

# **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB BYLAWS**

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### **ARTICLE I – NAME & LOGO**

The name of this organization shall be the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** and shall be headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** name and/or logo shall be the property of the Club and their use is restricted to the use by the Club for its business and social functions. The Club may authorize the use of its name and/or logo by a majority of its members.

### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** is to provide an organization for fellowship that will bring together people within the organization and to preserve and promote an interest in shagging and beach music.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

Any adult person shall be eligible for membership in the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** and shall become a member upon completion of the requirements of membership and payment of the required dues. Payment of dues is required each year in order to maintain membership in the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB**. A membership year will run from January 1 to December 31.

#### **Section 1 – Classification of Membership**

- A. Charter Members: Charter members shall consist of those persons who assisted in the founding of the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** by becoming members in good standing during the period July 1, 1993 through August 8, 1993.
- B. General Members: General members shall consist of those persons who are accepted for membership after August 8, 1993.
- C. Honorary Members: Honorary members and honorary charter members may be nominated by the Executive Committee for a vote by the general membership. Honorary members will be elected to membership for one year from date of election. Honorary charter members will be elected for lifetime membership. Honorary members and honorary charter members will not pay dues and will have the rights accorded general members except voting privileges.

#### **Section 2 – Election of New Members**

Any person interested in becoming a member of the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** shall be sponsored by an existing member in good standing and be at least 21 years of age. A written application for membership shall be filed with the Membership Chairperson on a form approved by the Executive Board and shall be signed by the sponsoring member. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate dues.

### **Section 3 – Revocation of Membership**

Any disorderly behavior by any member will be grounds for revocation of membership. The Executive Committee may revoke a membership by majority vote. Any revocation of membership may be appealed to the membership by the member at any business or special meeting. Voting by the membership will be by secret ballot and the count will be final and binding.

### **Section 4 – Membership Unlimited**

The number of members in the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** shall be unlimited.

### **Section 5 – Membership Identification**

All members in good standing shall be issued a membership card. The card shall be of form and design as approved by the Executive Committee. All membership cards are non-transferable.

### **Section 6 – Voting Rights**

Each charter and general member in good standing shall be entitled to vote in each matter submitted to a vote of the membership. Honorary members and honorary charter members will not have voting rights.

### **Section 7 – Compensation**

Members shall not receive any compensation for their services. However, should a member serve the Club in a professional capacity, the member may receive compensation when approved by the Executive Committee.

Officers or members representing the Club in an official capacity may be compensated for all or a portion of their expenses as approved. This is standard in member clubs of the ACSC when travel is required on behalf of the Club.

### **Section 8 – Annual Dues**

The annual dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for an individual membership and thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a married couple membership. Annual dues may be pro-rated for new members only. Anyone joining the club from April – June shall pay dues of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for individual and twenty-five (\$25.00) for a married couple, from July – September, ten dollars (\$10.00) and twenty (\$20.00), and from October – December, five dollars (\$5.00) and ten (\$10.00). The membership may raise the annual dues for the following year, by a majority vote of the membership.

### **Section 9 – Renewal Dues**

Membership annual dues are to be paid by January first of the membership year. After February first of the new membership year, the treasurer shall notify any member of failure to pay delinquent dues. Membership shall be suspended until such time as delinquent dues are paid in full.

### **Section 10 – New member Dues**

New members shall submit their annual dues as set forth in Article III, Section 8.

### **Section 11 – Charter Member Dues**

Charter members shall receive per annum a discount of five dollars (\$5.00) for an individual membership and seven dollars (\$7.00) for married couple's membership. If the dues are raised, charter members shall receive a proportional discount based on the original dues and discount.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

Any member in good standing of the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** shall be eligible to serve in any capacity as an elected officer of the Club. No elected officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

### **Section 1 – Officers**

The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms.

