

## MINUTES

**Newcomers of Catawba Valley  
Monthly General Meeting  
May 10, 2017  
Hickory Regional Airport**

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### **WELCOME: Carol Hoover, President**

Carol Hoover called the meeting to order at 10:33am.

Carol welcomed Newcomers. Lori Gervasio and Haydee Pujdak were thanked for bringing refreshments.

### **INTRODUCTION of NEW MEMBERS and GUEST: Joe Paussa**

Joyce Baldwin: Joyce has lived in Arizona and Utah and moved to Conover. Her son lives in Hickory.

### **Board Minutes: Francine Gissy**

Adra Kryszczuk made a motion to accept the April 2017 minutes and Audrey Rozzelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER REPORT: Vince LeGrand**

Beginning Balance	March 1, 2017	<b>\$3,901.46</b>
Total Income		<b>\$ 342.00</b>
Ending Balance	March 31, 2017	<b>\$4,097.46</b>

### **QUARTERLY CHARITY: Joe Paussa**

The Humane Society of Burke County – Friends for Animals is the quarterly charity. The list of items needed includes bedding, first aide, cleaning, food and pet products. ***Newspapers are the #1 item needed as well as harness/leads which can be purchased on Amazon.***

### **50 – 50 DRAWING: Adra Kryszczuk**

A total of \$71 was collected for the Humane Society of Burke County. Ed Sawicki won \$35 with \$36 donated to the Humane Society.

## **PROGRAM: North Carolina Birding by Dr. Robert Williams**

Dr. Williams is a retired Hickory physician and member of the High Country Audubon Society and the Carolina Bird Club. He discussed how to find and identify birds, feed birds and share photos.

- 47 million adults observe birds.
- 18 million adults are active birders.
- Binoculars have two numbers: First # is the power of the binocular or the number of times it magnifies the image. Second # is the diameter of the objective lens in millimeters.

### **Resource Materials**

- Audubon.org: This site has a section on choosing binoculars.
- Peterson Field Guide
- National Geographic Field Guide
- Kenn Kaufman Guide
- Phone App: Sibley Birds – this is not a free app.
- [www.highcountryaudubon.org](http://www.highcountryaudubon.org)

### **SPECIAL and NEW EVENTS**

- Wine Tasting, pot Luck picnic and Musical Entertainment at Silver Fork Winery on June 24, 2017 at 12:30pm. Cost is \$7.00 per person for tasting (1 ounce pours).

### **OPEN MICROPHONE**

- Linda Monroe, President of the Friends of the Library, thanked the club for our end of year donation.

The General Meeting ended at 11:52pm.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2017/ 10:30am/Hickory Airport. The program is a discussion on breast cancer.

Minutes submitted by,  
Francine Gissy  
Treasurer