

Newcomers of Catawba Valley

Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2022nd Karen

The meeting was called to order by Cathi Montgomery, President at 10:10 at the home of Rob Herman. Members present were Cathi Montgomery, Nancy Geiger, Adra Kryszczuk, Amy Chizen and Kathy Rosea. Kathy Kuehn and Karen Mills were absent. Susan Mata was a guest. Minutes of the last meeting were moved to be approved as written by Amy, seconded by Kathy R. and passed unanimously.

Cathi questioned why the board had voted to discontinue use of the "NCV" acronym. Rob explained the reasoning. Cathi asked for a motion to remove the issue as a rule. Adra made the motion seconded by Amy and passed unanimously.

Rob reported that there were 12 new members in March and 3 in April. The new member luncheon was well-attended. Rob thanked the board members who prepared food for the event. Cathi thanked everyone who volunteered to help out.

Kathy reported that there is a balance of \$5,000 + in the treasury. As of the meeting date, there are 90 members listed as unpaid. Rob suggested that the club look into getting a system that would allow us to accept credit card payments – such as a Square – in the hope that it would be a solution. Kathy will get together with Harlan Chizen and follow up. Rob will write a newsletter article when we have an answer to advise the members. Kathy and Adra will continue to work on non-renewals.

Nancy reported that 15 members in total reported at The Outreach Center in Morganton to help with food distribution and in the thrift shop. She is planning another 'volunteer day' in June. The charity for the 3rd quarter will be Second Harvest Food Bank in Bethlehem (Alexander County).

Amy reported that 42 signed up for the Crawdad's event. It was noted that future flyers should be worded differently to clarify that this is a club event and not a personal event. She noted that she has 28 signed up for the Kentucky Derby party on May 7. Other upcoming events include a trip to the Arboretum in Belmont (Jon Kiser is running this event and has 20+ signed up). The next Beer and Wine Tasting will be at Fercott's Fermentables in Lenoir on May 18th possibly hosted by the Knobloch's. The club picnic is scheduled for May 19 at The Stump Event Center in Mountain View. Amy made a motion for \$200 to cover expenses for this event, seconded by Rob and passed unanimously. On June 2nd, there is an outing to the covered bridge and Murray's Mill. Attendees should bring lunch and we'll eat at the picnic tables by the bridge. Jon Kiser is looking into a blueberry picking outing in late June. She is looking into a group outing to Wine & Design in Hickory later in the summer. Cathi suggested that the newsletter have a "coming events" box featured prominently in the newsletter which met with approval.

Adra read a letter from Bob Jones regarding the club's COVID policy asking for a revision. All agreed that there would be no change at this time. Everyone has the right to make their own choices.

In Kathy Kuehn's absence, Cathi reported that Andy Wells will speak at the May General Meeting and update the status of the widening of 321 north to Lenoir.

Old Business

Adra reported that Vince LeGrand found a form online for agent transfer and shared it. She has sent the form and required payment (\$5) from the club's checking account to the Secretary of State.

The discussion on review of procedures and processes was tabled to a later meeting.

Cathi, Adra and Kathy will work together to get the information to purchase a laptop and printer for the treasurer's and club use.

Susan Mata reported that 16 potential Newsletter names had been submitted and passed out ballots to each board member. She tallied them and reported the winning name as "The Voice of Newcomers."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next general meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. May 11th with Andy Wells speaking. The next Board Meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. May 25th at Cathi's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adra Kryszczuk
Acting Secretary