

**Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation**  
Meeting Sunday October 6, 2013, Penn Stater, State College, PA

Bill Flick, President called the semi-annual meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Larry Gorski led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a special square dancing invocation.

Secretary's Report: Bill Buehler noted that all attendees were previously sent minutes of the April 7, 2013 meeting. In addition, minutes of meetings since March 2006 are posted on website psrdf.org. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as sent. Motion was made by Larry Gorski and seconded by Jane Styer that minutes of previous meeting be approved as posted. Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report**

Truman and Diana Hershberger

Beginning Balance April 7, 2013

From Checking Account	\$4,500.00
Cash in CD	\$10,111.61
Close checking	\$1,337.89
Cash in CD	\$4,044.65

Beginning Balance	\$19,994.15
Total Income	\$0.00

Expense

Korinchak Trophy	\$52.00	Prize at convention	\$25.00
Nardi (phone charges)	\$8.08	Radisson	\$1,034.35
2014 Conv. Seed Money	\$1,000.00	Radisson	\$741.70
Snaplock Industries - floor	\$2,754.00	Donna Earnest Postage	\$21.02
Prize at convention	\$10.00	New Dancer Promotion	\$1,400.00
Prize at convention	\$25.00		

Total Expense	<u>\$7,071.15</u>
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Ending Balance	October 6, 2013	\$12,923.00
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**President's Report**

Bill Flick

I wish to thank Barrett and Donna Earnest for their presidency and giving me a great start in my term. I also wish to thank Tom and Dee Kern and their committee for giving us a great convention. Now, we go on to a new convention under the direction of Mike and Pat Matsko, may it be as good as the last. Much of my report has to do with items of business during this meeting. This will include the promotional programs, the license plate program and other programs that we will discuss today.

**Association/Federation Reports**

**Allegheny Valley Federation**

Not much happening in the AVSRDF. We are still holding at 4 clubs. Shenango Valley has only 3 new dancers and will vote on Oct. 7 as to whether they will continue with classes or not. Circle Eights have 4 couples in their class and hope to have them graduate by Christmas. Castle Paws and Taws had a former member night but could not interest any of the former members to come to classes.

Lou and Ruthie Stiles                      Presidents                      AVSRDF

**Central Pennsylvania Association**

The Association sponsored a dance on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Divine Providence Hospital in Williamsport for the benefit of the Heart Division of the hospital. A check for \$ 451 was presented to the hospital at the dance. Twenty dancers went to England/Wales on a trip sponsored by the Country Twirlers at the end of July. The group danced with two clubs in London and at the Lancashire Association in York. Central Pennsylvania Association presented a plaque to Carter Ackerman for 50 years of service at the Center Squares Anniversary Dance October 5. The Association danced at three county fairs (Blossburg, Montour/Delong and Grange). A benefit dance is scheduled at Divine Providence Hospital on October 27 this year to benefit the cancer division of the hospital. This is the sixth year for these dances. The Association has agreed to sponsor the Trail in Dance PSRDF Meeting Minutes October 6, 2013

on Thursday evening for the 2014 State Convention in State College next August.  
Ed and Christine Styring            Presidents            CPSRDA

### **Federation of Delaware Valley**

Delaware Valley Federation of Square and Round Dancers is off to a new start with both districts joining together to become one federation of dancers. Since I am a new president with a new board we are all trying to figure each other out and what the needs of the clubs are. We do have a strong club base and we are getting support from all around so I feel confident that the board will move forward to make this federation better than it was. Some of our clubs are beginning new student classes which will keep their clubs growing and staying alive. This will also help out the federation as the branches of the tree continue to grow and get stronger. We are organizing our membership dance to remind all dancers that their insurance fees are due and this gives them the incentive to pay their dues on time we hope.

Jeffrey Kaufman            President            DVFSRD

### **Laurel Mountain Federation**

Laurel Mt. Fed. Presidents could not attend the meeting, because of Dwight's health.

