

# Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation

## Minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup> 2008

The PSRDF met on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Pgh., Pa. 6 Federation/ Assoc. were represented. Alleghany Valley Federation- 4 members, Central Pa. Assoc.- 4 members, Delaware Valley Federation- 1 member, Laurel Mountain Federation- 6 members, Western Pa. Federation- 3 members.

**Call to Order:** Mike and Pat Matsko, Presidents called the semi-annual meeting to order at 1:00 P M. Mike Matsko opened with the invocation. There were a few moments of silent prayer due to the passing of two of PSRDF members- Cy Hammaker from the LMSRDF and Lucy Malmgran from the Alleghany Valley Federation. Mike Matsko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Minutes of Oct. 7, 2007** Copies of the minutes were sent to all attendees of the previous meeting and additional copies were made available. There were 2 corrections to the minute's pg. 6 under special reports USDA. paragraph 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read USDA gets \$100.00 for insurance quote not USDA members will receive a discount. Pg. 1- 1<sup>st</sup> sentence correct title of Hotel is Omni William Penn Hotel. Hotel name change also on pg. 8 under next meeting of the PSRDF should read Omni William Penn Hotel. A motion was made by Babe Karlheim that the minutes be accepted with the changes. Phyllis Boesch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasury Report** Bill Flick presented his report for the period 9/30/07 – 3/31/08

Balance September 30, 2007 \$ 17,659.86

**Income**

Membership Dues	\$ 1276.00
Return Funds ( 14 <sup>th</sup> Convention)	\$ 1,000.00
Gain from ( 14 <sup>th</sup> Convention)	\$1,978.38
Dividends (CD)	\$ 475.08

Total Income \$ 4,729.46  
\$22,389.32

**Expenses**

Commonwealth of Pa.	\$ 255.00
Printed Image	\$ 1,151.16
Rileighs	\$ 66.78
BMI	\$ 135.00
POW Web	<u>\$ 93.24</u>

Total Expenses \$ 1,701.18

Balance: March 31, 2008 \$ 20,688.14

Location of Funds: Commerce Bank

Checking Account	\$ 1,746.42
CD- 2.96% (due 5-8-08)	\$ 3,182.14
CD- 2.96% (due 5-13-08)	\$ 3,029.75
CD- 2.96% (due 5-21-08)	\$ 2,039.89
CD- 3.44% (due 8-8-08)	<u>\$ 10,689.94</u>

Clyde Miles moved that the treasurer report be approved as read. Larry Gorski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**President's report:** Read by Mike Matsko

As Presidents of the PSRDF, the year has been an exciting period for Pat and me. We enjoyed attending several "Special Dances" throughout the state. At these dance events we were able to meet the leaders of regional groups and local groups to learn how they are able to keep square and round dancing thriving and active. We were not surprised to find that these leaders have common responses. Successful clubs have strong leadership, follow a strong marketing plan and have a committed support group to promote and recruit new dancers. They strongly believe that new dancers can be recruited if club members commit to this approach.

This past year the State Federation placed emphasis on offering support programs for member clubs. With the combined efforts of the Executive Board, Member Delegates, Club Dancers, and Callers, the State Federation held a Dance-A-Thon at the 14<sup>th</sup> State Convention at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center. This event was a means to generate some revenue, and a way to create public awareness of our dance activity. This January 2008 we had our first showing, as an exhibitor at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. This event offered an excellent opportunity to enhance our exposure of Square and Round dancing to thousands of folks within our state and beyond. Bill and Ruth Buehler deserve special recognition for their perseverance in obtaining consent for a vendor's booth, in the Family Living Section of the exhibitor's section. Their pursuits to create, organize, plan and develop the booth display made this event a great opportunity for meeting the public and promoting our dance activity. We have proceeded with an Ad Hoc committee to evaluate this years booth presentation and to offer recommendations for amending the approach and delivery of information to the public.

