Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
Board of Director (BoD)'s Meeting Agenda via Zoom
April 7, 2025

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:36 pm.

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

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

A. March 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 $7,502.

B. Mark sent the February & March financials last weekend.

C. Mark paid the SOS card liability. We owe nothing now.

D. Mark will give the info to Dick so he can order them from Costco.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. 2021 & 2022 Audit: Fern Siegler has resigned.

1. Mark answered Fern's questions regarding the 2022 audit. It is now complete.
2. Linda Zerden, a retired professional auditor, has volunteered to do the 2023 & 2024 audits.
    a. Mark will provide the information required.
    b. The audit will take place as soon as Mark and Linda are both available.

B. Charity and Fundraising: Vacant.

1. Joan is available to have the Wine Auction October 4 or October 11.She is also available all of August.
2. We prefer August so it isn't too close to the October Kropat Picnic
    a. The Richmond Club Boogie on the James dance is July 31-August 2.
    b. BBC Cannonball Blast Dance is August 16.
    c. October is the best month for the Picnic due to weather and bugs.

C. Dance Committee: Pamela Alfano, Chair.

1. Kathy did a fabulous job teaching the Cowboi Boogie Line Dance. It was a big hit.
    a. We will ask the DJs to play it for the next few weeks.
2. Kathy is going to learn how to teach the Shivers Line Dance.
3. At some point we will review and reteach the River Waltz and the El Paso.
4. After teaching, we will continue to review and do the line dances.
5. Pamela will provide the DJs with a song list so the line dance music will always be available in their line-up.

D. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair

1. Members total: 105 members listed. 100 active.
2. 5 Outstanding Renewals: 1 from January, 4 due in March.

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

1. April 3 – Loren Kropat
2. April 6 - Clare & Don's - Jack
2. April 10 – Jack
3. April 17 – Craig

4. April 24 – Vaughn & Cathy or maybe just Cathy

F. Public Relations: Adele Robey chair.

1. Kathy would like a graphic for FB page 'Dancing in the DMV."
2. We are no longer posting on X/Instagram. Kathy will remove links to X from Hello Shagger.

G. Social and Hospitality Committee: Vacant

V. Other Committee Reports:

A. Communications:

1. Facebook – Jack Jones and John Romito.
    a. We don't get very many responses to FB posts.
2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat. No Report
3. Shag Rag – Adele Robey. Next issue is the May issue
    a. Adele would like the info by the 25th of the preceding month so she can publish it by the 1st of the month.
    b. She asks that Jack send his draft President's Corner to Kathy for edits and then Kathy send it to Adele.
    c. Adele likes dance oriented photos and information to post in the Shag Rag.
    d. Adele would like Mark to send the actual specific numbers for the "By the Numbers" column.
    e. Readers like to see photos of themselves and their friends. Photos are a popular part of the Shag Rag.
        i. When sending a photo, please include a brief explanation of the photo.
    f. Steps of Line Dances we've learned with video links are good.
    g. Photos from group events are nice.
    h. Flyers for events at other clubs.
    i. She will continue the Wanted Poster
    j. Cocktail section will continue
    k. Profiles of members are good.
    l. Since Adele is not at our events, she needs more info describing events. For example: why someone has won something.
    m. Info about folks attending Spring SOS would be good.
    n. Good news is always welcome.
    o. Keep it monthly
4. Website – Loren Kropat. No Report.

VI. New Business:

A. Adele presented her ideas for the Shag Rag. See above section V. a. 3.

VII. Old Business:

B. Joint party with Battlefield Boogie Club confirmed for June 28, 2025 at the Moose Lodge in Lorton.

1. Rental $700 again this year. It will be higher in the future.
2. Suggested entry: $25/person to cover $15 meal. The additional $10 will cover Rental & DJ.
    a. Meal cost to NVSC/BBC will be $15/person (covered by entry).
    b. $4 additional will be paid by attendee if they want dessert.
3. Two entrée options. Meal choice to be made in advance.
    a. Suggesting Hamburger Steak with onion gravy & Chicken dish over pasta.
4. Likely Buffet style
5. Possible 50/50
6. Payment options to be discussed:
    a. Attendees Pay in advance with Square or other option.
    b. Note received before the meeting:

        Audrey says it was difficult to manage the cash and calculate the finances with people paying at the door. She prefers to have folks pay in advance. Kathy suggested we add a Square payment option to our website with a $1 service charge. Audrey would welcome Mark's help in managing the finances.