The LMF is having the same problems that others are having, no new dancers. We have tried to have a demo with a food bank to receive money or food donations, but that didn't work. The clubs are trying different ideas to attract attention by doing demos at various locations. We are trying to support each other by having banner raids. It is getting harder to gather enough couples to stage a banner raid. Each club has special dances to encourage members and others to come out to dance. The LMF dance is on November 2, at Track II. This has been a very Successful dance in the past 2 years. We hope to see some of you there.

Dwight & Donna Shank            Presidents            LMSRDF

### **Susquehanna Valley Association**

SVSRDA is happy to report that square dancing is doing very well in the Susquehanna Valley. We currently have 14 active clubs. One brand new, the Star Promenades in Lancaster. One established club that has joined our Association, the Panhandlers, in Martinsburg, VA. Most of the clubs report that classes are going well so far this year. We are very proud of our past presidents Tom and Dee Kern for the job they did with the Pa. State Convention in Camp Hill. With over 460 dancers in attendance it was one of the best State Conventions in years. Our Association was very happy to have been able to sponsor the Trail in Dance with Gary Shoemaker calling. SVSRDA sponsored three summer dancers this year primarily for our new dancers. They were well attended. Our Presidents Ball was held in April with Tom Miller calling, Linda Prosser cueing and over 300 dancers in attendance. Next year's dance will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> with Glenn Matthews calling and Linda Prosser cueing. Our Graduation Dance to honor our graduates from the just completed classes was held in May with over 70 dancers and callers from throughout SVSRDA calling. This dance was hosted by the Gad Abouts and ShippenSquares. The SVSRDA Visitation program continues to be a very strong program attracting many dancers to clubs throughout SVSRDA. For the 2012-2013 dance year there were 679 individual visits made by our dancers. Our clubs have tried a variety of methods to attract new dancers to our class this year. Several things that seemed to have worked were yard signs placed throughout the community and window signs in our cars. We were also able to post articles in our local newspapers. One of clubs, the Gad-Abouts reports 23 new students. We anticipate a great dance year with many of our clubs planning dances with guest callers including Skip Cleland, Jeremy Butler, The Williamsons, Tom Miller, Ken Ritucci, John Marshall, Betsy Gotta, Bill Harrison, Jet Roberts, Glenn Matthew, Hunter Keller, Butch Adams among those scheduled. Check our schedule online for details. Our clubs have three dances scheduled for New Years Eve around the region.

Bob Lawn and Martha Thompson            Presidents            SVSRDA

### **Western Pennsylvania Federation**

On April 21, 2013 our Sophomore Dance hosted by Y-Knots was a success. There were 90 dancers representing nine clubs. This was a BOGO Dance for the WPSRDF. At the Hookstown Fair, the Gold Rush Riders performed square dancing on horseback. Afterwards they hosted a Community Dance, all were welcome and the dance was PSRDF Meeting Minutes October 6, 2013

free with the cost of the Fair, which was \$9.00. Scott and Shawn Brown were the coordinators of this event. WPSRDF gave a Letter of Support for the proposal to hold the 2017 International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (JAGSDC) in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh Area Callers/Cuers Association (PACCA) held an All Caller Summer Closeout on September 7<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with the dance, North Hills Stars Handicapable Squares had a fundraiser at Max & Erma's Restaurant. Max & Erma's donated 20% of all meals purchased by the dancers and friends with coupons to the North Hills Stars Handicapable Squares. A total of \$251.32 was donated from Max & Erma's plus another \$50.00 donated from the dancers at the dance. The Second Annual Round Dance Ball sponsored by PACCA to be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> at North Hills Community Baptist Church, 801 Thompson Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Afternoon session 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Phase II and 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Teach, cost \$7.00. Evening session 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Phase II-IV, cost \$7.00. Both for only \$10.00/person. The featured Cuer is Carter and Ruby Ackerman along with cuers from the area.

The Fall Festival Dance will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Dormont Recreation Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Tom Miller will be the caller and Bob Heath will cue. There will be an afternoon introduction to DBD workshop from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., evening early rounds from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. and dance 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$6.00 for afternoon only, \$12.00 or evening only, \$16.00 for all day. This is another WPSRDF BOGO cost dance. Since this is a BOGO Dance, the cost is half price; two dancers for the price of one.

