



**A.C.S.C. MEETING MINUTES  
WINTER WORKSHOP  
MT. PLEASANT, SC  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Judy Vick, called the Association of Carolina Shag Club's Winter Workshop meeting to order at Mt. Pleasant, SC on Saturday, February 24th at 10:05 AM.

**II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Judy asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Mike Rink asked to speak on the scheduling of the elections. Judy stated that the Board had not had enough time to discuss this issue and would put it on the agenda for the Spring SOS. Mike felt that everyone should have an opportunity to hear what he had to say. Judy recognized Tommy O'Brien who concluded that since it wasn't on the agenda, it would be appropriate for that item to be brought up under New Business. Judy repeated that there had not been enough time to discuss this item so therefore she was calling Mike out of order and it would be brought up at Spring SOS. Mike did not agree with this and felt it should be brought up. Judy changed her ruling and put it on the agenda to be brought up under New Business.

**III. MINUTES FROM MID WINTER WORKSHOP**

Sonny asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Minutes approved.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Allen noted that if you do not have a ballot in your packet that means your dues aren't paid. Allen noted that there were 2 treasurer reports in your packets, one for the A.C.S.C. and one for the S.O.S. Charitable Foundation. Foster McKinney came up and talked about the Phil Sawyer Endowment Fund. Foster noted that once the fund reaches \$100,000 it will become a full scholarship that will be worth

\$5,000 annually. Foster asked Dr. Sawyer to stand and reminded everyone that Dr. Sawyer in 1989 kept SOS going and kept it from going bankrupt. He also introduced Miss Chick and told everyone that Friday they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Foster said that checks should be made out to the SOS Charitable Foundation (SOSCF) and noted that it is a 501C(3) charitable organization and as such is tax deductible. Send your check to Allen Henry who will acknowledge your gift. Allen reminded everyone that when they sold their “*Shag*” book, \$30.00 was to go to Bo Bryan and the balance to the foundation. He requested that you send both checks to him and he can make sure Bo gets his money. Allen then went over the Association’s Treasurer Report. Allen asked if there were any questions on the reports. Hearing no questions, motion was made and seconded to accept his report. Motion carried.

## V. A.C.S.C. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Judy asked Sharon Jones to come forward and announce the ICON recipients for this year. Judy noted that a new system was tried this year and that former recipients voted on the current nominees. She noted that no one on the SOS Board had a vote whatsoever and that the SOS Board was hearing the winners at the same time everyone in the room was hearing them.

Sharon stated that the first ICON winners were in 1995. There are 53 shaggers who have been honored by their peers with this award. The ICON Selection Committee is made up of past ICON winners. All past winners interested in serving on this committee had their names placed in a hat and their names were drawn at the Summer Workshop in Burlington. Nine (9) names were pulled with two (2) alternates. They will serve rotating terms, 3 will serve for 1 year, 3 will serve for 2 years and 3 will serve for 3 years. All nominations were to be postmarked by November 1, 2006. After the Board had made sure all criteria had been met, the nominations were given to Jan Weakley and Sharon Jones at Mid Winter. Packets were given to the ICON Committee members and a numerical evaluation ballot for the use and selection and it was agreed this would be the best way to select the winners. Ballots had to be turned in by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Sharon noted that this is not an easy task (as your board members know all too well) and that each person has his or her own special qualities. Each committee member read all nominations and scored them accordingly to the guideline on the nomination form. The decision to select only 5 winners each year was made in an effort to preserve the honor and prestige of the award. Committee members who volunteered to serve on this committee are: **Charlie Cline, Beckley, WV, T.K. Robinette, Cornelius, NC, Sandra Braddock, Tampa, FL, Rosemary Parten, Sanford, NC, Jerry Stegall, Chesterfield, SC, Ann Sigmon, Hickory, NC, Jan Weakley, Virginia Beach, VA, Vesta Denning, Virginia, VA, alternates Kathy Thompson, Huntersville, NC and Donnie Hodnett, Durham, NC.** The 2007 ICON Award winners (in alphabetical order) are:

**Mike Brantley, Charlotte Shag Club, David Jones, Outer Banks Shag Club, Joe Tedesco, Richmond Shag Club, Sonny Tomberlin, Monroe Shag Club, and Johnny Turner, CSRA Shag Club.** Judy thanked Sharon and noted that these awards would be given out at Spring SOS on Saturday morning at the meeting.