The Executive Board is currently developing a PSRDF Promotional & New dancer Program. This program intend to offer partial financial support and rewards to Federated regional Association/ Federation and local clubs, for the specified expenses in promotion, recruiting and also cash rewards for graduating dancers.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Convention Committee is planning a fun filled event that will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel at Pittsburgh. Chairman Clyde and Judy Miles, invite you to "Make it a Vacation." Pittsburgh is an exciting city with outstanding historical sites. Several tours will be planned for your enjoyment. So come join us at the Convention and see the sites of this outstanding city.

We invite you to become an active participant in our journey to make things happen!  
Besides you can really have fun doing it!

**Association/ Federation Reports**

**Alleghany Valley S&R/D Federation** Read by Al Pezzuto

Presque Dancers and Perry Squares held 2 ABC dances with Don Yosten in Jan. in an effort to gain interest in western square dance. The attendance of new dancers was small and did not produce any interest in our western dance. However, Circle 8's in Warren, Pa. did have success in acquiring 16 new dancers with Don Yosten teaching. They expect to graduate 12 in April. Also there may be two new callers coming from Circle8's lesson group.

The other club having success with new dancers is Shenango Valley Sashayers: they will be graduating 12 dancers April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Mohney & Don Yosten will be offering the Alleghany Callers school again this July 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> at The Village Center in Oil City, Pa.... Anyone interested in attending contact Tom Mohney or Don Yosten for more information.

The 2008 Alleghany Valley Square and Round dance Federation dance hosted by Circle 8's in Warren, Pa. will be held Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 2008, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. All are welcome. Raffle tickets are available, 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. First prize is \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 150.00 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 50.00. Contact Ruth Stiles or Al or Jesse Pezzuto for tickets, winners need not be present.

Al & Jesse Pezzuto  
Pres. AVSRDF

### Central Pa S&RD Association Read by Tom Boesch

2007 could best be described as a mixed bag for the CPSRDF. Many of our clubs continue to struggle with new dancer recruitment and are seeing a corresponding drop off membership. The Danjo Wheelers and the Susque County Squares are notable in this respect since they have had to pool their resources in order to keep both clubs going. They do however report having 2 new class members. Several clubs in the association are in better shape and might be described as surviving. The Canyon Squares and their caller Jeff Bobst have had 7 new dancers and reported 10 squares at their New Years Eve Dance. The Country Twirlers will be graduating 8 new dancers in May. This club, under caller Glen Stuck, has had squares at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for over 20 yrs, 2008 no exception. The Billtown Squares and Dick Restorick hosted their Annual Heart Fund Dance, which raised \$415.00. Hank Lucher & Earl McKibben and others donated their time and talents for this dance for many years.

Numerous club members & association officers handed out flyers and discussed square dancing with passerby at the Pa. Farm Show. This was a great way to show case square dancing to thousands of people.

The CPSRDA hosted its Annual Cancer Dance on March 30<sup>th</sup>. I am pleased to say that all the association callers and most cuers were in attendance. The dance attracted 4 + squares and raised \$436.00 for the cancer fund.

CPSRDA officers for 2008 are as follows: Pres. Laird & Judy Allen, V-Pres. Bill & Sharon Wagner, Treas. Mike & Pat Matsko, Sec. Joe & Barbara Allis, Internet Coor, Jim & Pat Carson.

Federation of Delaware Valley: No Report.

### Laurel Mountain S&R/D Federation Read by Bob Wilson

The Laurel Mountain Federation held their quarterly meeting Sun. Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives from all six clubs attended. We discussed our upcoming Dance America event to be held Feb. 29, 2008 at the Everett elementary school. Howard and Donna Williamson agreed to call and cue for the dance. All clubs were bringing pies for the refreshments and all the plans were in place for a good time, but the snowflakes started falling around 1:00 P.M. that Fri. in Altoona. We ended up with about 6-in. of snow in Blair County while Bedford County only received 1 to 2 in. We had to cancel the dance but thanks to our great clubs a donation of \$189.00 was sent to Dance America.

We thank all the square dancers in all six clubs that made this happen.

All clubs are busy planning anniversary and spring dances. We will have another federation meeting in June to set the final arrangements for our November 1<sup>st</sup> Laurel Mountain Federation Dance. We will be at a new location, the Queen of Peace Church in Patton. Flyers are out, so please be looking for them to sign up.

