

PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION
Minutes of March 26, 2006

The Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation met on Sunday, March 26, 2006, at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA. Six Associations/Federations were represented. Allegany Valley Federation – 4 members; Central Pennsylvania Association – 9 members; Delaware Valley Federation – 3 members; Laurel Mountain Federation – 6 members; Northeast Federation – 0 members; Susquehanna Valley Federation – 5 members; Western Pennsylvania Federation – 10 members.

Call to Order: Clyde and Judy Miles, Presidents called the semi-annual meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Bill Flick gave the opening prayer and Clyde Miles led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Minutes of Oct 9, 2005: Copies of the minutes were distributed for reading by members. Corrections to the minutes as distributed are: on pages 3 and 4 all statements referring to “The 2011 Pittsburgh Convention, 2011 Pittsburgh Committee or Pittsburgh National Convention in 2011” should read “60th National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh. Under National Conventions (page 3): the request for dancer support at the bid meeting during the 56th Convention in Charlotte in 2007. A motion was made by Barb Schreiber that the distributed minutes as corrected, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Grace Karlheim. Motion carried. Ruth Buehler thanked all those that emailed their reports to the Secretary before the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: read by Judy Cobler.

Balance – October 2, 2005	\$17,336.44
Income:	
Seed Money Back 12 th Conv.	\$ 1000.00
Reserve for Future Activities	122.59
Sale Belt Buckles	40.00
2006 Membership Dues	1317.00
Dividends (CD, Checking, savings)	<u>95.00</u>
	\$ 2574.59
Expenses:	
Fee AVFCU	\$.25
Penn State Meeting October	254.40
Majestic Badge	78.00
Photo Album & Phone Exp.	<u>18.81</u>
	\$ 344.46
Balance – March 26, 2006	\$19,566.57

Funds were transferred to AVFCU and 6 CD’s purchased 11/1/2005 in \$2000 & \$3000 amounts to minimize interest loss in case of need to cash CD’s prior to maturity.

Location of funds – March 26, 2006

Cash on Hand	\$ 0.00
AVFCU Savings	3084.11
AVFCU Checking	3482.46
AVFCU CD’s	<u>13,000.00</u>
	\$ 19,566.57

(Submitted by John & Judy Cobler)

Jack Merhant moved that the Treasurers report be approved. Motion seconded by Matt Lebo.

President’s Report: moved to the end of the meeting.

Association/Federation Reports:

Allegany Valley S&R/D Federation: read by Lou Stiles.

The Squaws and Paws and Y Squares of Erie, PA have dissolved their clubs and merged to form the Presque Isle Dancers. The new club dances on Tuesdays at the Sarah Reed retirement Center in Erie, PA. The Fiddle a Round of Clarion, PA are creating a website with their club history in an attempt to promote their club. The Oil City Shindiggers are no longer dancing. Star Promenaders, Shenango Valley Sashayers and Belles N Beaus have new dancers.

Lake Shore Squares will hold their Apple Blossom Dance on May 21 with Jim Lee on Squares and Lois Vandegrift cuing rounds. Pre rounds from 6 to 7 pm with regular dance from 7 to 10 pm at Easton Hall in Westfield, NY.

Beaver Squares of Corry, PA will have their annual pancake refreshment dance on April 1 from 8 to 11 with Denny Steiner calling and George Wisniewski cueing.

Presque Isle Dancers of Erie, PA will continue the tradition of the Y Squares when they sponsor the annual pancake (and more) breakfast at the rotary pavilion on Presque Isle State Park on June 4, with serving beginning at 9:30 am.