## **VI. ELECTION – 2 S.O.S. BOARD SEATS**

Ken announced that we have 2 S.O.S. Board seats up for election. Ken stated that at Mid Winter it was announced that the election was to be held and if anyone was interested in running to have someone nominate them for the floor this morning. Ken opened up the floor for nominations for the S.O.S. Board seats. Ken stated that after the nominations were made and closed, each person who nominated someone would have 2 minutes to speak on the candidate. Murl Augustine nominated **George Perkins**, Joan Gibson nominated **Hector Phifer**, Mary Gregory nominated **Don David**, and Brenda Smith nominated **Ronnie Gregory**. Ken asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

The four people who nominated candidates came forward and spoke about the nominees. Ken then gave each nominee 1 minute to speak to the Board of Advisors. Ken asked everyone to take out their yellow pre-printed ballot and add George Perkins and Ronnie Gregory to the ballot. He instructed everyone to vote for only 2 and that the ballots would be picked up and counted.

Ken reminded everyone that if any of the new presidents or club members attending for the first time wanted to meet with him after the meeting for 20-30 minutes to meet in the corner of the room

Allen came up and stated that there were 3 clubs who had more than 3 members attending the meeting. The A.C.S.C. only pays for 3 member's lunch from each club. Any of the others staying for lunch would need to see someone from the Islanders Shag Club.

Ken was asked by a new person attending his first meeting to introduce the Board members at the table. Ken introduced the A.C.S.C. Officers, the S.O.S. Board of Directors and the S.O.S. Officers.

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

Hector thanked the Islanders Shag Club for a first class job. He also thanked the "sister" clubs that helped them put on this event. They are Golden Isles, Beaufort, Hilton Head, Charleston, Orangeburg, and Columbia Shag Club who donated the dance floor. Hector again thanked all of them for their efforts.

- A. Hector reported that the S.O.S. Board had met with Paul Baird on Friday. Mr. Baird had approached the Board about being a part of his movie. Hector reported that S.O.S. wasn't participating in anyway, monies or ventures with him. Hector discussed the reasons behind the Boards decision and invited anyone who had any questions to see him at the conclusion of the meeting.
- B. Hector called Fred Anders to come up. Fred asked how many people had copies of the DVD made about shagging in 2004 that was given to each club. He noted that not many people raised their hands. He then asked how many people knew about it. Again, he noted not many. He informed the audience that he had ordered 40 more DVD's and they could be bought for \$5.00 (S.O.S.'s cost was \$6.00). Tommy O'Brien raised his hand and told Fred that he would "burn" copies for anyone who wanted one if they would pay postage. Fred said that was a good deal, but we would like to sell ours first. After Fred's presentation, Tommy was going to give out his address if anyone was interested. Hector told Tommy that since he was always offering challenges and he challenged Tommy to buy the 40 DVD's for \$200.00 and do what he wanted to with them. Tommy came forward and paid the \$200.00 and will resell them to those who want them. The Board of Advisors applauded Tommy.
- C. Hector thanked Kevin Harrell who is Susan Harrell's husband. Kevin looks out after the Board wives and girlfriends on Friday while we meet. Hector then asked the wives and girlfriends to stand up and he introduced them.
- D. Don asked how many people need parade forms. Don noted that it was time to get the forms back into him. Don said that if anyone had any questions to give him a call. Don noted that the parade is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1:00 PM.
- E. Hector noted that Ron's report would be delayed until after lunch.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Judy introduced Todd Jones from Phonetree to come up and speak about their system. Todd announced that for anyone buying a new system today would receive a 10% discount. If you were trading in your old system for a Model 2100, you would get a \$400.00 discount leaving a balance of \$699.00. The cost of a Model 2100 is \$1,000.00 (after a 10% discount) or a Model 2500 for \$1,499.00 (after a 10% discount). Both models include a year of technical support Todd informed us. He stated that he would be out in the hall with brochures for anyone interested. He said that their website is [www.phonetree.com](http://www.phonetree.com)

Ken asked Robert Smith to stand up and be recognized. Ken reported that Robert was our unbiased vote counter. Ken reported that Hector Phifer and Don David were re-elected to serve on the S.O.S. Board.

