

Cape Fear Shag Club Meeting

July 15, 2017

Mission: To bring together individuals who love the shag dance and its music, and who want to preserve, promote, and share the shag experience with others.

The meeting was called to order by Yogi Wilson, Vice President, stating that President Bernie Braak was at a required ACSC meeting this weekend. Yogi requested that Pat Ellis give a blessing for the meal and after eating the business was presented.

The minutes from the last meeting were stated to be on the website, and any questions could be made to any board member.
The treasurer's report

Old Business:

The new members that the board voted on at the July board meeting were announced as Elizabeth Lewis, renewal, and Julia Waddell. Bill Capps announced that his brother Tom Capps had also joined since the last announcement of new members.

Guests were recognized and asked to stand.

The Wilmington Singles called the President and asked that we announce that they have an open dance on August 4, 2017 at 7:30-10:30 at VFW Post. August Rose Band will be playing.

Eddie Baker announced that Gatsby Charity event, a benefit for Babs McCullen-Welker, will be Aug. 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm, at St. Thomas Preservation Hall, 208 Dock St. downtown Wilmington. Cost \$50.00 a ticket. The event will feature live music with the Wilmington Big Band, Benny Hill on saxophone, Sonic Spectrum, and DJ Eddie Baker. He encouraged everyone to consider a donation for this is an example of a strong supporter of shag and shag music and all dance in our community. A quote from The Star News, "Proceeds will go to cancer treatment for Babs McCullen-

Welker.” For more information call 910-395-5090 or email,
info@babsmcdance.com

Also Eddie introduced our DJ David Sessoms from Fayetteville.

Davis Sessoms:

Born and raised in Wilmington, N.C.

Graduated New Hanover High School in 1968

Graduated from the Citadel

20 Years of service in the Army Was in Special Forces

Retired ay the rank of Major

Member of the Association Of Beach & Shag Club DJ's

Offices held in association: Vice President, Secretary twice, Newsletter Editor,

Web Master, Chairman of the club's yearly DJ Top 50 Shag Songs List

2005 received the Shag Icon Award and in 2014 was inducted into the DJ Hall Of Fame

Keith Thompson presented the CFSC Lifetime Achievement Award to Lee Pearson for his service to shag and shag dancing in the Wilmington community for the last 24 years. No one has made a greater commitment to shag than Lee. (See facts sheet) Lee was very proud to accept the award, and thanked the membership for coming out to dance and encouraged everyone to come on Tuesday nights at Paso Fino's.

LEE PEARSON:

56-57 years ago a kid, not yet a teenager began collecting 45 rpm rhythm and Blues records many of which he still has today.

He learned to fas' dance or beach bop at 13 at the community center on Orange Street. The dance later became known as the shag.

Early on in life he began carrying his extensive 45 collection and a portable phonograph to all the parties. It was the only way he could wrangle an invitation. So yea! This due in part because it was cool to play music but above all it was an easy way to meet girls.

This went on through junior high, high school and college. From what I hear he played many different genres of music, just not beach boogie music.

He got requests to dejay at weddings and many a private party professionally around 1989. He has played in many clubs in North Carolina, including Tuesdays, Sonnys, and Ocean Plaza in Carolina Beach. Other venues such as Chantillys in Wilmington and the SOBS in Oak Island, Topsail Islands Causeway shag club, Lake Waccamaw Shag Club and Twin Rivers Shag Club in Newbern.. Just to name a few

In 1992 he began deejaying at the Ramada Inn on Mondays and Tuesdays with shag instructor Elizabeth Meadows. Monday was beginner, Tuesdays was intermediate and advanced

2 years later 1994 he joined the "Association of Beach and Shag Deejays" to wit he is still a member.

Fast forward to 2000 shag was taught on Tuesdays only at the Ramada. Apparently Tuesday nights must have been the only money making night for the club. He worked with 4 different leesees/owners. Bannanas, Club Rio, Carolina Lounge and at closing 5001 club. Folks that stint is 24 years of commitment. 1248 nights not counting special events or Monday nights totals Include those that's roughly 1664 nights. Ask yourself this question. Because of Lee and his music and this dance how many more relationships, platonic or otherwise have you been involved in?

The Legend and the dance continues at Paso Finos. Here's hoping for another 24 years Lee Pearson.

Yogi announced the July birthdays, and the birthday dance, started the evening of dancing.

Mona	Baker
Beverly	Biggs
Jim	Bilisoly
Billy	Capps
Cathy	Claris
Bruce	Duncan
Jackie	Feasel
Mark	Heffner
Willaim	Jirinec
Carol	Jones
Toni	Shields-Decker
Keith	Thompson
Julia	Waddell
Grey	Welborn
Yogi	Wilson

Pat Ellis won the 50/50 in the amount of \$75.00.

There were approximately 65 people present for the July meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Minutes submitted by Pat Ellis, secretary.