



**A.C.S.C. MEETING MINUTES  
2011 WINTER WORKSHOP  
COLUMBIA, SC  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ken Akin called the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs Winter Workshop meeting to order at Columbia, SC on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:02AM. Ken recognized Felicia Howle to come forward and speak to the group. Felicia welcomed everyone to Columbia and noted that it is Columbia Shag Club's 30<sup>th</sup> year. Ken mentioned that Past Vice Chairman of the ACSC (1998-1999), Bill Brown had died. Ken introduced the A.C.S.C. Board Members, S.O.S. Board Members and the S.O.S. Officers. He also recognized Vickie Harrison, SOS Photographer, Mary Gregory, SOS Webmaster and the ladies who worked the Registration Table, Glenda Brown, Cindy Augustine, and Donna Reynolds.

**II. ELECTION – 3 S.O.S. BOARD SEATS**

Ken announced that Tommy O'Brien, Sandra Strader and Wanda Cavin will count the ballots. Ken explained the rules that the 3 top votes will get the 3 seats. Ken opened the floor for nominations: Joan Gibson (Sandhills) nominated Hector Phifer, Felicia Howle (Columbia) nominated Bob Wood, Brenda Smith (Burlington) nominated Ronnie Gregory, Kathy Baloyst (Fayetteville) nominated Dwayne Baggett, and Susan Harrell (OD Shag Club) nominated Helen Still. No other nominations were presented so Ken asked for motion to close nominations. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed. Each nominated candidate was allowed 1 minute to state why they wanted to be elected. In order of nomination, Hector Phifer, Bob Wood, Ronnie Gregory, Dwayne Baggett and Helen Still. Ken asked everyone to take out their gold ballots and vote for 3 candidates.

**III. MINUTES FROM MID WINTER**

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion made, seconded and approved.

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Allen went over the Association's Financial Statement as of February 22, 2011. The Balance as of January 1, 2011 is \$18,639.35, Membership Dues and Interest \$4,925.73, Total Expenses \$5,949.26 and leaving a Balance as of February 22, 2011 of \$17,615.82. Allen asked if there were any questions. Allen pointed out that we give \$2,000.00 to the Junior Shaggers. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

#### **V. ICON RECIPIENT'S**

Ken called up Jan Weakley, co-chair of the ICON Committee (Sharon Jones co-chair could not make the meeting) to announce the winners. Jan announced the 2011 ICON winners: they are **Glenna Watts, Charlotte Shag Club, Richard McElroy ShagAtlanta, Robin Morley Sandy Beach and Brushy Mountain Shag Club, Rodney L. Williams CSRA Shag Club and Tom Armstrong R & B Shag Club.**

Jan announced that she and Sharon are retiring this year after 5 years. The new co-chairs are Phyllis Drake and Judy Bennett.

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

Ken went over the upcoming workshops and where they are being held. The 2011 Summer Workshop will be held in Augusta, Ga. Hosted by CSRA. The 2012 Winter Workshop will be held at Hilton Head hosted by the Beaufort Shag Club and the 2012 Winter Workshop will be held in Jacksonville, Fl. Hosted by the First Coast Shag Club.

The 2013 Winter Workshop is open to District 1 shag clubs and the 2013 Summer Workshop is open to District 4 shag clubs. Ken stated that if no one from these districts makes a bid on the workshops, then he will open it up to any shag club to bid on at Spring SOS. Presentations/Bids will be at the 2011 Summer Workshop in Augusta.

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

John announced that we have a few sessions to go over with you this morning. John stated that Sonny Brown was going to go over some of the important parts of the White Book. Sonny pointed out that each shag club should have a White Book to reference. The White Book should be passed on by the Past President to the new President. If a club doesn't have one, the replacement cost is \$50.00. Sonny noted that Sections 8, 9 and 10 are very important and everyone should be familiar with them. Sonny noted that forms are available (1) The White Book, (2) extra copies placed at the meetings and (3) they are available on the website. Sonny noted that Mary Gregory, the SOS

Webmaster has brought the website into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The White Book is online and the forms are available also. Sonny closed by saying read your White Book.

John introduced Allen Henry and Foster McKinney to talk about Financials. Allen noted that he is the one who gives out the \$400.00 reimbursement check. Allen went over the structure of what he does and the financial end of it. Allen noted that there are 2 types of clubs, Full Members and Subscriber Clubs. He noted that a full club is a shag club organized for the preservation of the shag dance that has to have by laws and officers. A Subscriber Member is a club that doesn't qualify as a Full Member such as a business or club or (i.e. DUCK'S) or they are organizations that do not meet the requirements for Full Member Clubs. Subscriber Members also don't get reimbursements, only Full Members get it. Dues are \$50.00 a year for Full Members and shag clubs are billed in the month of December. Dues are payable by the Winter Workshop which allows clubs to vote. If dues aren't paid by the Summer Workshop, Allen asks for a motion by the Board of Advisors to drop them from the Association. Full Members have to attend 3 meetings during the year. Two are mandatory and they are the winter and Summer Workshops. Clubs must attend one other meeting to become eligible to receive the reimbursement. The other meetings are Mid Winter Classic, Spring SOS and Fall SOS. We encourage you to attend all meetings if possible. The reimbursements are paid at Fall SOS and they are inserted in your meeting packets. If you do not attend a mandatory meeting (either one) or not attend a total of 3 meetings (including the Summer and Winter Workshop), you are put on probation for 1 year. If you missed a meeting and feel you had a good excuse, you can appeal to the ACSC Board and then to the Board of Advisors. The Board of Advisors is the one who will grant your club an excused absence and you will not be put on probation.