Clyde & Judy Miles      Presidents      WPSRDF

### **Committee Reports**

#### **20th Convention      Tom & Dee Kern**

All of the Committees for the 20<sup>th</sup> PA State Convention responded in an outstanding way, which we appreciated so much. They exerted a lot of hard work into the planning and overseeing of the convention to make a successful event. We have had nothing but positive comments, emails, Thank-You letters, and verbal responses. A special "Thank You" goes to all of the Committees and Directors, the dancers, Callers and Cuers who graciously gave of their time and support, to the many Clubs & dancers for baskets and various items for the Chinese Auction, all volunteers who worked as greeters, in ticket sales, and laying & removing the flooring, and to the Radisson Hotel and staff who were so wonderful to work with in every possible way.

The Committee responded to the dancer's request for a change in the dancing format, and the response was an overwhelming success. Marketing the new concept was accepted with enthusiasm by the dancers, which was reflected in the attendance at the convention, in spite of the negative boycotting promoted by a few Callers and dance

It was noted that flooring was an issue for some dancers, so this issue was addressed. The PSRDF purchased flooring for the round dancer's hall and indicated they would purchase additional flooring for the square dancers for 2014. Flooring was rented to address the square dancers' need for the 20<sup>th</sup> Convention.

In spite of our loss of revenue from the Trail-in dance, we covered all of our expenses and have a balance in the amount of \$5,635.08, which will be reduced by \$1,000.00 after the seed money is returned. This was no easy task, but required a great deal of hard work to raise the extra monies to cover the loss of income from the Trail-in dance and the rental and transportation of the flooring to and from its storage facility.

#### **Business Manager:**

Total income:	\$18,856.34
Total expenses:	\$13,221.81
Balance for distribution to the PA Federation:	\$4,635.08.

#### **Registration and Housing:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> PA State Square and Round Dance Convention had 460 dancers registered, a 17% increase over 2012. The net receipts from Registration were \$11,345.00. Fourteen Complimentary Registrations were received. Out of state participants increased to 28%, totaling 130 dancers in attendance with fourteen states represented. From PA – 349; MD – 30; VA – 24; NJ – 18; NY -14; FL, MA, NC, NH, OH – 4; IL, OR, WV – 2. For PA associations: AV – 10, CP – 38, DV – 73, LM – 7, SV – 174 – WP – 47.

#### **Service Report:**

The communications regarding the hotel, the sound system, and vendors, was on-going from the very beginning. The hotel staff was absolutely outstanding in responding quickly to all requests—both big and small.

The staff was on call 24/7 throughout the entire Convention. New flooring and additional flooring, with help from volunteers, was laid on Thursday before the Convention began. Signs were posted, water was maintained, and the room temperatures were set at 63 degrees.

#### Square Dance Program:

All in all, the Convention Caller and Cues Scheduling program was a huge success. The Callerlab Program Lists were followed through out the Convention. There were between 27 and 30 squares for Gary Shoemakes' Trail-In Dance Thursday Evening with Linda Prosser doing Rounds. We believe it was a record number of squares for a Trail-in Dance. The Program was 2x2 PLUS. On Saturday night, the featured caller program from 8:00 till 10:30 p.m. with Bill Harrison and Tom Miller could not have been more successful. In excess of 35 squares danced all evening to the 2x2 Program. The first two (2) tips were specifically designated to be Mainstream so that the Mainstream dancers could enjoy the featured callers. The Mainstream Hall was Dark during those tips. The Round Dance, Mainstream and Advanced Halls each had dancers dancing during the featured caller's time. Some were concerned that there would not be any dancers in those halls from 8-10:30 p.m.; that was not the case, and it worked out very well. Paraphrasing from a caller that wrote a very positive letter after the weekend, these were his observations. The committee and many of the callers and dancers echoed these sentiments;

“In the past, callers had a single 11 or 12-minute time slot; this year callers were given back-to-back time slots of 11-minutes, each for a total of 22-minutes in the PLUS Hall. Callers, who work together as a team, found this very useful. It afforded a better opportunity to assess the floor, gave dancers a chance to acclimate themselves to calling styles, and gave callers more opportunities to work with other callers. It also allowed for smoother transitions on and off stage, and less problems keeping with the schedule. This change was enjoyed by both callers and dancers and ultimately provided for a more dynamic dance experience overall.”