Ken reported that there was a mix-up on the time lunch and that lunch wouldn't be ready until 12:30 AM. Ken asked Nancy Strother, chairman of the Winter Workshop to come forward. Nancy thanked everybody for coming and making it a great party. She thanked Orangeburg, Charleston for helping with the workshop. She thanked Columbia Shag Club for bringing their dance floor. She thanked Beaufort, Hilton Head and Golden Isle for their hospitality suites and Charleston and Islanders Shag Club for doing one at lunch today and she stated that they would be looking forward to Burlington's this afternoon.

Ken stated that at the beginning of the meeting Mike Rink had requested to be on the agenda but he had to go and play music. Ken stated that he would give a "thumbnail sketch" of what he thinks Mike wants to happen and then he would give his opinion that could be digested over the next several months. Ken stated that Mike approached him about not having the election today and putting it off until July. Ken stated to Mike he didn't agree with him on this. One of the reasons Ken got from his discussion with Mike was that some of the Board of Advisors as a group was new, this may have been their first meeting or at Mid Winter and they had got hit with an election coming up at the Winter Workshop and that these new people might not know the candidates. Ken stated that in some cases that might be true but the process has been there since 1989. Ken stated this process has been going on for 18-20 years and it has worked pretty well. Ken stated (his opinion) that anybody who comes into office at anytime is not going to know everything that is out there, so you have to act on your best intuitions, and past experience and you have to decide who you would want to represent you. The learning curve for getting into office is going to take time. Ken stated that Mike suggestion was to have all the elections happen at the same time because everybody would have been in office and would have had time to research about people. Ken noted he differed with this opinion because some shag club officers take office in January, February, April, etc. Ken noted that it is changing all the time and you're never going to have all the club presidents experienced at the same time. Ken felt that unless all shag clubs changed their elections to the same time, everyone would never be on the same page. Ken stated that he felt that all the club presidents, vice presidents were knowledgeable enough to make a determination on who to vote for no matter what time it is. Ken also pointed out that the S.O.S. Bylaws state that the S.O.S. Board elections take place at the Winter Workshop.

Kathy Thompson from Twister's Shag Club stated that she had Mike's notes and that they were very good notes. Kathy read from Mike's notes that several years ago the A.C.S.C. clubs moved the elections from early in the year to the Summer Workshop. It was pointed out by Ken that these elections were for the A.C.S.C. and not S.O.S. Officers. Ken pointed out that today would have not been the time to move the elections because the bylaws would have to be changed. Ken noted that all the information would be taken under advisement and it will be addressed later.

Tommy O'Brian made a motion to put discussion for that particular item on the agenda for Spring SOS. A second was made and Ken opened the motion up for discussion. Everett Lee from Upstate Shag Club noted that this was his first (A.C.S.C.) meeting and from his 35 years of being in on boards and committees, he said to try and have a discussion on bylaws without first sending it to committee for a recommendation was going to be the biggest (inaudible) in the world. Tommy O'Brian at that time withdrew his motion. Hollis Britt was recognized and he noted that if it isn't broken, don't fix it. Because the motion was withdrawn, Ken noted that no further action would be taken. Hector addressed this issue by noting this Association has shag club officers that attend these meetings. They are supposed to go back to their clubs and educate the members on who is in charge, and who is doing what. Hector pointed out that if you don't go and tell your people what is going on or if you have someone not on your board who gets elected, he said it is your responsibility to train and teach these people. Hector pointed out that at the meetings you don't see the White Books, you don't understand what is going on but you will learn, but you have got past presidents and vice presidents in your club who can help and teach you. Hector said this is where the education process comes from.