Plans are also being made to have our federation clubs, callers and cuers participate in the Cambria County Fair in September. We hope to encourage people to try square dancing at clubs close to them. We hope the fair will be a good place to attract new members.

Respectfully,  
Ken and Carol Graham  
Laurel Mt. Presidents

Susquehanna Valley S&R/D Association Read by Ruth Buehler  
Subject: April 2008 Report

Dan Prosser has reported that there were more squares participating in the State Farm Show Dance this year than in the last seventeen (17) 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 a great advertisement for square dancing in the state of Pennsylvania.

Our visitation program for 07-08 has been completed. There were eleven (11) clubs participating. So far, there have been more than 1,000 personal visitations in the program. This is a popular program as it encourages dancers to visit other clubs.

The annual Heart Dance was held by the DoPasO's at the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Lancaster on February 17, 2008. \$1920. was contributed to the Heart Association as a result of this dance.

The 40th President's Dance and Dinner Buffet will be held on April 27, 2008, at the Mechanicsburg Middle School, Lititz, Pa. The dance will be hosted by the Flirts & Skirts Club. John Marshall will be the caller and Linda Prosser will do the cueing. Dan Prosser will call in a special New Dancer Mainstream room. This dance is held to honor the Presidents of all of the Clubs in the SVS&RDA.

On May 18th, the SVS&RDA Graduation Ball will be held at the WACOHU in Hagerstown MD. The callers will be from the South Central Pennsylvania Caller and Cuers Association will be donating their time. The dance will be hosted by the Gad-Abouts Square Dance club. All graduates are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Gettysburg Dance will be held on May 24, 2008, 10:00 AM to 10:30 PM, at the Fairfield Community Fire Hall and the Village Hall, Fairfield, PA. Callers will be Tom Miller, Tim Crawford, 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.

Whirly Birds will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday October 12, 2008. The dance will be held at the New Franklin Ruritan Committee Center from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The Caller will be Tom Miller and the Cuer will be Linda Prosser.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill & Ruth Buehler,

Western Pennsylvania S&R/D Federation Read by Larry Gorski

The WPSRDF Sophomore Dance will be held Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 2:00PM to 4:00 PM. The staff will be Tom Marion and Ron Meisel on Squares. Pat Meisel for rounds, Hosted by Friendly Squares.

The 40<sup>th</sup> WPSRDF Fall Festival for 2008 will be on Sat., Oct. 11, 2008. The callers will be Skip Rauschman from Ohio and Len Dougherty from New Castle, Pa. The cuer will be Nathan Parrot. Hosted by Keystone Squares.

The date for the 2009 Fall Festival will be the first Saturday in October. Staff and location to be announced later.

## Committee Reports

### 15<sup>th</sup> PSRDF Convention- Read by Clyde Miles

As of today we have 416 people registered for the convention. This includes staff and committee members.

We have 18 callers as of today. We have signed contract with Bob & Matt Worley to provide sound equipment for our convention. South Central Pa Callers and Cuers Association's bid was \$2,800.00 and Worleys was \$2300.00. South Central Pa Callers and Cuers Assoc. indicated their fees would decrease once the convention moved back to State College. No specific amount was mentioned.

It was voted to establish a new committee made up of dancers to gather bids for the sound equipment to eliminate stress and work for the dance program chairman.

We are trying something new this year by having Marilyn Rae's five piece Traditional Square Dance Band and caller to call for two hours Friday night, 7:00 PM-9:00PM, which will be open to the public. Any non-registered dancer will need to purchase a \$1.00 VIP ribbon in order to be covered by the insurance. When they leave, the \$1.00 will be refunded. It was decided that this could be PSRDF's gift to the city of Pittsburgh, which is celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We have ten cuers as of today. There will be 7 hours of dancing for Phase 2-3, 7 hours for Phase 3-5 in addition to a 2 hr Friday Early bird dance and an hour Saturday night Die Hard Dance. There will also be rounds between SD tips.

We are giving \$100.00 vouchers to one caller and one cuer to be drawn at their Saturday Breakfast meeting to show our appreciation for their hard work. This voucher is to be used at the Omni William Penn Hotel for their expenses.

