Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
Board of Director (BoD)'s Meeting Agenda via Zoom
January 06, 2025

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:41pm.

B. Present were President Jack Jones, Vice President Dick Prosser, Treasurer Mark Hendrickson, Directors-At-Large: Pamela Alfano, Bee Buergler, Barbara Ebersole and Kathy Kropat. Absent were Secretary Linda Barna and Director-at-Large Liz Kestler.

II. Reading and Consent of September Board Meeting Minutes: Linda Barna

A. December 2024 BoD Meeting Minutes were reviewed and will be published as revised.

III. Treasurer's Report: Mark Hendrickson

A. The balance in the checking account is $7,555. This includes all transactions except Elks rental for the December 5 dance (the check has not cleared).

B. We owe SOS $80 for the cards we sold.

C. Will pay ACSC this month - $50

D. Will pay National Fast Dance $31.50. 105 members @ 30 cents/member

E. Music licensing based on attendance $.33/attendee x number of people we expect to attend. Using last year 621 attendees, that will be just over $200. Will use that estimate. Will pay now on predicted attendance. We averaged 22 people/dance in 2024.

F. We need to increase attendance or find a new model for the club. More rent free venues, not paying DJs. $145 venue + 125 DJ + ASCAP fee = $270/dance. We average 22 people/dance and bring in $220.

G. Urban Market will call Dick Prosser regarding festivals where we can dance to solicit new members. We can use our banner and give out our cards.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. 2021 & 2022 Audit: Fern Siegler is resigning.

1. Sherri will get the audit paperwork from Fern and ask someone else to do the audit.
2. The audit must be done by a non-board member.
3. To replace Fern we might ask Holly Sullivan, an accountant or Sue Young who has bookkeeping experience. Mark will contact Holly.

B. Charity and Fundraising: Vacant. No Report

C. Dance Committee: Pamela Alfano, Chair.

1. Committee members are still interested in teaching and Craig will assist with intermediate lesson when he is there. Vaughn & Cathy can teach intermediate. Joan volunteered to teach an occasional footwork lesson.
2. On nights they teach intermediate, Vaughn & Cathy can teach 15 minute basic lessons to review beginners who just need a brief review.

D. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair

1. Members total: 105 members. 97 active.
2. Outstanding Renewals-8: 1 October, 7 due January 1. 2 new members in December 2024.

E. Music♪: Vaughn Royal, chair. Pamela liaison:

1. January 16 – DJ Craig
2. January 23– DJ Jack
3. January 30 – Vaughn & Cathy

F. Public Relations: Adele Robey chair. Adele will continue with Twitter & Instagram. We need a local person to head up local PR.

G. Social and Hospitality Committee: Vacant
1. Clare & Don's Dick will check availability of February 2 & March 9.
2. 1st or 2nd Sunday of every month.

V. Other Committee Reports:
A. Communications:
1. Facebook – Jack Jones and John Romito.
a. FB broadcasting out for more viewers is too expensive.
2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat. No Report.
3. Shag Rag – Adele Robey.
a. Will be published soon.
4. Website – Loren Kropat.
a. Updated BoD members. Removed Fern. Changed email addresses to forward to Jack and Dick.

VI. New Business:
A. January 30: 60s dance, Who's Who? Need a DJ on board. January 30. Vaughn & Cathy DJ. Possible Loren or Jack as substitute. Check with Linda.
B. February 6: Team Jersey Theme Dance. Wear any team colors. High school, college, Pro.
C. February 13: Valentine's Dance
D. March: St Patrick's Dance
C. Make sure we are on the Elks schedule for Thursdays in 2025.
1. Jack did verify that we are on the Elk's main calendar for Thursdays in 2025.
D. ACSC: Adele will represent Jack at the meeting on January 18
E. Frequency of dancing 2025
1. We will continue to dance weekly January 9-February 13 in 2025.
2. BoD will decide if we will dance on February 20 & March 6 (the Thursday before & the Thursday after many members be on a Shag Cruise). The cruise leaves from FL Sunday, February 23 & returns Monday, March 3.
3. There will be NO dance on February 27 as 22 NVSC members will be on the cruise.
4. We will continue weekly for the next 3 or 4 months.
F. Inclement weather policy
1. We follow the Fairfax County School cancellation policy.
G. Future look – DJs
1. Craig will retire soon.
H. Bylaws: recommend updating suggested General Membership Meeting dates from January and October to allow more flexibility. Review and see if there are other areas that should be modified to how we operate post-covid.
a. Sherri thought October meeting compressed the election cycle too much.
b. Amending bylaws is complicated. We will wait until we see if we have more to modify.
c. We need to talk about election earlier (August) to meet deadlines and be able to introduce candidates at 4th Quarter Membership Meeting.
I. We need to update signature card at Truist Bank.

VII. Old Business:
1. Reinstated free dance coupon for first-time attendees for future dance.
2. Kathy updated Elk's Point of Contact.

VIII. Other Announcements:
A. Next Board meeting: February 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

IX. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:51pm

HISTORIC EVENTS

Red indicates NVSC local event

January -SOS Mid-Winter ACSC meeting – January
January -National Shag Dance Championship prelims, NMB, SC – January
February -NVSC Super Bowl party – February (location, feasibility)
March -1st quarter General Membership Meeting not later than the end of March
March -National Shag Dance Championship finals, NMB, SC – March
March -Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame – typically in March
March – begin arrangements for NVSC Shag-A-Thon (Dulles Town Center?)
NVSC Capital Classic – potential smaller event?
April -SOS Spring Safari ACSC Meeting – April
May -U.S. Grand Dance Nationals, Augusta – May
June?? -Joint party with Battlefield Boogie Club – June 1, 2024
June – 2nd quarter General Membership Meeting (no later than the end of June)
July -Ice Cream/Sorbet Social at Elks – July 11, 2024
August -Richmond Boogie on the James – August
August -Battlefield Boogie Club dinner dance – August
September -SOS Fall Migration ACSC Meeting – September
September - 3rd quarter General Membership Meeting (no later than the end of September)
October -NVSC Club Picnic – October 5, Rain Date October 6, 2024
October -NVSC Wine Tasting and Auction Social – October 27, 2024
October or November – 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting (no later than the end of November)
October – Halloween Dance.
November -National Living Legends of Dance Followers – November
December -NVSC Club holiday party – December 12, 2024
Misc. Socials at The Revolutions and other locations throughout the year
New venue for the Dance Committee to review Shag steps.

2024 NVSC BoD ELECTION dates 2024

In the future, we recommend starting process by forming a committee in September (check the bylaws)

1. October 7: Hello Shagger asks for BoD candidates.
2. By November 7: Candidates provide bio with photo.
3. By November 14: Ballot published in a special edition of the Shag Rag.
4. November 16: Latest postmark date for mail-in ballots.
5. November 18: Mail-in ballots due
6. December 5: Last in-person vote at 8pm during our dance.
7. December 12: New Board announced & introduced at the Holiday Party.

2025 Events record

January 30 – Lunar New Year Party
February 6 – Team Colors Dance (pre-Super Bowl)
February 13 – Valentine's Dance
February 22-March 3 – Shag Cruise with 22 NVSC members