Some callers, only from the central and western part of the state, decided not to participate for some reason. But, many callers that had never attended or called at the PA Convention came and did participate in the program. It really gave callers that were looking for exposure to dancers that never have danced to them, a great opportunity, particularly if they were looking for possible booking dates. There were 26 callers spread out over 92 calling slots. All callers had two eleven minute slots, back to back, in the PLUS Hall. In the Mainstream Hall, the callers had two twelve minute slots back to back. The DBD and Advanced halls had callers on a one-hour time slot that was sometimes shared with another caller. Calling slots could be shared with another caller or callers. Some slots were pre-scheduled as shared, other times callers got together on their own. This format gave the callers a degree of freedom and the feedback from the dancers was very positive. In addition, a one-hour dangle dance was included on Friday evening and one on Saturday afternoon. Many dancers were buying dangles to commemorate the Convention.

There was Introduction to Advanced and PLUS DBD scheduled into programs. These sessions were well attended. There was a competition dance held on Friday night. Seven (7) squares participated and had a great/fun time. One Caller/Judge was assigned to each square. The first five to eight minutes became progressively more difficult and all seven squares handled the material well. After twelve to fifteen minutes the winning square survived. There were no negative comments from callers or dancers concerning the scheduled programs. The 460 attendees seemed to agree that all in all, the only thing that would have made the Convention more successful would have been an attendance of 500, 600 or 1000. There were many dancers in attendance that had never been to any of the Pennsylvania State Square and Round Dance Conventions. The Callers breakfast was attended by 26 callers and 17 guests. Bill Harrison gave a presentation of “Sussing the Floor.” This is watching the dancers, particularly, during the first couple of tips to establish their dancing abilities. Who are the strong and not so strong dancers? This is particularly important when calling to dancers that you do not know. There was time for questions and answers. Rich Williams and Dan Prosser showed everyone some of the newer pieces of equipment being used for Teaching and Calling. They had a 400 Watt Powered Mixer that sells for under \$150 and a small Remote Volume Box that works with a Hilton Microphone and any non Hilton Amplifier. They showed a set of small BOSE Speakers that can cover 5 squares and are available on eBay for under \$100. Their point was that these tools would allow a new Caller or Cues to have a minimal investment in equipment to get started. Also, presenting Square Dancing without a Record Player to Non-Dancers is a positive approach in education the Non-Dancing Public that Modern Square Dancing, is indeed Modern. Sunday morning the Trail-

Out Dance was well attended, again giving callers the opportunity to work together. Fred Strang conducted an auction for several baskets that were not claimed and raised an additional \$250. Our feeling is--keep this program format and you cannot help but have a successful dance experience, for dancers and callers, at future PA Conventions.

#### Round Dance Program:

Invitation letters and Questionnaires were sent, schedules were developed, and Masters were made of the complete SVS&RDA program and distributed to dancers. A total of 13 round dance leaders participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Convention. A seminar was held on "Applying Your Round Dance Knowledge to Freestyle Ballroom Dancing, in addition to the traditional round dance program. Teaches were offered covering phases 2 thru 5.

#### Program Book:

Total ad income: \$990.00

Total expenses: \$362.70

Total boosters: \$\$641.00

Profit from the Program Book: \$1,268.30

#### Social and Special Services:

We want to thank all of the clubs and individuals who donated the thirty baskets of whom Prettyboy Swingers club donated seven. In addition, five hand-carved wooden toys and five money trees were donated.