Foster talked about SOS. In February 1989, the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs purchased 100% of the outstanding stock of SOS, Inc. from its founder, Gene Laughther. The purchase price was \$100,000. It was to be paid out at 10% of membership card sales as they were collected. At that time, SOS was at its lowest point, had dissatisfaction from Shaggers and faced fierce competition from several "Johnny comes lately SOS wannabe's". It had fallen out of favor with club owners and shaggers. There were organized SOS card burnings. One club owner went on to say that he wouldn't ever accept an SOS card as long as he lived. We faced the operation of the very first SOS in the spring of 1989 with only one participating club that would honor the SOS card, Crazy Zacks. Afterwards, Crazy Zack's informed SOS that they would not participate in Fall SOS of 1989. SOS faced the Fall Migration of 1989 with no club that would honor the SOS card. Dr. Phil Sawyer along with Speedy Lewis persuaded Harold Worley, owner of the Spanish Galleon to come on board. This led to agreements with the other club owners. In order for them to make it worthwhile to participate in SOS a new concept later

termed floor space rental came about. It was based on the square footage each club had and that is how they would be paid. This concept created cohesion with us which are still here today. Foster noted that SOS survived. Foster went on to say that SOS is not a tax exempt status. ACSC files a consolidated corporate income tax return as a regular C corporation. ACSC files as the parent company with SOS being a subsidiary along with The Company Store which is a wholly owned subsidiary of SOS. The Company Store conducts sells retail sales of SOS t-shirts and other related merchandise. It was incorporated separate from SOS because we wanted to keep sales tax issues out of SOS. Taxable income of all three entities are combined and taxed as one entity.

Several years after operating SOS, the ACSC made a pledge to donate \$10,000 a year to the Foundation of the Carolinas for Hospice until it accumulated to \$100,000 as a principal endowment. SOS also has made a \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross for Hugo Relief and then made a \$10,000 donation for the Hurricane Floyd relief effort. These huge donations are limited to the deductibility for income tax purposes.

Fun Monday Raffle was originally operated out of SOS. Because of SOS contributions a corporation was needed to put these donations in another corporation that SOS could manage. To do this the SOS Charitable Foundation was established but had not completed its tax exempt application. This was to be a 501 C(3) charitable organization which its donations from donors are tax deductible and they are exempt. This way they would be tax exempt for the SOS Charitable Organization. It was determined that SOS could sponsor Fun Monday for whatever money we felt would be available and funnel our charitable responsibilities out of SOS into the Charitable Foundation . Foster and Dr. Phil met with an attorney and submitted our application. He agreed it should work and SOS filed the tax exempt application with full disclosure of Fun Monday as part of the Foundation and its projected budgets. They accepted it and issued SOS a letter of determination for the Charitable Foundation. This later became a vehicle for funding the Dr. Phil Sawyer Endowment. It is a permanent \$100,000 Endowment at the University of South Carolina.

Foster discussed the food allowance that club receives. It originally started as an ACSC free pour at Mid Winter. After that we did a food allowance. Foster noted that we are paying for the food and not the clubs. SOS pays each participating club \$1,500.00 for each event including Mid Winter. Foster explained that we rent the building for The Company Store for \$700.00 a month. Foster concluded by saying that the Board of Advisors elects the SOS Board to govern the operations of SOS. By doing so, you give full faith and authority to them to carry on this operation. You allow them to do so you can't micro manage this operation. They do there duties with due diligence.

John Gilstrap came up to talk about Parliamentary Procedures. He had a handout for each club. John noted that we try to make parliamentary procedures difficult and they are not. The intent of parliamentary procedures in Roberts Rules of Order was to keep meetings running smoothly, to give everyone a fair and equal chance at the meeting and if we follow some of the basic guidelines, we would be more productive. Once adopted an organization by laws becomes the basic source of procedures or rules. All meetings governed by parliamentary procedures must follow the mandate of the majority. Under no circumstances, may a group suspend a principle of majority rule. A majority of the eligible votes cast represent the will of the majority. There are certain rules and motions that precedence or priority over others. John pointed out that the most important thing you can have is an agenda and to go by it. John also pointed out the following that you should follow: (1) Don't stray from the agenda, (2) If there is something that is not on the agenda and you wish to discuss or a member wishes to discuss, put it under consideration to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, (3) Under Business list each item so that someone couldn't bring something up that was unrelated. One reason is that sometimes people bring up things that are controversial because it is always good to know those in advance to study and research them (4) you cannot conduct business without a quorum as defined in your by laws (5) you can postpone meetings, you can recess meetings, you can close debate, but this is done by the Chair who has the authority to run the meeting. The Chair does not have to recognize you and you cannot speak until you are recognized (6) the best motion you can make is one that you make in writing presented to the Secretary and the Secretary reads that motion. If you have an amendment to that motion, that amendment should be in writing. That way you have accurate records.

