

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Newcomers of Catawba Valley
March 23, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Rob Herman, Vice President, at 10:00am at the home of Adra Kryszczuk. Members present were Rob Herman, Karen Mills, Kathy Kuehn, Amy Chizen, Adra Kryszczuk, Nancy Geiger and Kathy Rosea, with guest Susan Mata. Kathi Montgomery was absent on medical leave.

Minutes of the February meeting were moved to be approved as amended by Adra, seconded by Amy, and passed.

Member Reports:

Rob, New Members – Reported 6 new members in January; 4 in February; and 4 in March, with 5 more potentials.

Kathy R, Treasurer – Balance today was \$5508 with a deposit today added of approximately \$210. She reported that the system crashed and locked her out. She is working with the bank on resolution.

Nancy, Charities – Reports that a check will be sent to the Soup Kitchen with final monies received. Next quarter charity is Burke County Outreach Center. She will be asking for volunteers to work April 26 in their thrift shop or distributing food. Newcomers will be collecting items for both the thrift shop and the food bank. They will accept anything i.e., furniture, clothes etc. It was suggested that Nancy ask the CEO Dr. Holly Johnson, speak about their agency at the next Newcomers' meeting. She also noted that we received a thank you note from the Wig Bank for our donation.

Amy, Special Events – Listed are the upcoming events for March and April:

- Beer and wine tasting in Granite Falls on 3/24
- Catawba Pottery & Antique Festival 3/26. Members are to meet at 10:00, with the possibility of lunch after.
- Hickory Community Theater play "Ripcord" on 4/7. A reception prior to the play with food provided by Susan. Members are to purchase drinks at the concession stand. 26 are signed up.
- Kentucky Derby Party 5/7 at the Chizen home. Currently limited to 60 but may increase to 75.

Adra, Director – Games are ongoing. Samba has 8 participants only. They meet on Thursdays and will order off the Airport restaurant menu. A games day on April 5 will be attempted at 11:30 am.

Kathy K, Speakers – April speaker is Patrice Gibson from Shining Hope Equine Farms. The May speaker (unconfirmed) is Andy Wells, NCDOT, to speak on the 321 bridge reconstruction.

At this time, suggestions were given to Kathy including having away events i.e., George Place from County Extension for garden information and possibly a plant exchange. Also, the Wine to Water Project.

Susan, Newsletter – Reports that producing the newsletter is going well and she loves doing it. She is planning to obtain a separate email address for newsletter items. She also suggested that we have a name for the newsletter. This was met with enthusiasm, and a contest was suggested with a \$25 Visa card prize. Adra moved that this happen & Kathy R seconded with the sponsors picking the winner. Passed.

Old Business:

1) Transfer of Agent status – Vince just returned from vacation. Adra will meet with him as soon as possible. Kathy R will research any documentation necessary.

2) Business Cards and Rack Cards – Adra presented the new cards. Numerous suggestions were made for additional distribution areas. Chamber of Commerce has a rack and sends our information to those requesting. Rob suggested that some be made available on the tables at our Newcomers meetings. Adra will check on the possibility of distributing them to the top local realtors and property managers.

As an aside, Kathy K will pick up publicity for programs. At the next Board meeting we will discuss a publicist position.

3) Membership dues and collections – Adra and Kathy R are planning to meet today. Adra reports that presently, 18 members are not renewing. Current member total is 344.

As a new business item for April, a list of nonpaid members will be given to the Board for follow-up.

4) Review of New Activity Policy – Rob presented the changes for Board review. First item was to change NCV to Newcomers – no acronyms. Moved by Rob, seconded by Adra. Passed. Complete revisions will be presented at the April meeting. Rob will also bring Duties of Officers policy to the next meeting for review.

5) Kathy R. is looking into buying a computer/printer for the club.

New Business:

1) New member luncheon on April 19, 2022. Rob presented the menu and Board members volunteered to provide several selections. If financial reimbursement is requested, receipts must be given to KathyR.

2) A situation was discussed re: developing a policy for Newcomers that want to charge for activities that they organize. It was discussed and will be readdressed at the April meeting with Board members' thoughts. Adra and Rob will meet and devise a potential policy.

3) Events beyond 30 days – The Crowdad Game and picnic was organized and scheduled by Kathy Durand for April 28.

Next BOD meeting will be April 27th at Rob's home. Karen will not be available; Adra volunteered to take minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mills, secretary