The AVSRDF Annual Dance will be Sept. 30 at Greenville, PA. There will be two floors for dancing including plus, DBD, advanced and rounds. Calling squares will be Tom Mohny, Rod Spencer and Don Yosten. Cueing rounds will be Vonda Hardik and Bud Myers. (Submitted by Lou & Ruthie Stiles)

Central PA S&R/D Association: New Officers for the year are Laird and Judy Allen, President; Delavan and Shirley Whitenight, Vice President; Jack and Lois Evans, Secretary and Mike and Pat Matsko, Treasurer. Laird Allen reported that the Annual Cancer Fund Dance at the Memorial Hall in Williamsport raised \$ 1110. for the Cancer Fund. Unfortunately three dancers passed away (cue to cancer) during the year: Ginny Messarge, Katy Carr and Shirley Beacham. Seven squares were present at the dance.

Three callers, Hank Lutchter, Andy Glowach and Glenn Stuck were awarded with a plaque and flowers for their wives for 25 years or more of Square Dance calling.

Federation of Delaware Valley S&R/D: No Report

Laurel Mountain S&R/D Federation: read by Bob Wilson.

The Laurel Mountain Federation held their first quarterly meeting at the Arena Restaurant on Jan. 15, 2006. Nineteen officers, delegates and alternates were present for dinner at 1 pm followed by a meeting at 2 pm. Officers for the next year are Justina Hall and Christopher Wright, President; Bryan Calhoun, Vice President; Bob and Janet Wilson, Secretary; and Tom and Louise Riley, Treasurer; Cy and Ione Hammaker as the Newsletter editors.

There are seven square dance clubs and one round dance club in the Federation. The clubs held Halloween, Christmas, New Years, Snowflake, Valentine and Saint Patrick dances. Some have held their Anniversary dances and others have theirs scheduled. All theme dances were a success. We have a dance calendar booklet with callers, contacts and schedules that are given to all dancers in the Federation. Officers and newsletter editors are on the back cover.

The 15th Annual Laurel Mountain Federation Dance will be held at the Memorial Park Building in Martinsburg on November 4, 2006. Dance at 1:30 till 5 pm, with a buffet dinner to follow at 5:30. The callers and cuers will donate their time for a successful anniversary. The next LMDRDF meeting will be held on April 2, 2006 at Hoss's Restaurant in Duncansville. Dinner at 2 pm, meeting after dinner. (Submitted by Bob & Janet Wilson)

Northeast Pennsylvania S&R/D Federation: No Report

Susquehanna Valley S&R/D Association: read by John Jacobs.

We have been informed that May 4, 2006, will be the last square dance for the Gettysburg Cannonaders. They will meet once a month for a social. The Cannonaders Square Dance Club was formed in 1954 but after 52 years of dancing, they will be forced to discontinue dancing as the membership can no longer put a square on the floor because of health related problems. This club will be missed by all, they have been an inspiration to the square dance community.

Dan Prosser has reported that there were more squares participating in the State Farm Show Dance this year than in the last fifteen (15) years. Dan Prosser and Fred Strang called for the competition and Tom Miller called for the demonstration dances. Linda Prosser cued for the round dancers. This dance has been an important advertisement for square dancing in the State of Pennsylvania.

Our Federation visitation program is going well. Twelve (12) clubs are participating. So far, there have been 79 club visits with 1,121 people participating, with some making multiple visits. Five clubs have been very active, trying to visit the eleven other clubs once plus four additional visits to club of their choice. This is a popular program and it does get dancers out to visit other clubs.

The Annual Heart Dance to be held February 12, sponsored by the Do Pas O Club, was snowed out, however, the dance was rescheduled at the Lititz Community Center on February 19, 2006. Attendance included 104 adults and 7 juniors. \$1563.50 was contributed to the Heart Association as a result of this dance.

The 2006 President's Dance and Dinner will be held on April 30, 2006 at the Warwick High School, Lititz, PA. The dance will be hosted by the Swing Thru Club of Lititz. Tom Miller will be the caller and John Toll will be cueing. This dance is held to honor the club presidents and the officers of the SVS&RDA.

On May 21st, the SVS&RDA Graduation Ball will be held at the Millersville Lions Club. The callers will be from the South Central Pennsylvania Caller and Cuers Association. The dance will be hosted by the Do Pas O Square Dance club. All graduates are encouraged to attend.

