

**Minutes of Board Meeting  
Newcomers of Catawba Valley  
August 25, 2021**

This meeting was called to order in the home of Adra Kryszczuk at 10:49 by Cathi Montgomery. In addition to Adra, present were Kathy Rozea, Cathi Montgomery, Nancy Geiger, Amy Chizen, Delilah Bragg, and Catherine Caswell. Absent: Rob Herman. Cathi called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes from the July board meeting. Adra made the motion and Amy seconded it. The motion passed to accept the minutes.

**President**

Cathi said the August newsletter was written by Adra and approved by Cathi and then sent to the general membership. The same thing will be done for the September newsletter because no one has stepped forward to be the newsletter editor. The BOD also agreed that the September newsletter would be the last until a volunteer stepped up to take the role of editor.

**Vice President**

Rob was absent from the meeting. Adra reported 5 new members have signed up in August.

Adra also mentioned that pictures from the pool party and the tubing event will be posted on the website.

**Secretary-** nothing to report

**Treasurer**

Kathy reported she had received checks for new members' membership fees. She gave Nancy letters for ads and from charities. She also reported that she still has not been able to get a refund from the post office for PO box rental that was paid but should not have been. Adra said she would investigate.

She had also received sponsor checks from Alan Elrod, owner of Attitude Salon, and a Viewmont Pharmacy. It was mentioned that Kevin McCutcheon is the sponsorship chair, and he needs to be notified that sponsor checks have been received. Kathy will deliver a check to Kevin McCutcheon for the Marine Corps golf tournament. NCV will be sponsoring 2 holes for the tournament.

**Charities**

Nancy has set up a workday with Habitat for Humanity of Taylorsville for another workday on Saturday, September 25. Work will be from 8:00 am to about 2:00. NCV will also be providing lunch for all workers that day. A head count of the volunteers that day will be needed so the correct amount of food can be prepared.

Kevin McCutcheon will need to be contacted about when bins will be out for Toys for Tots collections.

## **Special Events Chair**

Amy reported that both the pool party and the tubing event went well. Tubing will be offered again next year just after school starts again.

The pontoon party is scheduled for September 17 with a rain date of September 24. The deadline to signup is the end of day September 3. There are still spaces left. Four pontoons have been offered and will tie up with the Lake Hickory Adventure yacht at 5:30. Newcomers will provide plates, napkins, cups and silverware and some water. Everyone is to bring an assigned dish and their own drinks of choice.

A Let's Do Lunch Picnic is planned for September 21 at noon at Southside Park in Newton. Amy is looking into having a food truck available for those who would like to purchase lunch. The truck owner will be responsible for looking into whether the truck is allowed at the park. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. Desserts should be individually wrapped and should serve about 12 people. She will send out all the information in a flyer and in the newsletter.

A workshop at AR Workshop has been set up for October 7 from 2-5. Members will have the choice of making a 12" or 18" round wooden sign. All signup and payments will be made through the AR Workshop website. There will be snacks and drinks available to buy and they can be brought in. Cathi suggested AR Workshop should be asked about sponsoring NCV.

Amy is also trying to set up a private tour of Murray's Mill in October.

Amy is working out details for a beer tasting at Fercott Fermentables Brewery in Lenoir. The target date is Thursday, September 30. They also have wine available and a meat and cheese tray for the tasters.

A Halloween Party is scheduled for October 29 at the home of the Le Grand's. Amy offered her house as a backup. There will be more details later.

The holiday party is being planned for January 7, 2022. A couple of possibilities were offered and will be looked into further. The first being having it at the Hickory Museum of Art and having the culinary department of either the local magnet school or the community college provide hors d'oeuvres and have a cash bar. The other possibility is to have it at Duke's Restaurant and Wine Bar with heavy hors d'oeuvres a deejay or small band and a cash bar.

The December regular general meeting will be a holiday dessert get together at the airport meeting room. We will have the airport provide tea, coffee and water and possibly a dessert. Amy is also looking into bakeries to provide desserts. All desserts will be individually wrapped.

## **Nominating Committee**

Adra reported that she has recruited one more person for the nominating committee and hopes to recruit one more to have a committee of three. The slate

will be presented to the membership in October, voted on in November and the new board will be installed in January.

### **Old Business**

The only old business was the holiday party as discussed during the SEC report.

### **New Business**

Cathi brought up the email from Brenda and Scott Ireland that she had forwarded to the board earlier. The Irelands had been asked by Mike Kelly if someone from NCV would be willing to be a guest on his podcast, The Real Hickory Podcast, to talk about settling in once moving to the area. The Irelands volunteered to be guests to represent NCV on the podcast. A motion was made by Adra and seconded by Kathy and passed to have the Irelands be guests on the podcast as representatives of NCV.

### **Next Meetings**

The next general meeting will be September 8 at the airport. Someone from the Crawdads will be the speaker.

We need someone to step up to be the programs director to set up further speakers.

Cathi will speak with Sharon, the hospitality chair about having a signup sheet out for members to sign up to bring food for general meetings.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be September 22 at Kathy's house. October's BOD meeting will be at Amy's house.

### **Discussion**

The current policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination was discussed. Cathi will send out an updated version of the policy to the board for discussion. Cathi will also send a response letter to all those who wrote to the board about the current policy explaining that the policy is being discussed.

The meeting was adjourned around 12:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Caswell  
Secretary