



**General Meeting
Friday, May 20, 2016
5:00pm - Dolphin Head Golf Club
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order – Becky Elliott 5:08pm

Welcome and Purpose – Becky Elliott

The purpose of this meeting is to offer membership an opportunity to look at club records, demonstrate the operation of the club, exhibit our procedures, and offer an opportunity for member input.

Comment cards on the tables. If you have something to say, please be brief.

Approval of Minutes – Kathy Reynolds 5.11.16 Board Meeting Minutes Approved via email.

Treasurer's report – Budget - Vito Magarelli

\$12,208.27 in checking account. Vito stated that Two Treasurers are present (Vito and Sheryle Gavin) and books are available for review.

We are overall ahead of lessons and social nights – covering expenses.
Dolphin Head Golf Club is totally paid through May, 2017

Tax Return – Sheryle Gavin

- Taxes filed before May 15, 2016
- Gross receipts \$100,465
- Parties \$38,000
- WC \$41,000
- Non-profits must file on any income over \$10,000

Proposed By-Law Changes – Becky Elliott

- IRS rules require that we track how much money comes from non-members.
- Must define members and guests in our By-Laws.
- Must clarify definition of associate members.

Bruce read the proposed amendment.

Joe Chinnici asked for clarification on Associate Membership.

Larry Wilson asked if Associate Members will be notified in writing?

Answer, yes each Associate Member will be asked to sign the Associate Membership form, including their contact information.

Larry Wilson asked If IRS says we overstepped our bounds and we have too much money, then what happens? Sheryle stated that the Club must pay taxes on income over \$10,000

Steve Prohm, why are non-members given option to become associate member? In the spirit of promoting Shag music and Shag dancing, which is the purpose of our club, we invite newcomers to participate. We offer Associate membership to reward initial participation and to encourage future participation and potential full time membership.

Leigh Lawrence asked for a member who asks “can I pay less for membership because I am on HHI less than a year?” – what is the answer.

Answer: Our By-Laws state that there shall be no proration of dues.

Mare Lou Cygan asked that-a sign in sheet be provided for both social and lesson nights?

Answer: Yes going forward.

Kate Sawyer suggested to reinstate lists for social nights.

Leigh Lawrence asked what is price of Associate Membership?

Answer: No Cost. Two parties that are \$10 upcharge, or Winter Classic Attendance at Winter Classic counts as associate membership.

The amendment was presented on 5/20 and according to our by-laws, membership must have 30 days to consider the amendment. Final voting, either via email or paper ballot will close on June 24, 2016.

Kathy Reynolds presented second amendment – Housekeeping to make verbiage of by-laws consistent with how we are running our club.

Larry Cygan asked are we required to have an independent Audit?

The answer was addressed in Second Amendment Treasurer’s position description.

Bruce stated that If you are a member of another ACSC club, you are automatically an Associate Member.

Marge Stemzynski noted that Associate membership doesn't mean a lot.

Leigh Lawrence asked how do you prove membership in other clubs?

Answer: No way to prove. Have to go on honor system.

Sheryle suggested to add language "and/or Winter Classic" to by-Laws description of Associate Membership so there is no confusion for IRS reporting.

Rick Barry stated there is a need to find a way to recruit new (younger) members.

Volunteer Opportunities – Becky Elliott stated that there are many ways to get involved in the Club and encouraged all present to volunteer for sign in duties, lessons, etc.

Volunteering is an important contribution to the Club. If you have skills to share with the club we are happy to receive your ideas.

Membership – Vito Magarelli –

Vito stated because of difference in Calendar and Fiscal year, WC attendees are only associate members through the end of May.

Current Membership for 2016 – 2017 year – 153 as of Re-Up Party, 7 – 10 new members have joined since the Re-Up Party.

Social Report – Bruce Zimmerman - Parties for the balance of 2016 have been scheduled: Welcome Back, Halloween, and Christmas. Venues and dates are listed in the weekly newsletter.

Winter Classic – Kate Sawyer & Mike Salera

Hospitalty Room will be in the meeting room near the bar. Hope that all members will help sponsor the Hospitality Room.

January 5 – 8, 2017 are the dates for the Winter Classic

John Smith & Billy Waldrip will be DJs for the weekend

Jackie & Charlie will present an exhibition on Friday night and a workshop on Saturday morning

Tobitha and Ashley Steward will present a workshop on Saturday afternoon and will bring their Junior Shaggers Dance Team for exhibition on Saturday night.

Photo booth was very successful last year and will be included in 2017

Plated dinner Saturday night

Don't have to raise the rates – will continue at \$80 per person for the weekend

Room rates \$112 +++ = \$135 per night

Friday night – Healthy Choice food option

With new food options should keep dancing going

Operation R & R is the beneficiary of Silent Auction proceeds on Friday night.

All chair persons have been identified with the exception of one committee.

Adjourn – 6:03pm Bruce Zimmerman motion to adjourn, Kathy Reynolds seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Reynolds
Recording Secretary