Oct 2, 2026

Society of Brunswick Shaggers (SOBS) Club Board Meeting

Location and Time: Phone Meeting, 4:00pm

Participants: Mark Trull (President), David Ross (Vice President), Michelle Cashman (Treasurer), Lyle Cashman (Secretary).

- David reported on the SOS/ACSC meeting that was held in North Myrtle Beach. Next year's meeting will be held in Greenville, SC, July 8-10, 2027. It was reported that the Fun Monday event raised $26,000 which is to be distributed to various charities. Our club received (15) SOS cards for 2027 that we will offer for sale to our club members. David reported that SOS 2026 was a successful and reenergizing event.
- The Board discussed the need to initiate the nominations process for the 2027 Board. Mark will contact 1-2 people in the club they are willing to oversee this. The Board agreed that we should hand out slips of paper at this evening's dance for members to suggest individuals they believe should be included in the nominations (This was done, however, Club members did not provide any suggested names for nominations).
- It was pointed out that the Moose Lodge (ML) was very dirty again for the hosting of the September 18 dance. Considering we are paying rent for use of this facility, this is unacceptable (it is a bit easier to accept cleaning needs at the VFW since we are basically rent free there). The Board discussed the position of terminating our agreement with the ML for this and many other difficulties we have faced. It is believed this diminished club attendance (see below).
- The Board needs to check with the President of the VFW (Nick Kowalchuck) to confirm availability of their facility for TWO dances per month for 2027as well as the possibility of switching the November and December 2026 dances from the ML (for reasons listed above) to the VFW. As for other justification, this change will give the club a more stable financial standing. We discussed the probability that the club will still need to pay the agreed rent to the ML for November and December. **The Board needs to make this decision and provide notice to ML if in fact October 16th is the last hosting there**.
- The Board had preliminary discussion about the holidays. Depending on the club's financial situation we may host a Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW (pending their approval). The club will provide the meats and each member will be encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. For Christmas we can encourage members bring an item to share (as we typically do).

Treasurer Report:

September Beginning Balance	$ 2,084.88
Total Income	$ 783.57
Total Expenses	$ 831.07
Ending Balance	$ 2,037.38

- Total club membership paid up and in good standing is 99. This includes 29 new members for 2026 but a net decline in membership over 2025.
- Total attendance for the October 2 dance was 40.
- Total attendance for the September 18 dance was 36.
- Total attendance for the September 4 dance was 38.
- Total attendance for the August 20 dance was 39.
- Total attendance for the July dance was 37.
- Total attendance for the June dance was 39.
- Total attendance for the May dance was 26.
- Total attendance for the April dance was 70.
- Total attendance for the March dance was 68.
- Total attendance for the February dance was 60.
- Total attendance for the January dance was 59.

Ongoing Board Items:

- The Board is continuing to explore ways to boost attendance and control expenses.

The next Board meeting is November 6 at 4:30pm at the VFW on Oak Island (prior to the dance).

Lyle Cashman

SOBS Secretary