

E Highlights of the ACSC Mid Winter Business meeting.

The meeting was called to order by ACSC Chairman Ken Akin. The new presidents were welcomed, minutes read and approved from the 2013 Fall Migration meeting. The treasurer's report was read by Allen Henry. Ken Akin then began his Chairman's report. Phyllis Drake was called to give a report on the Icon process. She announced that 20 nomination applications have been submitted from the clubs. John Carpenter then gave a report on Shelby Shag Club and he indicated that he had attended a recent party along with Ruth Ann Steen from the Gaston Shag Club. Ruth could not attend the meeting so John read a letter she had provided and then John indicated that Shelby Shag Club had a great location for parties, had their By-Laws in order and he recommended them for admission to the ACSC. Their representatives left the room and the Shag Clubs voted to admit them to the Association. The representative returned and Terri Melton, from Shelby Shag Club addressed the assembly and thanked them for their vote.

Cecil and Susan Martin from the Palmetto Shag Club then addressed the assembly with regard to the Winter Workshop plans. They advised everyone to make final plans to attend including getting tickets and room reservations in order. The party will be a wonderful party and they are excited to have us attend. They presented two checks to the Hall of Fame Foundation and the Ellen Taylor Foundation in the amounts of \$500. It was announced that there would be a nominating committee for the elections that will take place at the Summer Workshop. These elections are for ACSC seats.

Next on the agenda were four items that were asked to be on the Agenda. Before these were addressed, John Gilstrap, parliamentarian, addressed the assembly and laid out the ground rules for this part of

the meeting and had a preface to these. These bear repeating and their common sense should be followed in everything we do:

- Everyone participate, no one dominate
- Share the airtime
- Listen to understand
- Listen for the future to emerge
- One speaker at a time
- Seek unity (not separation)
- Disagree without being disagreeable
- Share your experience (not others)
- Speak honestly
- Stay open to new ways of doing things
- All ideas are valid
- Critique ideas, not people
- Listen from the “We” but speak from the “I”
- Respect each others’ thinking and value their contributions
- Be aware of meaningless abstraction
- Treat everything you hear as an opportunity to learn and grow
- Challenge cherished beliefs
- With transformation, expect anxiety
- Staying on schedule is everyone’s responsibility; honor time limits
- Be brief and meaningful when voicing your opinion
- Speak your truth, without blame or judgment
- Be intrigued by the difference you hear
- Allow every voice to be heard
- Let go of the outcome
- Ask “what’s possible?” not “what’s wrong”? Keep asking
- Listen with care instead of “building your story”
- Seek common ground and understanding (not problems and conflict)
- Stay out of the weeds and the swamps
- Listen for the future to emerge

John Gilstrap further noted that the ACSC By-Laws outline that the members of the meetings are composed of the Board of Advisors (BOA). This is comprised of the President of the shag club, past president, and one additional member appointed by the club. Roberts Rules of Order indicates that meetings are solely for members, unless it is decided that non-members can attend or speak. The BOA has every

right to exclude all non-members, but in light of the ACSC and SOS wanting to be as fair as possible, it was decided to allow the non-members (public) to attend, and additionally to be able to speak on each of the four Agenda items for a total of 10 minutes for each item with one minute for each person. There was some discussion, but it was agreed that if there were fewer people that talked, the one minute limit would be divided between the speakers. The first item on the agenda was the decision to stop giving lifetime Gold cards to new inductees to the Hall of Famers and the DJ Association.

Ron Whisenant spoke on the first item and outlined the reasons behind this. It was indicated that this was first brought to the attention of the SOS Board before because of some inappropriate behavior, but the reason to change this process was due to a change in the structure of the Hall of Famers with the passing of Chick Hedrick, and ownership changing to Shag Attack. The Board wanted to focus the Gold cards on the Shag Icons which is the ACSC's award given to members of shag clubs whose work and dedication to shag is exemplary. There was discussion by the public, and then the presidents. A motion for the item to be voted on was made, and initially it was a standing vote, but was changed to a roll call vote. The vote was 66 yes, 7 no and 4 abstaining.

The next three items had almost the same outcome so I will include them here together. These items were expenses, elections (the SOS seats previously done in February, but will move to January), and term limits for the ACSC and SOS Boards and Officers. There were no questions raised by the public attendees on any of these items. Presidents and their representatives discussed the items. The items were brought to a vote, although the votes in all four items would not have changed any rules, they were cast to give the Board guidance on reconsidering these areas. In the case of the three other items, all items were dismissed by majority vote with no changes recommended.

Robin Morley then gave her Vice Chairman's report. Robin welcomed the new presidents and thanked the Past Presidents for their guidance in the transition. Winter Workshop will be informative for our new presidents and clubs that will be showcased are very excited. Operation Preserve Shag is working on its mission statement, and each club is encouraged to provide a contact person. New presidents please forward e highlights and *Tips and Tidbits* to officers, and board members. Robin thanked Savannah Shag Club for their kindness to Wayne Pittman and Debra Braddock who are members of Eastern North Carolina Shag Club that were and injured in an accident in Savannah. She wished for them a full and speedy recovery. She also wished Tommy Smith, the former president of Raleigh Shag Club, to get well quickly from a fall that he took.

Next on the agenda was the S.O.S. Chairman's report. Helen Still gave a report on the drainage project. The street will be torn up 2/23/14 and should end on 4/25/14. She then clarified two points regarding the S.O.S. Cruise, and the decision to not let observers in the Board room. She indicated that nothing was given to any Board member that participated in both trips. All mileage, hotel, cruise, and other expenses were paid by the individuals that went on the cruise. Additionally, there was no advertising expense over and above what SOS spends for all their advertising.

Don David then reported on the Spring S.O.S. parade. Ron Whisenant gave his report on S.O.S. card sales.

The assembly made a motion to not include the club party information in consideration of the length of the meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.