We are trying something new this year by having a Chinese Auction. We are asking each of the clubs in all the federations to donate a basket to be auctioned off at the convention. WPSRDF has a coordinator for their basket donations. Any size or theme basket is acceptable. Please have your members bring their basket to the convention.

We are in the process of getting information for nearby restaurants and food courts that can be given to dancers at the convention.

Please get the clubs in your Federation/ Association to get ads and sign up on the booster sheets. These items need to be to the printer by June 15, 2008

We have four seminars: Sewing Seminar-" How to make a Peek-A-Boo sleeve" Leadership Seminar-"Square Dancing in the Past, Present and Future" and also " So You Want to be a Caller" and a Health Seminar- Family Care Giving".

We have 24 signed up for the Ducky Tour as of today and only 4 signed up for the Trolley Tour. If anyone needs flyers, please contact Donna and Barrett Earnest at 724-568-4888 or cell phone 724-875-6136

Please continue to talk up the convention to everyone. We want this convention to be a new experience in a city where it has never been before. Let Pittsburgh Surprise You.

Clyde & Judy Miles

Clyde Miles passed out registration forms and tour information for 2008 convention.

## 16<sup>th</sup> PSRDF Convention -Read By Larry Gorski

As of April 6, 2008

The location for the 2009 convention will be at the Penn Stater.

Most of the committee chairmen have been appointed. They are seasoned dancers, who are familiar with the task at hand.

We are still looking for an assistant general chairman for 2009. This person will be the general chairman for the 2010 State Convention. If you know anyone who is willing to step forward, please see the Presidents, Mike & Pat Matsko or Larry or Margie Gorski.

General Chairmen -- Larry and Margie Gorski  
Asst. General Chairman—  
Secretary—Joe and Helen Naimark  
Business Manager& program book—Bill Flick  
Registration & Housing – Bob & Ellen Williams  
Square Dance Program—Tom Mohny  
Round Dance Program—Carter & Ruby Ackerman  
Services—Lou & Ruth Stiles  
Social & Special Events—Delavan & Shirley Whitenight  
Education—Jim & Joan Weigle  
First Aid—Penni Flick & Karen Breen  
Publicity—Jim & Pat Carson

Caller & Cuer Report: **No Report**

Showcase of Ideas- Read by Bob Wilson

There were several items changed and several new ideas incorporated into the display.

- 1) The state outfit was updated and a comparison was made between the two outfits.
- 2) The Northeast Federation has been removed from the display. (Northeast Federation has folded.)
- 3) Banner pole and banner display stands were patched together for a few more uses. New stands are needed and different styles and ideas are being tried. Target date for new banner display stands will be 2008 Pa. Convention in August.
- 4) Federation clubs have been listed along with the federations on the display.

Membership: Read By Mike Matsko, report submitted by Cy & Ione Hammaker

As of March 2008 the federation has 1463 members. This is based on the clubs that reported their membership. Some clubs did not submit a membership roster.

AVSRDF- 5 clubs 179 members 36 life members  
CPSRDA- 7 clubs 180 members 17 life members  
DVSrDF- 5 clubs 150 members 69 life members  
LMSRDF- 5 clubs 143 members 19 life members  
SVSRDF - 4 clubs 167 members 65 life members  
WPSRDF- 19 clubs 644 members 50 life members

Check with your federations/ associations and clubs to see if they reported their membership to complete the 2008 membership roster. Membership lists were passed out to federation/ associations to be updated. Membership cards for 2008 will be sent to all federations/ associations.

License Plate No Report  
No Plates

State Folk Dance.

Mike Matsko read letter from the Pa. Historical and Museum Commission. Mr. Jason Gerard needs to be made aware that we are talking about square dancing as an American Dance not an ethnic dance such as the polka which originated from the Czech and Polish groups. Letter needs to be sent to Pa. Historical and Museum Commission/ Jason Gerard explaining that they are not understanding that the American Square Dance, has nothing to do with the ethnic groups listed in the letter.

