

## **Newcomers of Catawba Valley General Meeting**

**April 13, 2016**

President Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. at the Hickory Airport and asked Monty Matthews to introduce our visitors and guests. There were five who each stood and told us a little about themselves.

Carol then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March general meeting. A motion was made by Eric Koch and seconded by Vince LeGrand and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dianne Straley introduced members, John and Beth Keane who gave a beautiful pictorial presentation of their favorite western North Carolina hiking sites along with hand-outs describing the trails and their locations.

Joe Paussa was unable to attend the meeting but sent word about the quarterly charity, the Hickory Soup Kitchen and what their needs are, encouraging all to be generous in their contributions.

The 50/50 raffle was held and John Bates was the winner of \$20. The same amount will go to the Hickory Soup Kitchen. John donated \$15 of his winnings to the Soup Kitchen also.

Vince reported that the starting balance for March 1 was \$3,262.64, receipts for dues and miscellaneous was \$1,086.00, expenses for the month were \$878.55, which left a balance of \$3,470.09 as of March 31.

Vince explained the proposed changes to the By-Laws as reported in the last newsletter and outlined on the back of the printed agenda, noting that the reason for the changes follows the recent incorporation of the club and that the attorney we used had suggested these changes. A motion to approve the changes as proposed was made by Kathy Bethany and seconded by Michele LeGrand and the motion was passed unanimously.

Carol called attention to the list of upcoming events on each table and passed out a list for folks to sign up to help out as either organizers or helpers for some of the upcoming social activities. She also described a new concept - "meet-ups" - wherein anyone could contact the group saying they had an informal plan to do something and encourage any and all to join them in that activity (music under the sails, go to a movie, etc.).

Carol informed the membership that Bob Sinclair, Coordinator of Sails Original Music Series, would be our speaker at the general meeting in May. She then asked the membership if they had any information for Open Mic. A number of local events were mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40. The next board meeting will be held on April 20 at the Patrick Beaver Library and the next general meeting will be on May 11.

Submitted by:  
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Acting Secretary