

Newcomers of Catawba Valley Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Adra Kryszczuk, President, at 10:15 a.m. at Patrick Beaver Library. Members present were: Adra Kryszczuk, Debbie Hindman, Sharon Snellings, Sonya Reid, Nancy Geiger, Cathy Montgomery and Rob Herman. The following members were absent: Evie Gibson and Kathy Rozea. Amy Chizen was present at the meeting and Cathi made a motion to allow guests to speak at the meeting. Motion was seconded by Debbie; motion carried. The minutes from the November Board meeting were presented and one correction was made (time of General Meeting). Adra made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Rob seconded the motion; the minutes of the November Board meeting were approved.

Adra provided copies of the revised bylaws and discussion ensued. Following some changes to the language in the bylaws, Cathi made a motion to present the amendments to the Club during the January 10th General Meeting for a vote. Rob seconded the motion and the motion carried. Prior to the January 10th meeting, Adra will provide an explanation of the amendments recommended by the Board to the Club via group email.

Membership

Debbie reported six new members in December. Sonya reported that we are currently at 334 members (this reflects new membership applications and the death of two members).

Secretary – Sharon reported that the Hospitality job (preparing for and setting up the meeting space at the airport for the General Meetings) will be taken over this year by Linda DeGraw (daytime meetings) and Susan Dingle (evening meetings). Transition meeting will be held in January.

Treasurer

Sonya reported the following:

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| Income | \$2,424.00 |
| Expenses | \$1,880.00 |
| Current Balance | \$5,324.88 |

Sonya reported that she attempted to set up a Venmo account for the Club but discovered that we do not qualify for non-profit status and therefore, we would have to pay a 4% surcharge which everyone agreed was too high. Adra offered to investigate what it would take to qualify, under the Venmo contract.

Sonya reported that, in addition to the toys donated by members, the Club received \$110 in cash donations which have been sent to the Toys for Tots organization. Amy Chizen commented that she is working with Toys for Tots representatives to determine a better way to fulfill the requests from children for next year's campaign.

Charities

Nancy reported that the Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) will be the charity for the 1st quarter of 2024 and our guest speaker in January will be Molly Sain of CCM. Nancy will be out of town in January so Adra will provide the introduction.

Special Events

Amy Chizen reported that Cindy Zook and Jon Kiser will be Special Events Committee Chairs in the upcoming year and the next SEC meeting will be held January 18th at 1:30 at the library.

- February 2nd – Friday Friendly Feud game and potluck dinner at the airport.
- Beer Tasting – 2nd Friday of the month
- April – Asheville overnight trip. Committee will send information to the Club.

Old Business

Holiday Party update – The event will be held at Warehouse 18 in Hickory on January 13th. Cost will be \$40/member and \$60/guest (this amount will include \$20 toward a Club membership). Schedule: Appetizers from 5:00 – 6:00; Dinner @ 6:00; Dancing 7:00- 10:00. Currently, 64 people are attending. Cindy Zook and Amy will be handling decorations. There was a discussion of date selection for next year, based upon the response from many members that they are out of town/busy this weekend (King holiday on following Monday).

Informing Members of Changes in Activities – Sonya reported that she has established the call-in number (828-544-1929), and it will be effective January 1st. She will send out an email to all Club members informing them of this new system.

New Business

NCV Website – Adra reported that while no proprietary information was compromised during recent hacks into our website, Greg Gervasio is recommending that we purchase a security system at the cost of approximately \$80/year. Discussion ensued and Cathi made a motion to appoint a small group to examine competitive website services. Rob made a secondary motion to appoint a committee to review the purpose and value received from the website. The Board agreed that we should survey Club members regarding their use/interest in the website. This issue was tabled to allow Amy to present the issue to next year's Board for a decision. The Board did approve the purchase of a security system at a cost of no more than \$80/year. Part of the discussion centered around this issue of privacy concerns and the Board agreed to amend the membership application to clarify that by joining the Club, a member agrees to include his/her contact information in our directory and that pictures taken during events may be used for publicity purposes.

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m. (Hickory Airport)
Change-Over Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2024 @ 12:00 noon (Amy Chizen's residence)

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Snellings, Secretary