



**A.C.S.C. MEETING MINUTES
2014 SOS FALL MIGRATION
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014**

(Meeting Agenda and Minutes are emailed to club Presidents approximately 2 weeks prior to meetings. If club President is not going to attend the meeting, please see that these minutes are given to representative who will attend. Person attending meeting is responsible for having a printed hard copy of Agenda and Minutes for reference. Please remember that to meet membership requirements, attendance is mandatory at both Workshops and one (1) S.O.S by club President or a member in good standing of the said club.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Ken Akin, called the Association of Carolina Shag Club's Fall SOS meeting to order at North Myrtle Beach, SC on Saturday, September 20th at 10:00AM. Ken introduced the ACSC/SOS Officers, Vickie and Paul Harrison -SOS Photographers and Mary Gregory - SOS Webmaster. Ken also mentioned that during our Board Meeting on Friday, that we talked with Dr. Phil Sawyer, who sends his kindest regards to all shag clubs. The Agenda was approved by the membership for today's meeting.

II. A.C.S.C. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lisa thanked everyone for their warm hospitality and the invitations to the various shag club parties throughout the week. Lisa asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes from the Summer Workshop in Augusta, GA. Motion to accept the minutes made and seconded. Minutes were approved by majority vote.

This was the first time that meeting minutes were emailed out to the President's email addresses. This was also the first time to display our party flyers at the Party Table, which was provided by the Association. Lisa thanked the people who faithfully work the Registration Desk, MaryAnn McBride for her assistance with the Board packets, and for all the suggestions which have been shared by many of the shag club Presidents. Lisa also reminded those Presidents who have completed their first full year serving their club, can request their Past President's Pin with the updated form included in the President's packet. Lisa encouraged members to look for shag clubs that might be good candidates for membership into the ACSC.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The A.C.S.C. Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Allen Henry. Allen noted that in your packet today you have three items. Enclosed are the ACSC Financial Report, your \$400 Reimbursement Check and the SOS Charitable Financial Report. Allen reported that the SOS Charitable Foundation from January 1 through September 1 shows net profits totaling \$10,957.92. Several donations were made during the year by the Foundation. One of the charities that received a \$3,000 check was Caring for Kids, which receives a part of the Fun Monday profits. There was also a \$3,500 donation made to a program which was an idea of Dr. Phil Sawyer to help Veterans of WWII to return to France. Allen stated that the Veterans appreciated this generous gift.

The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, Inc. Financial Report had a Balance as of January 1, 2014 \$15,745.17, Net Receipts of \$33,877.11, Expenses of \$30,376.90 leaving a Balance as of September 1, 2014 of \$19,245.38. Allen asked if there were any questions and there were none. Allen asked for a motion to accept. Motion made, seconded and approved.

IV. A.C.S.C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Next, Ken called to the podium, Salisbury Shag Club President, Martha Bostian, who addressed the Association to ask for forgiveness in missing a mandatory meeting. She explained that their club had almost folded at one point in time, and now has 70 members in a rebuilding effort. A motion was made, seconded and approved to forgive the absence, and therefore she was able to collect her club's \$400 check at today's meeting.

Ken announced that during today's meeting, Shelby Shaggers Shag Club is welcomed into the Association, and is now off probation. Ken also announced that Kerr Lake Shag Club and Capital City Shag Club have made application to the Association.

Ken called up Rick Wilson, President of the Carolina Shag Club in Greenville to make a presentation to the Ellen Taylor Foundation in support of the Jr. Shaggers. Rick presented the \$4,500 check to Karen Callahan, who graciously accepted. Karen stated that the Foundation helped send 37 families to the 2014 Jr. SOS this year. Ken also added that the ACSC donated a \$2,000 check to help cover the costs for the Jr. Shaggers to attend Jr. SOS.

Ken announced a special gift being given to all shag club Presidents to use to benefit their home shag club by way of a commemorative print by local artist, Vic Gillespie and Mike Parnell from the Shoe Center. The print, entitled "Sand in my Shoes" commemorates the Shag dance and is only available at the Shoe Center. Vic donated enough prints so that each shag club in our Association could have one to be used as a fundraiser for their respective clubs.

Ken called on Phyllis Drake and Judy Bennett, Chair & Co-Chair of the ICON Committee to announce the 2015 ICON selection committee process. Phyllis encouraged everyone to review the criteria and think of candidates from their home clubs who are worthy of this award. The 2015 ICON form can be found on shagdance.com. Nominations are due by November 1, 2014.

Ken called on Dave Bushey, President of Northern Virginia Shag Club to share information and updates on the 2015 Summer Workshop to be held in Northern Virginia at the Dulles Hyatt. Dave explained the two ways to purchase tickets to this event. Highlights were shared on the exciting plans for next summers meeting.

Ken reminded everyone that the 2016 Summer Workshop will be hosted by the Palmetto Shag Club in Columbia, SC. Bids for the 2017 Summer Workshop will be announced at the Mid Winter Workshop in January. Shag clubs in District A will be eligible to make bid.