7. Moose wants payment for the food the night of the dance. Probably a deposit for the room before.
    a. We will need to collect money from attendees several days before the dance.
8. We will split the profit or loss 50/50 with Battlefield Boogie Club.
9. We had around 80 attendees each of the last 2 years.
10. Moose needs a head count and meal choices before the dance.
11. Suggestion to charge $15 if you arrive after meal is served and did not pay in advance. This $15 will not include a meal.
12. Cash Bar
13. Audrey is looking for a DJ – Craig is not available. He was asking $350.
    a. We might need to pay travel expenses for our DJ.

C. Exhibitor at the Healthy Together Fairfax (HTF) 2025 scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 12-3pm
1. Jack received acknowledgement of his submission for NVSC to have a space. Details TBD.

D. Mark's survey on entrance fees for other dance events in Northern VA & Virginia Shag Clubs.

In the DMV:

Boogie in Bethesda has a $15 cover for a Tuesday evening West Coast Swing Dance.

Hollywood Ballroom in Silver Spring has a $20 cover for a Friday evening West Coast Swing Dance.

GottaSwing (live band) has a $20 in advance, $30 at the door cover for Saturday dances at Glen Echo, and $20 in advance, $25 at the door for Friday dances at Colvin Run.

Ed and Gail charge $15 cover for Tuesday nights at Colvin, and typically the same for their Saturday and Sunday dances.

Virginia Shag Clubs:

Richmond Shag Club Thursday dance at Visions: $3 member, $8 non-members. Their dues are $30 per year.

Virginia Beach SC: $8 members, $11 non-members.

Boogie on the Bay SC: $0 on Fridays in Chesapeake, VA.

Colonial Shag Club: $10 members, $12 non-members on Saturday.

1. Suggestion was made to charge more for our bigger events.
2. Suggestion was made to charge more for non-members

E. Sunday Socials at Clare & Don's: April 6, May 18, June 8 (conflicts with Health Fair – Dick will let them know if there is a conflict a few weeks before), July 13, August 10, October 12.
1. Manger of Clare & Don's wonders if we would like to change our time to 1-4 to reduce chance of conflict with their bands.
    a. This Thursday, we will ask NVSC members if they would prefer this.
        i. It is closer to lunch time.
        ii. Might conflict with church services.
        iii. People tend to arrive late when we have it at 2pm
2. Let Kathy & Adele know if we change the time.
3. March 16 Clare & Don's attendance: 8. Money spent on food & drinks: $200
4. April 6 attendance 12. Attendees spent $250.

F. Future look –DJs and Dance Instructors.
1. Craig Jennings is likely to retire soon and is in high demand.

G. Check out Old Town Fairfax Business Association's Tiny Music Fest happening 1st Sunday of every Month. We could bring our cards and promote our dance. It is on Main St in Fairfax in the Shops on Main parking lot next to Mobius Records.

H. Kathy will check the Fairfax County Summer Concert Series to see if they have any events we would like to promote for our members to attend together.

I. The "60s Dance" with teenage Who's Who will be May 15.

VIII. Other Announcements:

A. Next Board meeting: May 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

IX. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:57 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 – 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 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 18 – Clare & Don's
May 15 – 60s Party Dance with Who's Who (high school age)

June 8 – Clare & Don's OR Health Fair at Franconia Park
June 28 – Joint Party with Battlefield Boogie Club
July 13 – Clare & Don's
July – Ice Cream Social
August 10 – Clare & Don's
October 4 – Picnic at Kropat's
October 12 – Clare & Don's
October 30 – Halloween Dance
December 11 – Holiday Party