Letter:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
**Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**  
The State Museum Building  
300 North Street  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120-0024

March 26, 2008

Mrs Peggy Brubaker  
146 Dillo Avenue  
Perkasie, Pa. 18944-1617

Dear Mrs Brubaker:

Your letter to Governor Rendell was forwarded to me in our Historic Preservation Bureau. I would like to thank you for your thoughts on the issue of recognizing our heritage in the Commonwealth in regards to our state music and state dance. I appreciate your insight on this matter and take your concerns seriously.

Being a Polish-American myself, I realize the importance of this recognition. I know the polka is popular in Czech and Polish ethnic groups nationwide. Those groups certainly have their pockets in Pa. Especially in the Western and Northeast parts of the state. However, the Dutch and German sects of this state are equally prominent, which is what makes such a designation tricky.

We try to appreciate the sensitivity between different cultures and appreciate how important every ethnic group was in the shaping of our Commonwealth. I can understand how one group can feel underappreciated while another may be viewed as stealing the spotlight. With that said, we would take interest in any movement afoot to designate a certain dance or music style as the official style of our state. We are merely an agency of consultation and have no authority to judge one group being more vital or important than another. It would be unfair for any state government agency to do so.

I do thank you for your time in expressing your impassioned and concise views on this matter. I will do my best to track and legislation that could be pending making a designation and will do whatever I can in giving a historical viewpoint. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jason C Gerard  
Legislative Liaison

Computer Coordinator/ Webmaster: No Report

Discussion was held on accessibility to the website. Log onto [PSRDF.org](http://PSRDF.org) or [Pa square dance. com](http://Pa square dance. com). This will give you the main page, Search the page for each federation, and the conventions and there are some flyers posted there also. We are only using 2% of our capacity from Pow Web.

Ways and Means: No Report

Mike Matsko read letter of resignation from George & Edith Myers due to personal matters. We appreciate all they have done for us in the past.

State Outfit Read by Janet Wilson

- 1) An updated picture of the state outfit has been placed in the showcase of ideas.
- 2) A picture of the state outfit has been forwarded to John Simchick and has been placed on the PSRDF web page.
- 3) The state outfit is for all dancers, some dancers still think it is only for state officers and state convention officers.

Special Reports

USDA Report Report given by Bill Flick:

Bill Flick is the Chairman of the Showcase of Ideas and Long Term Care Insurance programs for the USDA. He explained that in the long term care insurance program, the USDA will receive a \$100.00 fee when a dancer that requests more information from one of the 3 quotes received from the initial information inquiry. He recommended anyone that is interested in long term care insurance to read the article in the USDA NEWS publication. In the discount prescription card program there is no membership cost to the user, with the average savings of 30%. This discount prescription card is available to anyone. Honored by Walgreens, Walmart, Kmart, CVS, Target, Albertsons, a lot of other pharmacies will also honor this card. Bill Flick made available to everyone the prescription cards.

Discussion was held on the USDA online shopping mall. When using the program make sure you enter the correct code. The merchant handles all transactions not the USDA. No private information's exchanged between the merchant and USDA. Subscription to USDA magazine is \$6.00 per year and is a quarterly magazine.

Audit Report- 14<sup>th</sup> Convention; report read by Mike Matsko

Ken Graham and Bob Diehl conducted audit

“ We have reviewed the receipts and disbursements of 2007 square and round dance 14<sup>th</sup> convention. We found everything to be satisfactory of this date.”

Farm Show Exhibition Report read by Bill Buehler





## PSRDF Booth at the 2008 State Farm Show

Item	Amount (Inc tax)	Status
Booth rental	\$ 255.00	
Banner	\$ 408.10	
Tri-fold brochure	\$ 743.06	Ordered 5000, used 2000
Draped table rental 8'x24"Wx30"H	\$ 66.78	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1472.94</b>	



More than 70 dancers worked in the booth during the eight days of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Five of the six Associations/Federations were represented in booth coverage. Approximately 2000 tri-fold brochures were handed out. A booth is reserved for next year's Farm Show. This will be provided at no cost to PSRDF. In addition, an opportunity is offered for us to have demonstration dancing, with audience participation, twice during the week on Stage #1 (12ft x 31ft stage shown below) in the Main Building with possible TV coverage.