The Mid Winter Workshop, which is a required meeting for all shag clubs, will be held at North Myrtle Beach in January. The meeting will be held in the ballroom of the Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort.

Ken read a prepared statement that addressed some recent negative comments which have been made about the Board and the work that they do for this Association. Ken felt it necessary to confront these issues with a statement which assures the members of this Association that all Board members work for the good of this Association and we are honored in doing so. Our Association does not respond to negative statements made on social media, such as Facebook. All members of the Board work countless hours to promote our dance, our lifestyle and aid our Member Clubs; therefore, it would make no sense that our goal would be to tear down what we work so hard to build up. Our success is in the numbers of shaggers who attend SOS each year and the fun had by all. We will continue to lead the best way possible, and we will continue to partner with each shag club President in making this Association the best that it can be. Ken received a standing ovation for his comments.

V. A.C.S.C. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Robin Morley came forward to give the Vice Chairman's Report. Robin thanked everyone for their hospitality at all the shag club function throughout the week. She announced that our 2015 Winter Workshop meeting will be January 17th. Robin reminded everyone that the e-notes can be found at shagdance.com to be shared with other members. Robin thanked the Enhancement Committee for another wonderful Fun Sunday/Fun Monday.

Ken introduced Bo Bryan, author of "Shag: The Legendary Dance of the South" - He explained that 20 years ago he wrote this book and he is working on having a Proclamation for 2015 being the Year of the Shag. There will be more news coming forth about this designation.

VI. S.O.S. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Helen Still reminded us how lucky we are to be a part of the events during SOS which bring happiness, fun and enjoyment to all shaggers during a time in our history when there is so much sadness and war in our world. She reminded us how blessed we are to be at the beach and enjoying our dance, the Shag. Helen also congratulated Kerr Lake and Capital City shag clubs as our two newest members who have made application to our Association.

Helen also congratulated the Enhancement Committee on their success of Fun Sunday and Fun Monday. She explained that the sale of Fun Monday tickets is what goes to pay for the bands that are hired.

Helen called up Hollis Britt, Enhancement Committee Report - Hollis Britt announced all Fun Monday winners.

Recognized for selling the most Fun Monday tickets –
\$7,500 top prize was won by a woman from Laurinburg, NC
Carolina Shaggers Shag Club from Lumberton, NC sold the winning ticket

Selling the most tickets: Mike Rink from Twister's sold 134 tickets
York Shag Club – Sold 171 tickets
Twister's Shag Club – Sold 134 tickets
First Coast Shag Club – Sold 192 tickets
Carolina Shag Club – Sold 100 tickets
Charlotte Shag Club – Sold 100 tickets

Beverly Stewart - Many thanks to everyone who sold Fun Monday tickets. All Presidents who helped to sell Fun Monday tickets was acknowledged by standing and receiving a round of applause.

Hollis requested prayer for Rosie who is under the weather, and for Jimmy Stinson from Sanford Area Shag Club, who fell during the event and broke his arm. He also is suffering from other serious health issues, and he needs everyone's prayers.

Helen gave a progress update from a recent meeting with the City of North Myrtle Beach on the construction. Many wonderful changes are planned and will be happening in the coming months, including a new staging area in the horseshoe area. The monument for the ACSC will be replaced in a prominent location after the completion of construction.

Helen called up Don David – SOS Parade Chairman. Don encouraged every shag club to visit the SOS Company store and look at the plaque that was placed to honor all the participating clubs in the 20th Anniversary Parade. Every participate in the 2014 Spring SOS parade is listed, along with the entry winners. The 2015 parade name is The Third Beginning – meaning it's our third decade and it's a new beginning to 2015.

Helen reminded everyone to shop the new merchandise at the SOS Company Store. She noted that the store can be shopped throughout the year online by visiting shagdance.com.

Helen called up Ron Whisenant, SOS President – Ron stated that a total of 4,490 SOS cards have been sold to date. Ron noted that some money is still coming in. Sales this SOS have been very good.
Deposits to date: \$291,430.00

Ron states that the 2015 SOS cards are being distributed today with deadlines and instructions. Also, SOS cards can be purchased as gifts with no address information for future mailings.

Ron called up Pat Smith, SOS Registrar. Pat reminded everyone the importance of collecting accurate information from purchasers of SOS cards. The information collected from each card sale is how our database is built for future mailings of the Carefree Times. Pat reminded everyone to read their Sales Instruction Sheet and the Application Form.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VIII. CLUB PARTY INFORMATION

Ken reminded everyone to visit the Party Flyer table and take the information back to their respective club. Ken invited anyone that would like to share their club party info to please come forward.

X. ADJOURN

Ken once again called forward those clubs which did not sign in for today's meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Number of Full Member Clubs in Attendance: 88 of 91

Absent from Meeting:
Cape Fear Shag Club
Shag Atlanta
South Strand Shag Club

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Caveny, A.C.S.C. Secretary