### **Section 2 – Duties of the Officers**

- A. The President shall preside over all meetings of the members and the Executive Committee, shall have general charge of the affairs of the Club, subject to the By-Laws, and shall represent the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** at meetings of other organizations.
- B. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall serve as directed by the President.
- C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of general membership and Executive Committee meetings and shall maintain club records and correspondence.
- D. The Treasurer shall receive and bank all monies due the club, maintain bookkeeping records of all funds; pay bills from officers and members only when clearly authorized by the President or general membership and when receipts for expenditures are provided; give a statement of finances at general membership meetings and provide a complete year-end financial statement.
- E. The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for maintaining order at all general membership and Executive Committee meetings.

### **Section 3 – Election and Term of Officers**

The club officers shall be elected yearly to serve from January – December. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor has been duly elected or appointed. Election of officers shall be held in November.

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in October of three members in good standing. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of potential officers at the November meeting. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor.

#### **Section 4 – Vacancies**

A vacancy in an office shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term of the office.

#### **Section 5 – Compensation**

Officers shall not receive any compensation for their services. Any officer may serve the club in any professional capacity and receive compensation when approved by the membership. The officers or members may receive travel and subsistence expenses when representing the club in an official capacity and when recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership.

### **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1 – Business Meetings**

There shall be at least six (6) meetings of the club per year. The November meeting shall include the election of new officers to take office the following January.

#### **Section 2 – Special Meetings**

The majority of the Executive Committee or President shall call special meetings as required for disposition of the club's business. These meetings will be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee or President may designate.

#### **Section 3 – Social Meetings**

Social meetings may be held from time to time as coordinated by the Social Committee.

#### **Section 4 – Quorum**

A quorum shall be considered when 20% of the members are present at a business meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority vote of members may adjourn the meeting.

#### **Section 5 – Proxy Vote**

Members must be present at meetings to vote. Proxies and mail in votes will not be accepted.

## **ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1 – Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms and the Committee Chairs.

### **Section 2 – Standing Committees**

- A. The President will appoint a Chairperson of all standing committees to serve a one (1) year term.
- B. Social Committee: The Chairperson shall appoint members for the current year. The duties of the Social Committee shall be to plan an annual social calendar and to plan and prepare the social events.
- C. Communications & Publicity Committee: The Chairperson shall appoint members for the current year. The duties of the Communications Committee shall be to coordinate the shag club news with other members and prepare and mail the monthly newsletter. The Chairperson with approval of the Executive Committee shall also appoint subcommittees when necessary to carry out needed duties. (Bulletin Board, photographer, media notifications, etc.)
- D. Membership Committee: The Chairperson shall appoint members for the current year. The duties of the Membership Committee shall be to actively seek and recruit new **Raleigh Shag Club** members, review all membership applications and maintain a current membership list.
- E. Ways & Means: The Chairperson shall appoint members for the current year. The duties of the Ways & Means Committee shall be to develop, organize and conduct events to raise money for the Raleigh Shag Club and to provide event information to the Communications & Publicity Committee Chairperson so information can be included in the monthly newsletter.
- F. Telephone: The Chairperson shall appoint members for the current year. The duties of the Telephone Committee shall be to develop a telephone tree for the purpose of notifying membership of coming events.

### **Section 2 – Special Committees**

Special committees may be formed for a closely defined purpose. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of special committees.

## **ARTICLE VII – CONTRACTS**

### **Section 1 – Contracts**

The Executive Committee may authorize an officer or officers to enter into any contract or delivery of any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Club. In all cases, all actions shall be authorized first by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2 – Checks, Drafts, Orders**

All checks, drafts or orders of payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issues in the name of the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer or Secretary and countersigned when over two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, by the President or the Vice President.

### **Section 3 – Deposits**

All funds shall be deposited to the credit of the Club in a timely manner, in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Executive Committee may select.

### **Section 4 – Gifts**

The Executive Committee may accept on behalf of the Club any contributions, gifts, bequests or donations.

## **ARTICLE VIII – BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of all of its membership meetings and Executive Committee meetings. The books and records of the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** may be inspected by any member in good standing, his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at a time to be coordinated with the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern the **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any membership meeting, provided notice is given to the membership no later than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

The **RALEIGH SHAG CLUB** may be dissolved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at the meeting. Upon dissolution, all assets/property shall be disposed of in accordance with law and upon direction by the membership.