over the past year, the question was raised about sponsoring two holes this year (\$100 per hole). Kathy made a motion to that effect seconded by Adra and passed unanimously.

Cathi will be on vacation on the next scheduled Board Meeting date (July 28) so the next meeting has been rescheduled to July 30, location TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adra Kryszczuk, Acting Secretary