Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
Board of Director (BoD)'s Meeting Agenda via Zoom
August 4, 2025

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:37 pm.

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

II. Reading and Consent of prior month's Board Meeting Minutes: Linda Barna

A. July 2025 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 $8,767.

B. Jack will send Mark the Zoom bill of approximately $160 soon.

C. Mark has sold 12 out of 15 SOS tickets to members. Unsold tickets must be returned for refund by the end of August.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Audit: Linda Zerden, a retired professional auditor, has volunteered to do the 2023 & 2024 audits.

1. We do not have anyone who has volunteered to continue as auditor.
2. Linda has the NVSC Financial Policies & Procedures Document.

B. Charity and Fundraising: Vacant.

C. Dance Committee : Pamela Alfano, Chair

1. Beginner lessons as needed and adjusted to the requirements of the attendees.

D. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair

1. Members total: 104 members listed. 95 active/senior.
2. 9 Outstanding Renewals: 3 from June, 6 from July, 11 renewals sent via email on August 1.
   a. Will send letters via USPS August 15 to those who have not paid via Square. It was noted that most members do not pay dues until the end of the month.
3. May average attendance 22.8. June average 20.75.

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

1. August 7 – Loren
2. August 14 – Jack
3. August 21 – Craig
4. August 28 – Vaughn & Cathy with Shaggable country music. Folks can wear western style.

F. Public Relations: Adele Robey chair. No Report.

G. Social and Hospitality Committee: Vacant

V. Other Committee Reports:

A. Communications:

1. Facebook – Jack Jones and John Romito.
   a. Jack will combine and post photos of the dances.
2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat. 4pm Monday is preferred deadline for submissions.
   a. Kathy will include a blurb from Dick about volunteering for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanups.
3. Shag Rag – Adele Robey. No Report
4. Website – Loren Kropat. No Report

VI. New Business:

A. Barbara Dent's preferred method for handling the membership renewals is to email the notices and then follow up with mail notices after two weeks of no responses.

1. Can the Square system handle membership renewals? If so, should we provide an incentive to pay online? At the very least, we should encourage those who attend our weekly dances to pay Mark directly with a check or cash.

a. Mark has received Square payments from some members.
    i. There is a $1 fee to use Square, but to mail costs $.78. It's about even.
b. Some don't use Square because of the stipulations and agreements required. It was noted that others who have used Square have not received any unwanted emails from Square.

B. Should we recommend any other concerts sponsored by Fairfax County for our members to attend for the rest of the summer? No

C. We have posted upcoming dance events from other VA Shag Clubs. What should be our approach to handling these requests from non-VA clubs? Promoted a few times in Hello Shagger if typically well attended by our members. Once if not.

D. Dick has applied to the "Adopt a Highway" program and designated Jack as his assistant for the required clean-up days. Dick has selected the area to cleanup and we have received approval from the Fairfax County government with instruction documents on how to do it. We have not selected a date for the first cleanup. Should we ask for additional volunteers?

1. Dick has written a blurb asking for clean-up volunteers. Volunteers are required to attend a Zoom training session.
2. Bee volunteered to help with clean-up when possible.
3. 1st clean-up suggested for October. Clean-ups must be 5 months apart. NVSC eligible for a sign once we have completed two clean-ups.

E. Loren & Kathy have again offered their house for the Club picnic to be held on October 4 with rain date of October 5. As in previous picnics, everyone will bring food.

1. Liz volunteered to make a picnic basket to raffle off at the picnic to raise funds for NVSC.

F. Kevin & Trish have volunteered to do the Charity Wine Auction on October 19.

1. Share donations with the Club? No. Too complicated.
2. Sherri has volunteered to run the bidding. Kevin will be a back-up if necessary.

G. We need to talk about election earlier to meet deadlines. Should we have the 4th Quarter Membership Meeting the first dance in November to introduce candidates?

1. Ask Tom to Chair the election committee.
2. Yes, NVSC membership meeting November 6 to introduce candidates.

H. Future look – DJs and Dance Instructors.

1. Craig J is likely to retire soon and is also the Shag DJ in most demand in the Shag community. Bob Mathews has expressed interest in learning how to DJ.
2. Being a DJ requires a laptop and DJ software.

I. Ice Cream Social: September 4. $50 approved.

J. Possibly cancel Sept 18 Elks Dance due to SOS.

VIII. Old Business:

A. Clare & Don's Sunday Social: August 10 from 2-5 pm.

B. Club members attended the Burke Lake Park Summer Concert Series on July 23 to the Rock Shakerz band. It was a beautiful evening and we did a lot of dancing.

VIII. Other Announcements:

A. Next Board meeting: September 8, 2025 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

IX. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:32 pm

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 – Fairy Hair 2024
October – Halloween Dance.
November -National Living Legends of Dance Followers – November
December -NVSC Club holiday party – December 12, 2024
December – 50s Night - December 5, 2024 was too close to Christmas. use old photos from previous
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 2 – Dance at Clare & Don's, Falls Church
February 6 – Team Colors Dance (pre-Super Bowl)
February 13 – Valentine's Dance
February 22-March 3 – Shag Cruise with 22 NVSC members

March 13 – St Patrick's Dance
March 16 – Clare & Don's
April 6 – Clare & Don's
May 1 – Kentucky Derby Dance
May 18 – Clare & Don's
May 15 – 60s Party Dance with Who's Who (high school age)
June 8 – Healthy Together Fairfax at Franconia Park
June 26 - General Membership Meeting
June 28 – Joint Party with Battlefield Boogie Club
July 13 – Clare & Don's
August 10 – Clare & Don's
September 4 – Ice Cream Social
October 4 – Picnic at Kropat's
October 19 – Wine Auction at Trish & Kevin's
October 30 – Halloween Dance
December 11 – Holiday Party