2008 Farm Show  
Booth

It is recommended that an ad hoc committee be appointed. There should be representation from various areas of the State to address several issues for next year.

These include but are not limited to the following: purpose of the booth, booth organization and any presentation of additional information relating to new dancer activities throughout the State.

Stage #1 Main Building



Thanks to Bill and Ruth Buehler for the success of the farm show booth.

### Old Business

#### Ad Hoc Committee Farm show exhibit. Report given by Bob Wilson

- 1) TV and DVD/VCR for showing dances.
- 2) Music- Singing calls done by different callers.
- 3) Novelty promotional items Examples
  - A) Pencils- labeled – learn to square dance \$.18- 2500
  - B) Keychains
  - C) Pens \$.28-2500           stickers \$.06- 5000
  - D) Small magnetic calendars- \$.43- 2500
  - E) Golf tees
  - F) Helium balloons labeled- Learn to square dance
- 4) Federation and or club pamphlets when that club mans the booth
- 5) Rearrange tables L-shape

Bar stools/ eye level conversations.

Dancers in front.

- 6) Sign up for raffle for free dinner for 2. Ex- Cracker Barrel
- 7) Dance tickets to a fun night- Up to a \$5.00 value per person written on the ticket

We will be asking each federation & Association to assist with a day at the farm show in 2009. Help is needed to have a full compliment of volunteers. The concept of the farm show booth is a statewide event not just local federation and association function; this is the message we want to put out to the state.

### New Caller Program

Mike Matsko reported that the Executive Board reviewed the "New Caller Program" that has been in process of development. Because there was little interest expressed from the inquiry sent to the regional Association/Federation Presidents, it is their recommendation that the program be tabled at this time. There will be a seminar at the 15<sup>th</sup> State Convention on the subject, " So You Want to be a Caller?" The interest shown at this seminar will be the basis for reconsidering revisiting the New Caller Program.

Motion was made by Clyde Miles to table the new caller program, second by Ruth Buehler- Motion carried.

### Google Group: Report read by Bill Buehler

Google Group report  
PSRDF Meeting  
April 6, 2008

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Square and Round dance Federation shall be:

- a) To educate, teach, promote, and encourage organized modern western square and round dancing and related arts.
- b) To create and maintain a favorable public image of square and round dancing to encourage the recruitment of new dancers, and to educate the public of the benefits and purpose of modern square and round dancing.
- c) To further the educational, social and personal development of square and round dancing.
- d) To provide, encourage, and facilitate greater communication, relationships, and cooperation between its member organizations.
- e) To promote, organize, and provide special activiyies including an annual convention.
- f) To establish, lease, own, and operate facilities, and
- g) To provide service organizations( such as Heart , Cancer, Disabled, Elderly, etc.) with assistance
- h) Promotion and fund raising activities, all profits of which will remain with the charitable or nonprofit organization being assisted.

One of the most effective ways to facilitate communications and cooperation between member organizations, clubs, and dancers is to use email in conjunction with the available storage capability of web providers such as PowWeb.

An example is given:

DelVal Dancer] Summer Dancing with Jimmy Lee @ Melody Lakes & MEP

Email message plus two flyers

<http://delvaldancer.org/MelodyLakes6-17-08.pdf> and <http://delvaldancer.org/MEPDance6-21-08.pdf>

### Current Status of Groups

WASCA Dances has 456 members and posted 195 messages so far this year.

DelVal Dancer has 359 members and has posted 105 messages so far this year.

Central Pa Square Dancer has 22 members and posted 43 messages since its inception last year.

Western Pa. Square Dancers has 8 members and has posted 4 messages since the fall PSRDF meeting.

These groups make it easy to get your dance news out. If you know any fellow dancers that are not members of one or more of these groups let them know what they are missing. Including information about these list (groups) in club announcements, newsletters and web pages would be appreciated.

Bill Buehler

In order to join the google group just go to the federation web page and in the box labeled subscribe, place your email address and hit submit button, very simple. You can unsubscribe anytime you wish. After subscribing you will receive all messages coming through the group. This is an excellent way to find out about other dances in the area.