The Gettysburg Dance will be held on May 27, 2006, 10:00 AM to 10:30 PM, at the Fairfield Community Fire Hall and the Village Hall, Fairfield, PA. Callers will be Tom Miller, Glenn Matthews, Al Groth and Dan Prosser. Linda Prosser will be the cuer. The dance is sponsored by the Fair Squares and Flirts and Skirts Square Dance Clubs. (Submitted by John & Creta Jacobs)

Western Pennsylvania S&R/D Federation: read by Matt Lebo.

We continue to support and promote the 13th Annual PSRDF Square and Round Dance Convention at State College, PA and the 55th National Square Dance Convention in San Antonio, Texas in our West Pen News.

The Sophomore Student Dance will be hosted by the Mountainview Squares on April 30, 2006 at the Faith United Methodist Church in Delmont, PA. The callers will be Norm Shaffor, Fred Strang and Ron Meisel. Pat Meisel will cue rounds. There are approximately 95 students currently taking lessons in the Federation.

At the October WPSRDF meeting, a proposal was made by Lee Stout, a delegate from the Y-Knots, to change the meetings from once a month to every other month. After much discussion, a vote was taken to skip meetings in January and March on a temporary basis. At the April meeting, the proposal will be read for the third time, discussed and voted on by the delegates.

Five couples from WPSRDF attended the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. They had a great time dancing in the demos. Next year we hope to have several squares attend and participate in the competition dances.

The nomination committee for the WPSRDF has a full slate of names for the upcoming election of officers for the 2006-2007 year. The new officers will be elected at the April meeting.

GET YOUR SQUARE DANCING KICKS IN 2006! (Submitted by Matt & Maureen Lebo)

Committee Reports:

13th PSRDF Convention – Frank Schreiber read the following:

The thirteenth PSRDF Convention Committee held a meeting March 6, 2006. All committees reported that everything is moving on schedule. Attendance is down from the same time last year. Hopefully, dancers will start registering. All committees are doing a great job. (Submitted by Frank & Barb Schreiber)

14th PSRDF Convention – read by Ruth Buehler.

Bill and Ruth Buehler, currently Assistant General Chairmen for the 13th PA Convention will be Chairmen for the 14th PA Convention. All positions are filled for the Committees except Asst. General Chairmen. They suggest that Clyde and Judy Miles be accepted as Asst. General Chairmen for the 14th PA Convention. They also request \$1000.00 “Seed Money” for the 14th PA Convention. (Submitted by Bill & Ruth Buehler)

Bill Flick moved that Clyde and Judy Miles be elected Assistant General Chairmen for the 14th State Convention. Frank Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion carried. Creta Jacobs moved that \$1000 seed money be advanced to the 14th Convention Committee and Mike Matkso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Caller/Cuer Liaison: No Report

Showcase of Ideas: Clyde stated that we are still looking for a person to handle the Showcase of Ideas. Bill Flick has agreed to take the Showcase to San Antonio, however he will be unable to set it up due to time constraints.

Photography: John Cobler stated that approximately 300 pictures were taken at the 13th State Convention and these were assembled into three DVD's by his youngest daughter. The DVD's were viewed at the meeting break and then were presented to Clyde Miles, President.

Publicity: No Report

Membership: Clyde Miles reported that as of today's date, he has received 1,207 paid memberships and 6 new life memberships. There are also 55 additional life members. This gives a total of 1,268 members. By Federation/Association:

AVSRDF – 6 clubs and 2 independents for a total of 144 and 17 life members. Missing clubs are Castle Paw & Taws, Hot Footers, Y2K, Grand Squares, Star Promenaders and Fiddle A Rounds.

CPSRDF – 5 clubs for a total of 133 members and 4 life members. Missing Clubs are Mt. Nittany Squares, Susquehanna Swingers and Susque Country Squares.

