



**A.C.S.C. MEETING MINUTES
SOS SPRING SAFARI
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Akin called the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Spring Safari meeting to order at North Myrtle Beach, SC on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. Meeting Agenda was Approved. Ken introduced the A.C.S.C. Officers, S.O.S. Board Members, and S.O.S. Officers. Absent was Dr. Phil Sawyer, who sends his kindest regards to everyone. Ken also introduced the S.O.S. Webmaster Mary Gregory. S.O.S. Photographers, Vickie and Paul Harrison were not able to attend today's meeting, but Mary will take photos in her place. Ken announced that we have reached over 7,000 on our Facebook page and how exciting that we have continued interest and growth.

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

Minutes from the 2015 January Mid-Winter Workshop were presented by Lisa Caveny. This was the first combined Winter meeting held at North Myrtle Beach. There were no changes. Motion to accept the minutes made and seconded. Minutes were Approved.

III. A.C.S.C. TREASURER'S REPORT

The A.C.S.C. Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Allen Henry. Allen mentioned that he would be immediately mailing out late notices to those who have not paid their 2015 dues. Looking at our treasurer's report dated 3/31/15, the beginning balance on 1/01/15 of \$18,524.93, net receipts of \$12,676.14, and expenses of \$11,569.63, for a Balance of \$19,631.44. Question (Mike Rink) from the floor as to why the Jr. Shag Association had not been paid their disbursement of \$2,000. Allen explained that a phone call had already been made, and that they are in the process of submitting their expense voucher. There was further discussion that before money could be disbursed from the Association, a voucher showing expenses had to be submitted for record keeping purposes. Ken added that he had also had a conversation with Gene Pope, and there was agreement that a paper trail was important due to questions that may arise from disbursements of Association funds. Allen assured everyone that as soon as a 2015 invoice reaches his hand, the check for \$2,000 will be mailed to the Jr. Shag Association. Motion to accept report made and seconded. Treasurer's Report was Approved.

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

Ken entertained from the floor any bids for the 2017 Summer Workshop by District A. Lake Norman Shag Club responded that they will be prepared to make a formal presentation at the Summer Workshop.

Ken introduced Dewitt Hinson, of Shag Atlanta, who was instrumental in the Atlanta Olympics. Dewitt was promoting the 20th Reunion of Shagging in the Olympics. He was selling copies of a DVD of highlights of the only time in history when shaggers danced during an Olympic event.

Ken called up Judy Bennett, Co-Chair of the ICON selection committee to present the trophies for our 2015 ICON recipients.

2015 ICON winners are:

Kathi Baloyot – Fayetteville Area Shag Association, Don Bunn – Raleigh Shag Club & Fayetteville Area Shag Association, Larry Castle – Atlantic Beach Shag Club, Elaine Wilson – Carolina Shag Club & Cookie Woods – Eno Beach Shag Club

Ken called up Marcia Conway, Co-Chair of Northern Virginia Shag Club to give an update on the Summer Workshop. Marcia invited everyone to come and dance on Wednesday evening, for those that arrive early. She went over the highlights of our weekend and encouraged everyone to visit the www.nvshag.org for more details.

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

Robin Morley came forward to give the Vice Chairman's Report. She welcomed all shag club Presidents who have taken office since our last meeting. Robin encouraged everyone to attend the Summer Workshop in July. She encouraged any President who would like to display their club memorabilia to feel free to bring items.

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

Helen announced the passing of S.O.S. Registrar, Pat Smith. Pat had been the only person to ever hold this position. Her untimely death leaves a void that is felt by all members of the S.O.S. and A.C.S.C. Boards.

Helen also gave an update on Dr. Phil and encouraged everyone to send him cards. She had noticed on a recent visit that Dr. Phil's room was lined with greeting cards, which she noted made him feel loved and not forgotten.

Helen also mentioned that we would be taking the same route for the S.O.S. Parade as in the past.