### The ARTS Dance

The ARTS dance was scheduled for Feb.29, 2008; There are no reports on the outcome. There should be more information after the next ARTS meeting

### New Business

#### 16<sup>th</sup> State Convention Seed Money

Convention seed money- Ruth Buehler made a motion that the PSRDF provide the \$1000.00 seed money to the 16<sup>th</sup> convention, Clyde Miles second the motion. Motion carried

#### PSRDF Promotional & New Dancer Program

Mike Matsko discussed the first draft of a PSRDF Promotional & New Dancer Program the Executive board is proposing. This is a financial assistance and reward program, for qualified Federate Member Clubs.

Discussions were held on the following issues:

1. Definition of New Dancer needs defined.
2. Consider separating the Promotional and New Dancer Programs
3. Amounts to be allocated for funding each annually.
4. What would be a reasonable required % of Federated Dancer Members of a club to qualify for these programs.
5. What is the minimum required number of new graduated dancers needed to qualify for the New Dancer cash award.
6. It was determined that the Executive Board would develop a second draft of these two financial support programs and present it at the next meeting scheduled for October 5, 2008.

### **Guidelines- Applying for Promotional and New Dancer Program Assistance**

This is a yearly program by the PSRDF offering financial support to a Regional Association/ Federation or a local Club requesting financial aid for the promotion/improvement of Square and Round Dancing. The Purposes included are:

- 1 } Assistance for Regional Association/Federation or member Club to sponsor First Nighters, Demonstrations, Public outings, etc...
- 2 } Assistance helping a new club to get established { i.e. hall rental, advertisement, posters/ fliers, Caller/ Cuer/Instructor teaching, and other related expenses.
- 3 } Provide a cash reward to member clubs that graduate new dancers.

Request for fund must have merit and contribute to the purpose of the Promotional and New Dancer Program, as stated above. The contribution made should be clearly described using the application from attached. (Promotional and New Dancer Program Application).

Each request will be judged solely on its merits.

Request for funds are ( preferably) not to be for any monies already expended. The exception is the cash reward to member Clubs that graduate new dancers.

Request for funds are to be submitted to the President of the PSRDF preferably electronically by email using the attached romotional and New Dancer Program Application form.

The trusteeship, at its prerogative, may turn down the request, or subsidize the request at less than 100%.

No refunds requested are to be personal expense, that is, to cover the dancers own meals, dance admissions, transportation to dances, etc.

A club may make a maximum of two applications in a given physical year.

All request must show the amount of money being asked for, the **reason** for the request- is it for education, preservation, promotion or graduation reward- and date of the intended expenditure. Include a short **rationale** for the request, explaining the reason indicated. Finally, if not a reward, describe **how** the funds will be spent.

### **PSRDF Promotional and New Dancer Program Application**

To be used by PSRDF clubs when requesting funds from Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation. (See Guidelines- Appyling for Promotional and New Dancer Program Assistance)

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

From( Club) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Number Participating \_\_\_\_\_

Funds Requested: Total \_\_\_\_\_

Itemization: \_\_\_\_\_

Funds requested are for:	1) Education	_____
	2) Preservation	_____
	3) Promotion	_____
	4) Reward	_____

Rationale:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe how funds will be spent:

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If additional space is needed for comments, feel free to add more sheets.

Email to: [mpmat@jlink.net](mailto:mpmat@jlink.net) or Mail to : Mike and Pat Matsko  
219 Mason Lane  
Selingsgrove, Pa. 17870

## **PSRDF Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation**

### **PSRDF Square & Round Dance Promotional And New Dancer Program**

#### **I. Description:**

A yearly program by the PSRDF offering financial support to Regional Association/ Federation or local Clubs requesting financial aid for the promotion/improvement of Square and Round Dancing is being proposed. This program will be considered and approved by the funding allocation, each year, determined by the member Delegates at the bi-annual meeting held in April. A maximum of two requests in a given fiscal year may be applied for an eligible applicant.

#### **II. Purpose {s}:**

1) Assistance for member Regional Association/ Federations or individual Clubs to sponsor First Nighters, Demonstrations, Public outings, etc...

