



**A.C.S.C. MEETING MINUTES  
SUMMER WORKSHOP  
HOSTED BY PALMETTO SHAG CLUB  
DOUBLE TREE - COLUMBIA, SC  
SATURDAY, JULY 09, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A.C.S.C. Chairman Ken Akin called the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Summer Workshop to order at the Double Tree in Columbia, SC on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Ken called Susan Martin, Chairman of the 2016 A.C.S.C. Workshop to come forward for a Welcome announcement. Ken also called forward Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council of Columbia for a special Welcome on behalf of the Mayor Steve Benjamin. She commended the A.C.S.C. for continuing to preserve and promote the Shag, our SC State dance. Meeting Agenda was Approved. Ken introduced the A.C.S.C. Officers, S.O.S. Board Members, and S.O.S. Officers. Mary Gregory, S.O.S. Photographer and S.O.S. Webmaster, was also introduced. Paul and Vicki Harrison were introduced as our S.O.S. Photographers and Robin Bivins was introduced as our new S.O.S. Photographer. Absent was Allen Henry, A.C.S.C. Treasurer and Wanda Cavin, S.O.S. Secretary.

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

Minutes from the 2016 S.O.S. Spring Safari (North Myrtle Beach, SC) were presented by Lisa Caveny. There were no changes. Motion to accept the minutes made and seconded. Minutes were Approved. Today's President's packet includes updates to our White Book, A.C.S.C. Treasurer's Report and a revised Chapter 8 (Membership Requirements) for review. There was also a ballot for the expiring A.C.S.C. seats of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The A.C.S.C. Treasurer's Report dated 6/30/16 was presented by S.O.S. Treasurer, Foster McKinney for Alan Henry. The beginning balance on 1/01/16 of \$16,360.32, net receipts of \$29,801.88, and expenses of \$23,734.18, for a Balance of \$22,428.02. Foster answered the question from the floor concerning Management Income and how that revenue source helps to fund the Club \$400 Reimbursement for our A.C.S.C.

member clubs who attend the required meetings. It was explained that this revenue source comes from S.O.S. and is paid to the A.C.S.C. for managing and overseeing S.O.S. Motion to accept report made and seconded. Treasurer's Report was Approved.

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

Ken then called the members of the 2016 Nominating Committee to present the slate of A.C.S.C. Officers and conduct the elections. This year's committee Chairman was Charlie Leonard, working with Sharon Vaughn and Tim Sullivan. Charlie gave the instructions, and ballots were cast and collected.

Ken announced that the previous shag clubs who had expressed interest in bidding for the 2018 Summer Workshop had now recanted. The bidding process is now open to any district within our Association.

Ken called up Phyllis Drake, Co-Chair of the ICON Committee to go over information on the ICON selection process. The deadline for nominations are due by November 1. She asked that all ICONS meet after our meeting so names would be drawn to review this year's applications. Phyllis announced that Judy Bennett would be retiring as her Co-Chair and that Novelene Powell would be taking this position, with the approval of Ken Akin. Phyllis thanked Judy for her help and the dedication she had shown for the ICON Committee.

Ken called Rock Hill Area Shag Club President, Dean Baker and several members of their club to come forward for a special presentation. A check for \$8,000 was presented to the Hall of Fame Foundation (HOF). The proceeds were generated from a party hosted by the members of Rock Hill Area Shag Club. Ron Whisenant and Ken Akin, both HOF Board Members, accepted the check and thanked Rock Hill Area Shag Club for their generous donation. Ken explained to everyone how the money is used and the work that the Hall of Fame Foundation does to help fellow shaggers in need. He encouraged everyone to go to the HOF website to learn more.

Ken announced that the idea of combining all shag clubs into one district for the purposes of allowing all shag clubs to bid on the Summer Workshops. He referred to the revised Chapter 8 pages contained in today's President's packet and addressed all changes made by the Executive Committee. There were no questions. This change was well received by all club Presidents.

Ken introduced Vic Gillespie, resident artist of North Myrtle Beach, who wanted to do a fundraiser for our A.C.S.C. shag clubs and has recently commissioned a print that can be sold. Shag clubs will have exclusive selling rights through January 14, 2017. After that date, prints will be sold to the general public through various avenues. Prints will be distributed today in packs of 10 at a cost to the clubs for \$25 each and sold for \$70.

The print is a 22” length x 16” width. Shag clubs will make a profit of \$45 per print and a total profit of \$450. Vic spoke as to his desire to help shag clubs make money. Vic will visit individual shag clubs to sign each print if requested.

Ken called forward Jim Rose from the Association of Beach and Shag Club DJ’s to give an update on the importance of a strong relationship between the shag clubs and the DJ’s.

**V. A.C.S.C. VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Robin Morley came forward to give the Vice Chairman’s Report. She thanked Palmetto Shag Club for hosting our summer workshop and commended their successful event. Robin then thanked today’s A.C.S.C. Ambassadors: Barbara Fields - President Raleigh Shag Club, Carl Edwards—President Mt. Empire Shag Society, Norman Smith - President Roanoke Valley Shag Club, Pam Bundy – President Lake Norman Shag Club and Joan Gibson – President Sandhills Shag Club.

Robin introduced today’s program entitled, “A Slice of Our Future.” Today’s focus is on the Junior Shaggers and their importance to our future as competitive dancers, future DJs, and teachers of our beloved dance. Robin turned our attention to a video that featured the Junior Shaggers and the respect that these young people have for fellow dancers and people in general. These young people are mannerly, dress professionally, and they respect their elders.

