Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
Board of Director (BoD)'s Meeting Agenda via Zoom
October 6, 2025

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:30pm.

B. Present were President Jack Jones, Vice President Dick Prosser, Treasurer Mark Hendrickson, Directors-At-Large: Bee Buergler, Barbara Ebersole, Liz Kestler and Kathy Kropat. Absent was Secretary Linda Barna (Linda prepared minutes from a video of the meeting received October 25) and Director-at-Large Pamela Alfano.

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

A. September 2025 BoD Meeting Minutes were reviewed and will be published as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report: Mark Hendrickson

A. The balance in the checking account is $9,668.

B. SOS party bill and Kropat picnic expenses will be paid this month.

C. Annual Liability Insurance bill due October 15.

1. A motion to authorize this payment of $425 was made, seconded and approved.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Audit: Linda Zerden, Chair

1. Mark will talk with Linda tomorrow to see how she is doing with the audit.

B. Charity and Fundraising: Vacant.

C. Dance Committee: Pamela Alfano, Chair: No Report. See VI. New Business, Section D.

D. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair

1. Members total: 106 members listed. 98 active.
2. 8 Outstanding Renewals: 2 from June, 3 from July, 2 from August. 1 September.
3. 12 renewal emails sent October 1.

E. Music: Vaughn Royal, chair. Pamela liaison: No Report

1. October 16: Craig
2. October 30, Halloween: Cathy & Vaughn

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.
    b. He will take videos at the Holiday Party.
2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat. No Report
3. Shag Rag – Adele Robey.
    a. Board candidate bios will be included in the November Shag Rag.
4. Website – Loren Kropat. No Report

VI. New Business:

A. We will have a Halloween Theme for the Thursday Dance on October 30.

1. We will decorate and have candy.

B. Kevin and Trish have volunteered their house in Great Falls for the annual wine party fundraiser on Sunday, October 19.

2. Kevin will be running the Wine Bidding.

3. As in previous fundraisers, everyone will bring food.

C. Dick has set a date of October 22 for the first cleanup event for the "Adopt a Highway program".

1. Dick will send out an email to remind the volunteers.

2. Loren has a list of equipment needed.

3. VDOT will pick up the orange trash bags after the trash has been collected.

D. Joan's special footwork lesson was enjoyable last Thursday evening. What should be the timing for future lessons from her? Should we limit participation of these new classes to members only? We will check with Dance Committee Chair, Pamela, when she returns.

1. Joan suggested weekly review lessons to brush-up on technique and footwork. Following are suggestions from the Board:

a. These lessons can be given by instructors from the dance committee.

b. Try to limit the lesson to 30 minutes

c. Hold these lessons at 7:30 while the beginner lesson is in progress.

d. If necessary (if the other room is not available) can we hold both lessons at the same time in the Fairfax Room? This depends on the size of the classes. We can rearrange the tables. Try this out.

e. Decision to be made whether you must be a member to take these intermediate/review lessons. And if so, how would we do that without discouraging new members for coming back. In the past, from Lesson One onward, new dancers were informed that they could advance to intermediate lessons after becoming a member. This was an incentive to join NVSC. The DJs also announced this at lesson time.

E. Kevin has agreed to be the 2025 "Nomination and Elections Committee" Chair for the upcoming 2026 elections. Motion made, seconded and approved to hold Election at the dance on November 20.

1. Let Kevin know he needs 2 non-board members to count the votes.

a. Election information is in the by-laws.

b. Traditionally we ask all members via email or phone call if they would like to serve on the board.

c. Barbara has been on the committee before and will contact Kevin to let him know how the members have been contacted in the past.

2. A Hello Shagger notice can be sent asking members who have been members for more than 1 year if they would like to serve on the board.

a. A few members do not have email accounts can be called.

b. Jack will contact Barbara Dent to produce the list of folks who have been members for more than 1 year.

4. A Hello Shagger to all can ask for volunteers for committee chair positions.

F. The 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting will be held on November 6th.

1. The BoD candidates will be introduced.

2. Motion made, seconded and approved to hold Election at the dance on November 20.

3. All mail in votes will be counted on November 20.

G. Holiday Party December 11: Club buys protein, everyone brings a dish, and we must buy our drinks from the Elks.

1. We need to recruit someone to chair the Holiday Party decorations group.

H. Attendance at our NVSC dance party at the Fall Migration SOS has been low. We will ponder the following questions over the next few months. Should we continue it? A possible joint party with the Richmond Shag Club has been suggested. Is that something we should think about? We will ask Pamela if it was fun having a party on the Beach. Rain a possibility. We only host a Fall Party.

I. No dances November 27, December 18, December 25, January 1

VII. Old Business:

A. Thanks to Kathy and Loren for a wonderful picnic.

B. Future look – DJs and Dance Instructors.

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.
Dance Instructors needed - Train and bring on a few new folks to help.

VIII. Other Announcements:

A. Next Board meeting: November 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

IX. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:30 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, no charge
- 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
- September 25 – 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting
- October 4 – Picnic at Kropat's
- October 19 – Wine Auction at Trish & Kevin's
- October 30 – Halloween Dance
- November 6 – 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting
- November 20 – BoD Election during the dance
- December 11 – Holiday Party