



Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
General Membership Meeting Agenda via Zoom
August 15, 2023

I. The meeting began via Zoom  at 7:31 pm.

A. Sherri introduced the board: Present were President Sherri Wildoner, Vice President Jack Jones, Treasurer Mark Hendrickson; Directors-At-Large: Bee Buerghler, Kathy Kropat and Adele Robey. Absent were Secretary Linda Barna (received recording of the meeting September 16), Directors-At-Large Pamela Alfano & Barbara Ebersole.

II. Treasurer's Report: Mark Hendrickson: The balance in the checking account is \$8,916.

III. Standing Committees:

A. Charity and Fundraising: Vacant.


1. We will need a volunteer to create a team and coordinate the Shag-a-Thon to raise money for Capital Caring.

B. Dance Committee : Pamela Alfano, Chair

1. Pamela coordinates lessons at the Elks. Last month's lesson with Roger & Joan was fantastic.

C. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair:

1. 106 members: There is a 2 month grace period for paying dues. 3 new members last week.

D. Music : Vaughn Royal, chair.

1. We continue to rotate our principle DJs.

2. Craig will DJ at Fat Harold's back-room-party during Fall SOS.

3. Vaughn has been reaching out to other folks to DJ.

a. If we begin dancing more often than twice a month, we will need more DJs.

E. Public Relations: Adele Robey chair.

1. Please sign up on Instagram or Twitter to spread the word about our dances.

2. Sue updated our Yelp account.

IV. Other Committee Reports:

A. Communications:

1. Facebook  – Jack Jones

a. Jack posted that Pamela & Joan will be inducted into National Living Legends.

2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat.

a. Kathy includes notifications, reminders and coming events in the Hello Shagger.

3. [Shag Rag](#) – Adele Robey.

a. Adele would like anyone to send articles or photos that would interest our group.

4. Web Site NVShag.org - Loren Kropat.

V. Coming Events: There are fun times to come!

A. 2nd & 4th Thursday dances at the Elks through October.

1. November & December will only have 2nd Thursday dances due to the holidays.

B. August 26 - Battlefield Boogie Club Beach Ball Dance Party in Fredericksburg.

C. September 9 (rain date September 10) - Trish & Kevin offered to have an end-of-summer Shag-a-Rita party at their house. However, that conflicts with the September 9 Colonial Beach Dance Event. Sherri texted Trish to let her know.

D. October 14 - NVSC members-only picnic at Kathy & Loren's.

E. SOS Fall Migration Back-Room-Party at Fat Harold's 2-5pm. Craig Jennings will DJ.

1. Check in and get a free drink ticket and enjoy some free snacks.

- F. November 5. Charity Wine Tasting at Joan McKinney's house.
- G. November 9-12 Living Legends Joan & Pamela induction in Virginia Beach.
- H. December 14. Annual Holiday Party at the Elks. Protein provided by NVSC. Members bring appetizers or desserts.
- I. The May 2023 joint party with Battlefield Boogie Club was a great success. We hope to do a joint party again next year.
- VI. Our annual Board of Directors Election is coming soon. Please consider running for a position on the Board.
- VII. We cannot leave piles of dance powder on the floor at the Elks. We must sweep it up or put it in a box that can be emptied after the dance.
- VIII. Increasing NVSC membership. We need more members to keep the club alive.
 - A. We average 15 dancers/week. We need 30 to cover our costs.
 - B. Just like NVSC and all Shag Clubs, The Elks is having difficulty keeping members post-pandemic.
 - C. Dancers from other venues have come to our dances, but found our numbers too small.
 - D. We need suggestions
 - E. Do we need to change the day of the week.
 - F. Do too many folks have Thursday conflicts.
 - G. Do people not want to drive at night.
 - H. Should we have weekend afternoon dances.
 - I. We have a new member who is an Elk. He loves the club. He will contact the Exalted Ruler about promoting our club to Elks members. Possibilities include:
 - 1. Have a Shag Demo and lesson at the Elks Friday night dance
 - 2. Have a free admission night for Elks
 - 3. Put up Shag posters and flyers in the Elks.
 - 4. Put our brochures and cards in the bathrooms at the Elks.
 - a. The cards & brochures are in the closet upstairs at the Elks.
 - J. We need younger members as older members move away or stop coming.
 - K. Let's check local hotels to see if they have lounges we can use. Maybe they are more open to the idea post-covid. Check online to see if they have lounges with dance floors.
 - L. Members can set up an Instagram and/or Twitter account to spread the word about our club. Jack can post a video on Instagram once he gets the sign-in info from Adele. Kathy can put Instagram & Twitter links in the Hello Shagger.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.