




Northern Virginia Shag Club (NVSC)
Board of Director (BoD)'s Meeting Agenda via Zoom
November 6, 2023

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order via Zoom  at 7:49 pm.
- B. Present were President Sherri Wildoner, Vice President Jack Jones, Treasurer Mark Hendrickson, Secretary Linda Barna; Directors-At-Large: Pamela Alfano, Bee Buegler, Kathy Kropat and Adele Robey. Absent was Director-At-Large Barbara Ebersole.


II. Reading and Consent of October Board Meeting Minutes & October 2023 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting Minutes: Linda Barna

- A. October 2023 BoD Meeting Minutes & October 2023 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting Minutes were reviewed and will be published as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report: Mark Hendrickson

- A. The balance in the checking account is \$8,591.
 - 1. Mark paid General Liability Insurance, SOS events bills (food, drink tickets), and NVSC Picnic bills this month.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Audit: Fern Siegler. Mark liaison. No Report
- B. Charity and Fundraising: Vacant.
- C. Dance Committee : Pamela Alfano, Chair
 - 1. No intermediate lesson in November. Sue & Tom will be available for beginner lesson if needed.
 - 2. No lesson at the Holiday Party unless a beginner requests one.

D. Membership: Barbara Dent, Chair:

- 1. 102 members total: 83 active/senior
- 2. 19 Outstanding renewals--2 July; 1 August; 1 September; 4 October, 11 November.
- 3. Average number of attendees January-October 2023 = 19.47. We need 30 to cover DJ & venue rental.
- 4. We will inform members in the Shag Rag & Hello Shagger that we will be discontinuing billing via USPS. Instead we will send reminders via email where dues can be paid electronically, via USPS or at a dance. However, members can request paper billing.

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

- 1. November 9 – DJ Loren
- 2. December 14 (Holiday Party) – DJ Craig. Let's request the El Paso.


F. Public Relations: Adele Robey chair.

- 1. In 2024, Adele will update the sample Next Door announcement to create a blurb for us to use wherever we find a place to advertise NVSC.

G. Social and Hospitality Committee: **Vacant.**

V. Other Committee Reports:

A. Communications:

- 1. Facebook  – Jack Jones and John Romito.
 - a. Jack will video dancing at the Holiday Party.
 - b. Jack will send photos to Adele for use in the Shag Rag.
- 2. Hello Shagger – Kathy Kropat.

- a. The Hello Shagger goes to 500+ people, but can be limited to members only.
- b. If anyone mentions that they don't get the Hello Shagger, give their name to Kathy.
- 3. [Shag Rag](#) – Adele Robey.
- 4. Web Site NVShag.org - Loren Kropat.
 - a. The Donate information is on the Home Page of NVSHAG.org and is ready for testing by Barbara and Sherri.
 - i. After testing, Hello Shagger & Shag Rag will publish info about the donation page.
 - ii. Ask Loren to add a box to check if someone wants to donate anonymously.
 - b. The 2024 Election Ballot is not on the website. There is a link to the Shag Rag where a ballot can be found.
 - c. Check to see if there is a payment option other than Pay Pal to pay dues or donate to NVSC.

VI. New Business:

- A. Storage Unit option for supplies
 - 1. Discuss in January: Units are \$29-40/month. \$500/year. We will need to make a mock budget that includes the reduction in mailing costs, etc. to see if a small unit is affordable.
- B. Shag Rag publication frequency
 - 1. By-Laws require a monthly Shag Rag.
 - 2. We need it to keep up connections with members and to keep members informed.
 - 3. We will send a letter to members who do not have email to give them our web address.
 - 4. We will email others to remind them to make sure Hello Shagger & Shag Rag are not going to spam.
- C. Remote Support ideas
 - 1. Remote members have indicated that they would like to help.
 - 2. We can make specific requests for their help. Ideas:
 - a. Research dance venues such as hotel lounges, bars & restaurants that are less expensive than Elks. Also find venues for socials. Send them our updated criteria
 - b. Contact other clubs to see what they are doing to retain and attract members.
 - c. Compile a calendar of other clubs' events.
 - d. Contact Senior Centers in our area to see if they are interested in a demo, a lesson & joining NVSC.
- D. Holiday party dance December 14; Toys for Tots
 - 1. Motion made, seconded and carried for \$450 budget for Holiday Party.
 - a. Estimate 40 attendees. 8 lbs. of assorted lunch meats, 6 lbs. of cheese in small squares. 2 packages of Hawaiian Rolls.
 - 2. Attendees will be asked to bring an appetizer, dessert or side dish AND a toy.
 - 3. Free entrance & Free drink coupon for members.
 - 4. Non-members \$10 at the door and they receive a free drink coupon. (Adele will update the flyer)
 - 5. We have plates, forks & serving utensils. Sherri has packaged "take-out" utensils she has saved.
 - 6. Adele will donate the decorations. (8+ rectangular tables).
 - 7. Mark will get Karen's contact information for Sherri to make sure it is OK for us to bring in food and give out drink coupons for the Elk's Bar.
 - a. Sherri will let Karen know that Elk's staff can come in for a plate of food
 - 8. Hello Shagger will include a reminder to bring a toy for Toys 4 Tots.
 - a. Place a sign upstairs pointing to the Toys 4 Tots toy donations box which is located upstairs.
- E. Mid-Winter SOS and ACSC Meeting.
 - 1. Discuss at December BoD meeting.
- F. Dick Prosser ideas:
 - 1. JVs is receptive to Shaggers on Sunday 12-3.
 - 2. Let Dick know the criteria for finding a new venue.

3. Clare & Don's in Falls Church is a possible venue.

VII. Old Business:

A. 2024 Elections

1. Some members have already mailed in ballots.
2. Next year we will consider having members put their signature on their ballot.
3. Maybe John & Barbara Dent will consider helping with counting ballots on December 14.
4. Jack will print ballots for the November 9 dance.
5. Ballots must be mailed by November 17 or can be dropped at the dance.

B. November Wine Tasting & Auction – Sunday, November 5

1. Phenomenal! \$1,400 raised for Capital Caring. Donations can still be made.

C. Three Elks attended the “Elks get in free” event. One has returned and will likely join.

D. National Living Legends Nov 10-11. Pamela & Joan will be inducted.

1. Take photos!

VIII. Other Announcements:

A. Next Board meeting: December 5, 2023, 7:30 pm via Zoom

IX. The meeting was Adjourned at 9:10 pm.