



Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
General Membership Meeting via Zoom
March 22, 2023

I. The meeting was called to Order via Zoom at 7:32 pm. There were approximately 15 attendees including 9 Board members.

II. Sherri introduced board members: President Sherri Wildoner, Vice President Jack Jones, Secretary Linda Barna, Treasurer Mark Hendrickson, Directors-At-Large: Pamela Alfano, Bee Buegler, Barbara Ebersole, Kathy Kropat and Adele Robey

III. Treasurer's Report – Mark Hendrickson. There is \$9,170 in the account.

A. We need 27-28 attendees each week to keep from losing money.

B. 7 new couples attended our last dance.

1. Tom Brett & Sue Young gave them a beginner lesson.

C. Chris Stacey has received a credit card reader to test for our use.

IV. Standing Committees:

A. Dance Committee: Pamela Alfano, Chair

1. Vaughn Royal & Cathy Metcalf will teach an intermediate lesson at the Elks' dance on Thursday, March 23.

2. We will have a Sunday Social at Revolution on Sunday, March 26 with an intermediate lesson by Joan & Kevin Byrnes.

3. Pamela will try to reserve Revolution a month at time.

4. She will try to reserve Revolution for a Sunday Social in late April after SOS.

B. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair.

1. We have 110 members (94 active, 16 outstanding renewals).

C. Music: Vaughn Royal, Chair. Pamela, Liaison

1. Craig Jennings will DJ March 23 at the Elks.

2. Craig Jennings will DJ at the May 6 Joint Club Event in Lorton.

D. Public Relations: Adele Robey, Chair

1. Adele wonders if folks are reading the Shag Rag.

2. She needs filler for the Shag Rag. Send anything. She can fix it up and make it work. She can post dance etiquette again. Photos are appreciated. Video links to Jack's videos of dances are excellent.

2. She is putting dance announcements on Instagram.

3. Now that we are dancing regularly, she will post our info on Twitter.

V. Listing of other Committee chairs

1. Facebook – Jack Jones

2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat

3. Shag Rag – Adele Robey

4. Web Site - Loren Kropat. We are also thankful for his Tech support.

VI. Activities/Events:

A. Elks Lodge regular dances.

1. We will begin dancing twice monthly at the Elks (2nd & 4th Thursdays) with a beginner lesson the 2nd Thursday and an intermediate lesson the 4th Thursday. The lessons will be ad hoc based on attendance.

B. Shag-a-Thon

1. We need a chair & a committee to coordinate and run the Shag-a-Thon and a board member to be a liaison.

2. Possible Venues (we want a public location to raise interest in Shag Dancing)

a. Fair Oaks Mall--indoors

i. Best option as it is fairly close to our target audience

b. Mosaic

i. Outdoors with central yard in Fairfax

c. Fairfax Town Square

i. Outdoors across the street from the Fairfax Regional Library.

d. Reston Town Center

i. Outdoors – Mark says they are under construction.

ii. Adele has a contact and will check it out.

e. Harris Pavilion in Manassas--outdoors

i. Sue said that Manassas Harris Pavilion did not allow us to have the Shag-a-Thon there in the past.

ii. We can attend their events as a group in the future to garner interest in Shag. (Bring business cards and brochures)

f. We can look to have Sunday Social type events in these venues as well.

B. Joint Club Event—FREE to ALL

1. Saturday May 6 at the Lorton Moose Lodge 5:30-9:30pm.

2. Looking for a theme that will encourage getting back to dancing. Perhaps “Party to the Beat,” “Shake the Dust Off.”

a. Member suggestions are encouraged.

3. DJ Craig Jennings

4. Paid Guest instructors

a. Perhaps Craig & Heather Jennings.

5. Would like to have a select Moose Lodge menu of 4 items.

6. 50-50 drawing

a. Sue has baskets, Mark & Sherri have tickets, Sherri has aprons.

7. If we decide to encourage reservations, we can use e-vite to get a headcount. If not, Kathy has volunteered to take reservations for the NVSC headcount using Hello Shagger.

8. We need to produce a brightly colored flyer once we get the pro instructors and have a theme.

9. Also need a save-the-date poster for Hello Shagger & Shag Rag

C. Club picnic

1. Date and location to be determined but potentially early September or October.

2. Kevin & Trish have volunteered their home.

3. We need a committee to buy food, set-up and decorate.

D. Wine Auction

1. Location and date to be determined but potentially in November before Thanksgiving. (Some meeting attendees favor a November date.)

2. We need volunteers for the Auction.

E. Holiday party – Second Thursday in December at the Elks.

1. We need tablecloths and decorations for the tables and wall.

a. Adele volunteered to make decorations.

2. Mark has plates & forks.

F. Gift Certificates are available for \$10 each.

1. We can purchase them for non-members. (They will not need to pay the extra \$1 to enter as a non-member.)

2. Members can buy them ahead for themselves and use them when we don't have cash.

G. We now offer Lifetime Membership for those age 90+.

1. Benefits

a. No membership or renewal fee.

b. Member-price entrance fee to dances.

c. Attendance to members-only events.

H. Membership input is very important as it helps us plan events and programs members are looking for from the club.

I. No Fat Harold's back room party at SOS this spring.

1. The last SOS Back-Room-Party was a success.

a. The room and costs were shared with DCHandDance. We will look to do that in the future.

J. Board meetings are open to members to come and listen or present ideas.

K. We are staying active in spite of losing money and hoping the activities will encourage people to come more often.

VII. Adjourn: 8:32 pm