



**Board of Directors Meeting  
June 28, 2021  
3:30pm – Zoom  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Barry Cohick, Carol Pollard, Dave Bowman, Rick Elliott, Marcia Salera, Kate Sawyer, Michael Salera, Sam Heidt and Bruce Zimmerman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm

**Approval of Minutes :** The minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting were approved as read. A motion was made by Carol Pollard to approve the minutes, seconded by Rick Elliott. All in favor. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's report/Financial Update – Marcia Salera**

- Financials June 2021 – beginning balance of \$23,000. Spent \$945; took in \$355, Leaving end balance of \$22,437.00

**Social Committee – Dave Bowman**

- DHGC status – ongoing issues with AC. AC was repaired today. Supposedly all units have been replaced. Bonnie has submitted her resignation at DHGC. However, she wants to continue to be our bartender on Fridays, Barry has sent an email to Chandler asking him if Bonnie can be our bartender. Barry will go over to DHGC to confirm these arrangements. No one has any other information on DHGC.
- Halloween Party – wait and see with DHGC and maybe book it there.
- Christmas Party – Sonesta/Country Club of Hilton Head 12/15 or 16 – Setup charge of \$300. Minimum guarantee of \$2,200. Buffet would be \$53 a person. \$100 bartender fee plus tax and service charge. Sonesta – initial quote only offered us one option on plated dinner – chicken. Over past week Dave got Sonesta to agree to a second option – Salmon/Mahi Mahi. \$100 bartender fee; No setup fee and food charge including tax is \$54.32 per person. Dates available – first or second Wednesday or Thursday of December. Dave recommends that we book the Christmas party on the Sonesta. Carol made a motion that Dave book the Christmas Party at Sonesta on the first or second Wednesday or Thursday of December based on information currently provided, and subject to confirmation of reasonable drink prices. Rick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Dance Instruction/Jr. Shag Committee/ Historian – Rick Elliott**

- Update on Cypress demo on May 26 – Gene and Helga helped. Guests participated with about 30-40 people attending. Rick will have to follow up for payment of \$75.

- Rick asked whether Tuesday lessons should start in September. He's assuming we will continue 45 min. lesson before Friday dance – Becky and Rick will offer this lesson. Since COVID there is a smaller pool of people to offer lessons. Concerns were expressed about DHGC facilities and charges. Issue of cost was raised – right now we have credits into August 2021. Credits are not broken down by Tuesday and Friday. If we are going to offer Tuesday lessons Rick will need to know as soon as possible so that he can recruit instructors. A decision was tabled to next meeting.

### **Winter Classic – Kate Sawyer and Mike Salera**

- Update on format/scheduling/pricing – Kate Sawyer reported that she and Mike Salera met with Sonesta and had a good meeting. Final contract still has to be negotiated. Dates January 21/22. Scaled down format – no auction; no hospitality room. Instead each registrant will get 2 drink tickets for each night. Sonesta quoted beer and wine for \$6; domestic beer \$4.50. John Smith will DJ, Jackie and Charlie will demo and give lesson. Band to be determined but will probably be The Embers. Overall Pricing has to be nailed down. Biggest item to discuss – no jr. shaggers – they are too expensive. Want to keep price between \$90 and \$95 because prices have increased overall. Mike reported that Embers can come Friday or Saturday – Their charge is \$4,500, but no room requirements. Charlie and Jackie haven't confirmed yet. If John Smith plays Friday he can stay over to cover Saturday morning lesson. Jacksonville event held last week offered two drop in hospitality events and mixed drinks – Manatee Punch and pulled pork sandwich, chips and cookies. Full sit down meal on Saturday. Kate will ask Sonesta if they will throw in some hors d'oeuvres to substitute for a hospitality room. Very reasonable room rate of \$125 is being offered. Mike and Kate will negotiate no minimums for food or rooms. In 2017 this was successfully negotiated and hopefully will be available for 2022. Dave Bowman moved that we proceed based on information provided by Mike and Kate to date subject to further negotiations with Sonesta on items noted above. Rick Elliott seconded the motion and raised issue of Embers – do we need to expended thousands for live music? Kate referred to a survey that showed 50/50 split on band vs. no band. Board decided on including a band in Winter Classic 2022. All In favor. Motion to hold Winter Classic 2022 at Sonesta on January 21/22 based on information provided and subject to successful negotiation of contract based on items noted above was passed unanimously. Mike will check on music licensing clause in the Contract to make sure that Sonesta is responsible.
- Bruce Zimmerman alerted board to the fact that we no longer need to include requirement for associate membership on the registration form. Board will check on this requirement.

### **Other Business – Barry Cohick**

- Taste of Europe Wednesday Dance – should we continue the notice in the Newsletter? Board discussed and decided to keep it listed as a 'dance opportunity' until regular dancing at DHGC resumes.
- Vivid Galleries – should note be sent to members detailing Jeff Keefer's Program? If so, should it be done through a mass email or a piece in the Newsletter? Sam would like to ask club members promote VIVID maybe by Googling Vivid and clicking on it to bring up visibility on the Web. Volunteers are needed – would like to open on Saturdays. Possibly club members would be willing to help. Kate raised a concern about club promoting a business. Carol suggested that any support be kept informal. Discussion was held on club's

vulnerability to supporting a business. Suggestions were made around VIVID holding a shag dance at the Sea Pines Center that would be sponsored by VIVID.

**Adjournment** Carol Pollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Bowman seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.