## **IX. S.O.S. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Ron thanked Islander Shag Club for putting on a great workshop.
- B. Ron noted that Mid Winter was a great success, but someone mentioned to him that the food was really good put out by the clubs and they appreciated that. Ron response to them was that S.O.S. and you paid for the food and that it is a joint effort from all of us. He just wanted to mention that the food is provided by S.O.S. thru the clubs.
- C. Deadline for articles to the *Carefree Times* is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Do not send your party flyers unless you are wanting to them to be an ad and get billed for it. He noted that it happened last time and some clubs got billed.

- D. Ron noted that the website will be undergoing a lot of change and that it will look fresh and new and it will supply a lot more information that it has got on it now.
- E. Early card sales are going good and you have done a great job to this point. Today we have sold a little over 2,800 and still have several clubs who haven't reported yet. Ron reported that we are approximately 300 short of where we were last year, but feels we will be right on target.
- F. Ron noted he had passed out flyers on the golf tournament in Pinehurst hosted by the Hall of Fame Foundation and S.O.S. Ron asked you to please encourage the golfers in your shag club to participate. Ron stated he needed 216 players to fill up 2 golf courses. They will play one course on Saturday and the other course on Sunday. Cost for the golf tournament is \$135.00. Ron noted the other flyer he handed out was for the Hall of Fame Foundation and it will be the recipient of whatever is made off of this golf tournament. Ron noted that if you didn't know what the HOFF was, it is "*a group of friends caring for friends*". They help those in need whether they are in the shag community or not.

#### **X. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

Judy asked if there was a representative from Waccamaw Shag Club. Judy noted that we need to vote on dropping them from a Full Member to a Subscriber Member. They sent in \$25.00 versus the \$50.00 for a Full Member. Judy asked for a motion and second to drop them down from a Full Member to a Subscriber Member. Motion made and seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Judy noted that we have 2 new clubs applying and she needs someone to go visit them before Spring S.O.S. One is Lexington Shaggers from Lexington, NC. Terry Flowe with High Rock Shaggers agreed to go visit them.

The other club is from Clarksburg West Virginia (Shaggin' with CLASS). Tim Miller from Mid Ohio Valley agreed to go visit them between now and Spring S.O.S.

Judy noted that when you look at your packets or the website, Sonny's and Dotty's email addresses have changed if you need to contact them.

Ken noted that if a club is interested in hosting one of the 2009 workshops that they should make their intentions known at Spring SOS and make a presentation for the workshop at the Summer Workshop in July. Shag clubs in District 2 are able to make bids to host the 2009 Winter Workshop and shag clubs in District 5 are able to bid on the 2009 Summer Workshop.

Ken asked Foster McKinney to come and speak on shag clubs as a charitable organization. Foster noted that shag clubs fall under a 501C(7) organization which is a social club and that you need to file an IRS Form 1023. He stated that you would have to file an IRS Form 990 if you had gross receipts greater than \$25,000 in revenue. If your clubs gross receipts were less than \$25,000 in gross revenue your club would not have to file a tax return, but he strongly urged you get with a CPA and fill out an IRS Form 1023.

Ann Sigmon with Lake Hickory Shag Club asked that we have more round table discussions in the future. Ken said that he was working on that and would have more information at the Summer Workshop.

Tommy O'Brian repeated again his challenge for those who weren't at Mid Winter. Tommy wants the scholarship to hit the \$100,000 mark so it becomes a full scholarship. Until Fall S.O.S. any money donated by an individual or club he will give match your donation with a 10% grant (you donate \$1,000 he will donate \$100).

## **XI. CLUB PARTY INFORMATION**

George Perkins with C.S.R.A, who is chairing the Summer Workshop in July asked that each club inform their members that the workshops are also parties and to include a flyer in their newsletter. Dates are July 13-15, 2007.

Ken asked clubs who was having parties between now and Spring SOS to come forward to promote them..

## **XII. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM after Dr. Phil shared one of his anecdotes.