Next, Helen called up Hollis Britt, who served as Chairman of the Enhancement Committee for many years. Hollis was recognized with a beautiful plaque honoring his hard work and dedication to the Fun Sunday/Fun Monday events. Both of these events have been recognized by CBMA as Event of the Year.

Kevin Harrell, dedicated committee member of the Enhancement Committee, spoke on behalf of the newly reorganized Enhancement Committee. Kevin reminded everyone that the sell of the Fun Monday raffle tickets is what funds these fun events and pays for the entertainment. He encouraged all clubs to sell their 100 tickets, plus more. He also reminded all club Presidents that when they sell their 100 tickets, that they are entitled to setting up a tent on Main Street to raise funds for their shag club. The new Co-Chairs of the Enhancement Committee for 2015 are Rosemary Parten and Dwayne Baggett. Kevin thanked all the club Presidents for their support in helping make these events successful.

Hollis Britt return to the podium to thank everyone for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the Enhancement Committee, and encouraged everyone to do their part to make future events successful.

Jim Rose, Past President of the DJ Association, came forward to announce that he is the liaison between the A.C.S.C. and the DJ Association and is willing to help in any way. He encouraged everyone to interact with the DJs who play our beach music, and let them know feedback.

Helen recognized Becky Stowe of Beach Memories and Milton Powell of Pirates Cove. Both are Subscriber Members in our Association. She is our resident artist, and lends her talent to creating the wonderful covers for our Carefree Times each S.O.S. Milton is best known for Pirates Cove, one of our favorite spots to dance. Helen presented both a Lifetime Achievement Award for their continued contributions and efforts in promoting and preserving our dance. A lovely plaque was presented in recognition of their hard work and contributions.

Helen reminded everyone that there are a few hardback books by Dr. Phil Sawyer available at the Company Store.

Helen announced that Vickie and Paul Harrison have given up their positions as S.O.S. photographers due to Vickie's health issues. The announcement was made that Jim Allen, a North Myrtle Beach photographer will take over as our official photographer. Paul Harrison may continue to help out when his schedule allows. Helen thanked those board members who are helping out during this transition.

Helen announced there are 330 plus shaggers heading out in October to S.O.S. at Sea on Royal Caribbean "Independence of the Seas". If others are interested, Michael Graham with Cruise Planners, is still handling bookings and willing to answer questions.

Helen shared an email from an Association member reminding us how the friendships made through the Association and S.O.S., helped her during a tough time. The email was written by Joan Kimbro, President of Burlington Shag Club, expressing her appreciation for the outpouring of concern and love for her during her time of healing from her accidental fall during S.O.S. It reminds us all the value of caring for one another, and it comes from a lady

who always shows her love and support for others.

Ron Whisenant, President of S.O.S., came forward and gave his report on S.O.S. Membership card sales for 2015.

Ron reported:

Shag Club Totals: 3,204 for a total of \$96,120

Beach Club Totals: 2,264 for a total of \$67,920

Internet and Mail Totals: 273 for a total of \$9,555.

Totals for 2015 so far are: for a total of \$173,595

Ron expressed his sadness of the death of Pat Smith. He assured everyone that the work would continue in order to keep up with the demands of the Registrar's position. Ron thanked all the clubs for their continued efforts in selling S.O.S cards.

VII. A.C.S.C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CONTINUED

Ken called forward Sam and Lisa West. They are promoting a Teacher Training Class, which will showcase various styles of dance. This is a 4 hour course and they will promote shag instructors taking an instructors course.

Foster McKinney, S.O.S. Treasurer, asked everyone to take a look at the S.O.S. Financial Report. All line items were discussed and reviewed. Items such as S.O.S. card commissions, floor space rental, advertising and salaries were discussed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

X. CLUB PARTY INFORMATION

Ken asked for the club Presidents wanting to promote their upcoming parties to please step forward.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Number of Full Member Clubs in Attendance: 87 of 92

Absent from Meeting: Beach Shaggers of Birmingham

Lake Tillery Shag Club

Lexington Shag Club

Savannah Shag Club

Virginia Beach Shag Club

Respectfully submitted,

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