DVSRDF – 4 clubs for a total of 117 members and 1 life member. Missing Clubs are Calorie Squares and Edge Hill Squares.

LMSRDF – 5 clubs for a total of 115 members and 17 life members. Missing Club is Swinging Squares.

NPSRDF – 5 clubs for a total of 80 members and 2 life members. Missing Clubs are Rare Squares and Yellow Rock Squares.

SVSRDA – 2 clubs for a total of 24 members and 6 life members. Missing Clubs are Continental Squares, Stardusters and Whirl-A-Ways.

WPSRDF – 21 clubs for a total of 618 members and 20 life members. Missing Club is Teacup Squares.

It was noticed that from the last Membership Committee person file that there are a number of clubs for which all the club members are life members of PSRDF. This report reflects only those clubs that returned a membership form. It would be appreciated if those

clubs which have all life members should fill out a membership form, annually, and return it so that these dancers may be recorded as active.

Only annually reporting clubs are reported in the membership report.

Total money collected from members was \$1,347.00. (Submitted by Clyde Miles)

John Jacobs stated that many life members are not represented in this report. Clyde reiterated that all clubs should report life members still active. Several years ago all clubs reported their active life members.

License Plates: Since our last report we have not processed any requests for the Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Plates. The total number of applications that we have processed to date is 938. (Submitted by Bob and Dottie Elgin)

State Folk Dance: Read by Ruth Buehler - House Bill No. 1260, designating polka music as the official folk music of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and designating the American Square Dance as the official folk dance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was unanimously (189 to 0) passed on February 8, 2006.

This bill has gone to the Senate. I am not sure where it is in the Senate. Hopefully it is in the Senate's State Government Committee. I have written several letters to our Senator plus the Chairman (Senator Lemmond) of this committee plus to the Senate's Majority office. It seems like no one wants to tell me where this bill is at the present time. All they keep saying is the final passage of the bill was on February 8, 2006.

Since, I have spoken to our Representative, I requested him to speak to our Senator to see if he can find out anything. In the meantime, I had received a letter from the Senate's Majority Leader, which is a copy of a letter he sent our Senator. It is also accompanied (to our Senator) by the last letter from us.

In the Senate's State Government Committee is another bill, Senate Bill 156; designating the polka as the official dance of Pennsylvania; and designating the square dance as the official American folk dance of Pennsylvania, which was introduced on February 2, 2005. To my understanding this bill was being held until House Bill No. 1260 came over. House Bill No. 1260 was introduced on March 31, 2005 in the House

If the bill fails again this year, I am requesting to continue for at least one more session 2007/2008. The reason is that, there will be big major changes within the legislature of Pennsylvania. I know that this is Senator Lemmond's final year.

"Jolly" Joe Timmer also has been in contact with me. He is trying to claim full credit for getting this session bill started. I have notified Clyde Miles about this, but I have no idea if he contacted "jolly" Joe Timmer or not. I believe I put "Jolly" Joe in his place by stating that he was not the only person [that worked on passing the bill], also if it is passed we will share equally.

(Submitted by Peggy and Sam Brubaker)

Computer Coordinator/Webmaster: No Report. Clyde stated that John Simchick has been deluged with material from ART and USDA not judged to be appropriate for the Federation web site.

Ways & Means: No Report. Clyde noted that Warren and Lois Mealy have not been coming and that we do need a new Ways & Means person.

Historian: No Report.

State Outfit: presented by Bob and Janet Wilson Proposed Official Pennsylvania State Square & Round Dance Attire -

Men's Attire: Dark Yellow cotton/polyester Western Shirt (with standard back yoke) manufactured by Malco Modes; Navy Blue Western Trousers 100% polyester, manufacturer Circle S, Color 11 (Navy). Shirt and pants may be purchased through most vendors. Navy Tie, same as the woman's skirt (Manufacturer- Malco Modes). Men's attire to be worn with dark socks, belt and shoes.