Ron Alexander – Clover, SC ICON (York Shag Club) – Involved in Jr. Shag for 25 years and currently serves on the board for the Ellen Taylor Foundation. Ron expressed how proud he is to always be asked to talk about the Juniors. The goal for Junior Shag Association is to increase the number of kids dancing. Ron shared the history of the JSA and the first Junior SOS. He explained that the largest gathering of our Junior dancers occur during Junior S.O.S. each July, the Nationals and Grand Nationals.

Ron stated that a missed segment is the Collegiate Shaggers at our Universities. Junior shaggers go up to age 21...we are missing the college age young adult. Ron encouraged our Association to place a high priority to grow our Junior effort and he stated that direction and organization in this effort would needed to help the shag clubs.

Garrett Humphries – Greenville, SC Board member of Junior Shag Association and Ellen Taylor Foundation. Garrett informed our Presidents that there is a \$200 allowance provided for clubs to host a Jr. Shag event and it is a simple application process. The dance will die if we do not continue to grow our Junior Shag interest. The Ellen Taylor Foundation provides financial assistance to attend Junior SOS. This is also an easy application process. This year the Foundation sent 34 kids to Grand Nationals. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year for Junior SOS, with over 1200 kids attending. Great family event with activities planned to encourage participation and growth.

Karen Callahan - President of Beckley Shag Club and Director and Secretary of the Ellen Taylor Foundation - Karen stated that she knows that it is a hard challenge to get a Junior Shag group going in our local clubs. She states that it starts with 2 to 4 young people and they will go out and tell their friends, and growth will occur. We should follow the Salesman 3 ft. Rule, which states that when you get within 3 feet of someone, you should tell them what you do. We should be sharing our love of shag to all young people we come in contact with. Karen explained that the Ellen Taylor Foundation is an organization that relies 100% on charitable donations and that every penny goes to the young shaggers. There is also an opportunity to donate gently used shag shoes that go to young dancers.

Robin thanked our speakers, Vickie Harrison and Mary Gregory for their contributions to today's program.

Ken Akin called S.O.S. Board Member Doris Keaton to come forward to announce the election results. Eighty-seven (87) votes cast to re-elect the current Executive Board, with two (2) write-ins. Ken thanked everyone for their continued support and confidence in this Board.

## **VI. S.O.S. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Helen Still, S.O.S. Chairman, introduced all spouses and partners of both the A.C.S.C. and S.O.S. Board members.

Helen then called retiring S.O.S. Photographer Vickie Harrison and her assistant, Paul Harrison to be recognized and honored with a plaque presentation for her service and dedication. Vickie stated that her health would no longer allow her to run from club to club taking photos, but that she would faithfully keep our SOS Facebook page in operation and also she would contribute to the production of the Carefree Times. Helen then introduced our new S.O.S. Official Photographer, Robin Bivins and her husband, Randy.

Helen called Dwayne Baggett from the Enhancement Committee to share information about this year's Fun Sunday/Fun Monday events. Fun Sunday entertainment lineup includes The Castaways, Midnight Allie and The Entertainers. Fun Monday features Black Water Rhythm and Blues Band, The Tams and Band of Oz. Dwayne explained that Fun Monday/Fun Sunday tickets sold by our shag clubs is what pays for the entertainment lineup.

Retiring S.O.S. Parade Chairman, Don David, came forward to present the commemorative 2016 parade DVD to all the winners of this year's parade categories. Helping him was our new Parade Chairman, Donnie Schultz and his wife, Wendy.

**Best Club Vehicle:**

Lake Norman Shag Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Association of Beach and Shag Club DJs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Best Shagging Troop:**

OD Shag Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Camden Lugoff Area Shag Society – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Most Original Theme:**

Sandy Beach Shag Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Charlotte Shag Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Sumter Shag Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Best Shag Theme:**

Junior Shag Association - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Competitive Shag Association – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Winston Salem Shag Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Don thanked everyone for their support over the years. Don received a standing ovation to recognize his service.

Pam Bundy, President of Lake Norman Shag Club, came forward to announce that the 2017 Summer Workshop will be entitled “Hot Summer Nights” and encouraged everyone to start the registration process.

- Break for Lunch -

**VII. S.O.S. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

S.O.S. Chairman, Helen Still called forward Ron Whisenant, President of S.O.S. to give his report on S.O.S. Membership card sales for 2016. Ron reported that as of June 30<sup>th</sup> the total deposits total: \$318,030

Shag Club Totals: 4,106 for a total of \$ 123,180  
Beach Club Totals: 6,022 for a total of \$ 180,660  
Internet and Mail Totals: 473 for a total of \$ 14,190

Totals for 2016 so far are: 10,601 for a total of \$318,030

S.O.S. at Sea IV will leave October 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> for Hawaii and all cabins are sold out. S.O.S. at Sea V, which will leave for Alaska in August of 2017. There will be an information meeting held today for advance reservations with Michael Graham.

Ms. Judy Vick, Past Chairman of A.C.S.C., came forward to draw for two S.O.S. gift certificates for the 2016 Fall Migration t-shirt featuring all past years designs of S.O.S. cards.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business to report.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business to report.

**X. CLUB PARTY INFORMATION**

Those Presidents who are hosting parties between now and September were allowed to come forward to promote their club party.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Number of Full Member Clubs in Attendance: 94 of 94

Absent from Meeting: None

Respectfully submitted,

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