Ken said that we will put John Gilstrap's report in the White Book.

BREAK FOR LUNCH – 11:30 AM  
RESUME MEETING – 12:40 PM

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Kathy Bundy, Beaufort Shag Club, reported on her visit to the Summerville Shag Club, who is applying for full membership. Kathy gave a positive report after visiting their parties several times. She recommended that they be voted in as a member of the ACSC. Ken entertained a motion to accept them into the ACSC. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Ken stated we are still aggressively seeking some type of agreement with ASCAP. At this point we have not been successful but we're working hard to make that contact. Our attorney is working hard on it. If you have a party that you are concerned about there are several things that you can do (1) check with your DJ to see if they have a license with ASCAP, (2) check with the

facility where you are going to have your party, (3) or you can join the National Fast Dance Association.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Two clubs have made application as Subscriber Members. One is the Oasis Shag Club and the other is the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame. They have made the necessary applications and have sent their checks to Sonny. Ken entertained a motion to accept these two clubs as Subscriber Members. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Ellen Taylor asked Ken to give an update on her print that she has for sale. It depicts a lot of people on the beach and all proceeds from the sales goes to the Junior Shaggers.

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

Helen thanked the Columbia Shag Club for a great weekend. Helen thanked the Board for their work this past year and noted that it was a good board that she enjoyed working with.

Helen introduced the S.O.S. Officers and S.O.S. Board spouses. Helen also recognized the SOS Photographers Vickie and Paul Harrison. Helen reported that she, Ron and Ken met with city officials to lobby to keep tents on the beach. After lobbying, the city agreed to allowed tents on the beach with some restrictions. Helen said that each club was emailed those restrictions. The information on tent restrictions can be found on the website [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com). Helen concluded her part of the meeting by introducing the ACSC spouses.

Ron came up to give the President's report. Ron noted that after seeing the lady laying in the parking lot that maybe we need to buy another defibrillator and bring it to the workshops. He will bring it up to at the next Board meeting.

Ron reported that through the Mid Winter Classic even with the weather being so cold, we set a new Mid Winter record. 1,772 cards were sold by the beach clubs for a total of \$53,160. Cards sold by the shag clubs was 2,470 and internet and mail cards sold was 136. Deposits to date have been \$135,257.00. Ron asks if there were any questions. Ron noted for the new presidents is that you can order SOS cards all year long. Ron thanked Felicia Howle and the Columbia Shag Club for a great party and he noted that Columbia was the first shag club.

Hollis Britt whose is the Enhancement Chair came up to report on Fun Monday. Hollis told the new presidents that ticket sales are what pays for Fun

Monday. Hollis ask for any suggestions on entertainers for Fun Monday. If you have suggestions on entertainment please see him, Rosemary Parten, or Judy Collins. Judy handles the entertainment for Fun Monday. Hollis ask the new president to pass the information along to their members.

Helen asked Dr. Phil and Tom Pollan to talk about his new book. This book will be published by the University of South Carolina. Phil introduced Tom Pollan who is a professor and writer at USC. Mr. Pollan described a little about the book and told us that the title would be "*Bury my heart at Ocean Drive*" with a subtitle "*For the love of the shag and the Society of Stranders*". The book will deal with the history of the shag. Plans are for the book to be out by Spring SOS.

Helen ask Anne Henry to come up and talk about a world record that she wants the shaggers to set. She has been in contact with the people at the Guinness Book of Records and she is trying to get them to understand that shagging is not swinging or a couple's dance record. She is trying to set a record for Shaggers shagging on the beach. She will keep us update on her progress.

Don David came up and updated us on the SOS Parade. Don noted that this year there will be no candy thrown from any of the floats but you can throw beads.

Ken announced the election results. The top 3 vote getters are Ronnie Gregory, Dwayne Baggett and Helen Still.

## **XI. CLUB PARTY INFORMATION**

Ken asked if any club wanted to promote their parties between now and Spring SOS to come forward.

Don David came back up and reported that next year there will be not be a contest to name the parade. The theme will be "The year of the Book". Don also reported he is designing the Spring SOS t-shirt. It will have all the SOS cards from 1989 to 2011.

## **XII. ADJOURN**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

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A.C.S.C. Secretary