Women's Attire: Navy Blue 3 Tier Skirt Manufactured By Malco Modes - Style 120 square dance length or - Style 1005 prairie length; Square Up Fashions Manufacturer - Style 5060 square dance length or - Style 5060P prairie length; Skirt Pattern : C&C Originals Style 119. Blouse - Dark Yellow peasant blouse (double ruffle on neck & sleeves) Manufacturer Malco Modes - Style 2237 Pattern; C&C Originals Style 118 (changes made, added another ruffle to neck & sleeves). Under ruffle on sleeve 5 in. used bottom of sleeve to cut this ruffle, neck ruffle use ruffles for neck and cut 2 1/2 in. shorter than under ruffle. Fabric Purchased at Wal-Mart, Type: Palencia cotton/ polyester Colors: Navy 187 and Fancy Yellow 187. Navy Blue Stretch Belt available at square dance shops. Navy Blue Pettipants, available at square dance shops. Yellow or Navy Crinoline available at square dance shops. Navy or Black shoes neutral stockings.

Patterns were ordered through Brantleys Western Supply. You can email at site brantleyswesternsupply.com or phone in at 1-800-828-8061 and order numbers from above.

PSRDF AREA SQUARE DANCE SHOPS:

Janet Wilson Sewing (will sew state outfits) Let me know size and waist measurements and the length of skirt you need.
PO Box 421003 Flinton, Pa. 16440 Ph. (814) 687-3964 email: jlwilsons@peoplepc.com (Estimated cost for men's tie, women's skirt and blouse - \$45.00)

Whirl-A-Way Fashions 285 West Beaver St Hallam, Pa. 17406-1303 Ph.717-755-9462 email- bacrumling@aol.com
(will do mail orders) Barb Crumling - proprietor

D&R Total Image 32 Oak St. Colora, Md. 21917 Ph. 410-658-6108 email -rmacdonald@zoominternet.net
Dolores & Ralph MacDonald - proprietors

Mainstream Plus 304 S. Chester Pike Glenolden, Pa. 19036 Ph. 610-583-8300 Rita & Bruce _ proprietors

Lazy J Western Wear Outlet 5055 St Rt. 29 West Jefferson, Oh. 43162 Ph. 614-879-7099

Star Promenade Home of Star Bright Design 202 Dream Valley Ln. Pearisburg, Va. 24134 Ph. 540-921-1833 email - starbrightdesign@i-plus.net

CalyCo Crossing Po Bx. 1377 Laurel, Md. 20725 Ph. 301-498-2111 or 800-627-0412 email - www.calycocrossings@calyco.com (Submitted by Bob & Janet Wilson)

Bill Flick asked if this is the outfit that would be used by persons from PA going to Charlotte in 2007. Yes, was the answer by Clyde Miles. In response to questions about availability of shirts & blouses, Janet stated that Malco Modes currently is furnishing these items. A question was raised concerning a vest for men. This was not considered with the current proposed outfit since the collar for women and vest for men were considered to be undesirable.

Mike Matsko moved that the proposed outfit (described above) be adopted for the official state outfit. Ruth Buehler seconded the motion. Motion carried by show of cards.

Special Reports:

USDA Report: Bill Flick stated that he attended the January meeting in San Diego. At that meeting two scholarships were awarded to High school seniors leaders in their schools and active in square dancing. Also, the prescription program, for those under 65 is still active and generates money for USDA, if utilized. The credit card from USDA also generates money for USDA and PSRDF received \$400 in 2000. We might expect to receive more in approximately 2008. Bill reminded all that the USDA meeting will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, June 21, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. He urged those interested to attend. He also expressed thanks that the four voting delegates from Pennsylvania have always been present at the Annual Convention Meeting. Come early to the meeting to allow time to register and to see what materials are available.