2) Assistance helping a new club to get established(i.e. Hall rent, advertisement, posters, flyers, Caller/Cuer/Instructor teaching, and other related expenses.

4) Provide a cash reward to member Clubs that graduate new dancers.

#### **III. Eligibility Requirements**

1) RegionalAssociations/ Federations and local clubs who are members in good standing of the PSRDF. Note: Refer to Articles IV, V,& VI of the PSRDF Constitution and Bylaws adopted April 6,2003 for membership requirements. The PSRDF Constitution and Bylaws can be reviewed at the website [www.psrdf.org](http://www.psrdf.org)

- 2) Request must have merit and contribute to the purposes as stated above.
- 3) A “New Dancer” is defined as a first-time class member that completes the required instruction successfully through graduate.

#### IV} Review Committee:

The PSRDF Promotional and New Dancer Committee manages this Program which will consist of three Executive Board members, appointed by the President. The 1-Vice President will act as the Chairmen of the Committee.

#### V} Terms:

Eligible applicants, as defined above, may receive up to 50% of their total expenses, but not to exceed \$200.00 with the recipient matching this amount. If unable to meet the 50% matching requirement, a letter from their Regional Association/ Federation should accompany their request specifying their position to offer financial support to cover the proposal needs. For Clubs that graduate eligible new dancers, a \$50.00 cash award may be approved per each person, not to exceed \$200.00.

#### VI} Process for Applying

- 1) Complete the PSRDF Application for Promotional and New Dancer Program Assistance. The application form and instructions are available on line. [www.psrdf.org](http://www.psrdf.org) or contact the PSRDF President for copies.
- 2) Forward the completed application to the President of the PSRDF. Electronic mailing is encouraged.
- 3) The PSRDF Promotional and New Dancer Committee reviews the applicants request and submit recommendations for approval or disapproval to the PSRDF Executive Board.
- 4) Approved applicant requests will be forwarded to the PSRDF Treasurer for the amount authorized for payment /reward.
- 5) Applicants that are not approved will receive a letter specifying the reason for denial.

#### VII} Required Reports

A final financial report is to be submitted to the Committee Chairmen within 45 days upon completion of the Promotional Event where grants have been used. The report also should include the outcome or results achieved.

#### Bid Site for 2010 PSRDF Convention Report by Bill Buehler

Received a single bid from the Penn Stater. The concern was expressed on the rate increases for the lodging and seminar rooms, and dance halls over the 2009 bid. Some delegates felt dancer attendance would drop at the lodging rates and coupled with higher seminar rooms and dance hall charges, our expenses would exceed the expected revenue. It was decided that the Convention Advisory Board would solicit for additional bids and attempt to negotiate reductions in the lodging room rates with the Penn Stater

A decision was made to schedule August 13, 14, 15, 2010 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Convention.

#### Delegates to the USDA Meeting Wichita, Kansas

The Martins, Stiles, Wades and Matskos

#### Nominations for Officers Conducted by Bill Flick

Pres. -Mike & Pat Matsko

1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Pres. Bill & Ruth Buehler  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Pres. Vacant  
Secretary- Bob & Janet Wilson  
Treasurer-Bill Flick

List of nominations from the nominating committee were read then the floor was opened for nominations.

Pres. None from floor, motion to close- Ruth Buehler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phylis Boesch, motion carried  
1<sup>st</sup> VP. None from floor, motion to close-Justina Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Babe Karlheim, motion carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP. None/ vacant  
Sec. None from floor , motion to close- Phylis Boesch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margie Gorski, motion carried  
Treas. None from floor, motion to close-Larry Gorski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Boesch, motion carried

### Election of Officers

Since there were no nominations from the floor the ones named by the nominating committee are now declared officers.

### Announcements

Resume is needed from Bob and Janet Wilson and an updated resume from Bill Flick. Reminder to get your ads in for the program book.

[Next Meeting: Sunday Oct. 5,2008 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, Pa.](#)

### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Tom Boesch moved to adjourn meeting was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grace Karlheim. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob and Janet Wilson, Secretary