National Convention: Clyde Miles reported that a small group is going to attend the Pre-Convention Meeting of the 56th National Convention, in Charlotte, NC, March 30 – April 1. At the 55th National Convention, we give our intention to bid at the 56th National Convention, Friday June 23. We will meet with our advisors in September, who will bring up bid guidelines and the bid contract as well as having a discussion about the 20 minute bid presentation of June 2007. The advisors will return in January to assure that the planning book is progressing satisfactorily. Forty copies of the planning book are due by March 2007.

Bill Flick added that the NEC is allowing competition at 55th National Convention in San Antonio, for the first time. This will be for young dancers. Also, Bill noted, the USDA will have a 25th Anniversary after party at the San Antonio Convention, Thursday night.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Pennsylvania State Convention 2008 - Clyde Miles met with the coordinator of Omni William Penn Hotel. He reported that there will be ice cream available Friday and Saturday evening.

National Convention 2011 – to be covered in President's Report

Clyde Miles requested that a motion be made to nominate someone for USDA Treasurer. Cy Hammaker moved that Bill Flick be nominated for Treasurer of USDA. Bill Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Secretary will send a letter to USDA Secretary nominating Bill Flick for the office of Treasurer.

Officers for Re-election - conducted by Bill Flick, Parliamentarian
Slate of Officers for 2006-2007

President	Clyde and Judy Miles		
1st Vice President	Mike and Pat Matsko	Secretary	Bill and Ruth Buehler
2nd vice President		Treasurer	Bill Flick

Mike Matsko nominated Bill and Sharon Wagner for position of 2nd Vice President, seconded by Howard Grove. There were no further nominations for officers. Creta Jacobs moved that all nominations be closed and be accepted. Cy Hammaker seconded the motion. Motion carried

President's Report Clyde Miles read the report.

1. The State still needs someone for Showcase of Ideas. We also need a Ways & Means Person. Frank and Dane Neiss have informed us that they wish to resign from the position of Publicity Chairperson and editor of the Pennsy Reporter. They have agreed to continue on until we find someone to replace them.
2. If any one is interested in being on a committee or Chairperson for the "60th National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, please contact us. Pennsylvania State Federation did agree to sponsor this national convention, so it is up to everyone to help one way or another to make this a great success.
3. I have noticed, as the Membership Committee person, that a lot of our club members do not become members of the Pennsylvania State Federation. Every club member should be a member of the Pennsylvania State Federation like they are in their own Federations. Right now this is our one and only source of income.
4. We are asking all clubs in all our Federations and Associations to write a letter of support for the State to host the "60th National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, in 2011. Please address the letter to Clyde & Judy Miles, Proposed General Chairmen, 904 Main Street, Harwick, PA 15049 by our next meeting.

Ruth Buehler suggested there is duplication with the published minutes and the Pennsy Reporter. Both have been posted on the State Federation website. Discussion followed. It was suggested that each Federation and club should have a web contact person to communicate to all Federations, clubs and members any important information that is posted on the website. In this way those without web or email access could receive communications. Cy Hammaker moved that the Pennsy Reporter be discontinued. Frank Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Extensive discussion of the fourth point above of the President's Report followed. Mike Matsko asked about the financial plan for the National Convention. He felt that this information would be necessary to enlist support of clubs for the National Convention. Tom Boesch noted that the NEC receives 18% of all registrations, but are not responsible for any Convention losses. We are, however, responsible to cover any Convention losses. Bob Elgin noted that the NEC gives considerable assistance and has guidelines for conducting a Convention that are strict but helpful. Clyde mentioned that profits of a Convention are to be used to promote square dancing.

Discussion continued regarding incorporation status of both the Convention Committee and the PSRDF.

Announcements:

Bill Wagner suggested that each experienced dancer should invite a new dancer to the State Convention. He noted that he plans to bring two new couples to the State Convention. This, of course, includes some shepherding during the Convention.

Next meeting of PSRDF is 1:00 PM Sunday October 1, 2006, in the Penn Stater Convention Center, State College.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Ruth Buehler moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM. Barb Schreiber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
William L Buehler
Ruth M Buehler