Thursday – Share the Wealth \$ 167.00

Friday - - Share the Wealth \$ 245.00

Saturday - Share the Wealth \$ 398.00

Chinese Auction: \$1,330.00

Four unclaimed prizes were auctioned off on Sunday morning at the Trail out dance and brought a total of \$250.00

Grand Total \$2,390.00

#### Education:

Five seminars were presented with an average of 29 participants in attendance except the Health seminar, which had a total of three participants. With the exception of the Health seminar, the presenters were pleased with the number and interest level. The Showcase of Ideas had excellent presentations. Two items that could be of significant value to other clubs were the Visitation Program and the Calendar of Events submitted by the Susquehanna Valley Association. The Competition Dance was held Friday night with seven squares participating, Tom Miller calling, and many observers. Each dancer in the winning square was awarded a blue ribbon.

#### Tours & Publicity:

Flyers and email newsletter blasts were sent to 194 clubs in PA, NY, NJ, MD, and VA. Tour information was available on the PSRDF web site and was sent to other state associations for their web sites. A display of the tours attracted the attention of many dancers at major festivals and Conventions. Some 67 dancers enjoyed tours of Hershey, Harrisburg, Gettysburg, and the tour guide had an amazing recall of facts about the area. Thanks to all who helped staff the Tour display.

#### First Aid:

This was a very successful year for safety. Only one person was reported not feeling well and went home Saturday night. The flooring in each room eliminated a lot of shoe tapings and falls that had happened in previous years.

#### Suggestions and/Or Ideas for Future Conventions:

- Allow the Committee to think outside the box which promotes innovation, imagination, and entrepreneurship that breeds success. Rules are good to a point, but regulation for the sake of regulations can stifle any growth, and great ideas are then yet to be tried.
- An inordinate amount of time is spent on breakfast and lunch for the committees. The General Chairman and Committees should be out on the floor where they can see what problems or concerns may arise. One or two events should be adequate and it could be served by the hotel as opposed to be the sole responsibility of the General Chairman. A short staff meeting could be held to be sure everything is running smoothly, leaving the Wine and Cheese party as the sole responsibility of the General Chairman.

- The Advisory Board, to function properly, needs to attend all meetings of the Committee, especially six (6) months prior to the next convention. That's eighteen (18<sup>th</sup>) months from the convention date, and if not the entire committee, at least the Chairman.
- We suggested the purchase of additional flooring to accommodate the square dancers flooring of 3,600 square feet. A new committee should be created to address the storage and transportation flooring for future conventions.
- Another committee or the same committee, who book the hotels, should book National and Regional Callers in advance for the Trail-in dance and the Saturday night program. Funds for the Callers and Cuers would be offset by a larger registration as reflected in the revenue from the 20<sup>th</sup> convention.
- On Friday, have the convention start at 10 a.m. This way, dancers who spend Thursday night at the hotel, are ready to start dancing Friday morning. (We heard complaints about this regarding dancers who are not attending a tour, and have nothing to do until the Early Bird dance begins at 3 p.m.)

**21th Convention Report** Mike & Pat Matsko

We are pleased to announce that we have 106 registered dancers as of this date. Our registration flier form has been revised due to changes in our convention program. We have contracted National Caller, John Marshall for Saturday evening. Mac McCall will be calling at the Thursday Trail in Dance. Also, we have included plans for two tours and a fashion show. There were some negotiations that were made with the contract agreement with the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center. We did obtain a change in the lodging rate from \$112.00 for a single, with a \$10.00 additional for each occupant, to a \$112.00 across the board. Also, we reduced the dance hall square footage in the large halls. This dance hall space initially was requested based on a larger dancer estimate. We are projecting 400 dancers attending. Our budgeted expenses are projected at \$15,500.00. We will need 365 paid dancers @ \$30.00 registration rate, to break even, provided we meet the other projected receipt items. The other receipt items include boosters, ads, share the wealth, Chinese auction and dangle dance. Our realistic estimate of paid dancer is 325. With this budget, we will fall short by \$1220.00. I am concerned that there are some dissenters that could discourage dancer attendance. We will need and ask for your support in promoting the convention in your area.

<b>Caller/Cuer Report</b>	Carter & Ruby Ackerman	No Report
<b>Showcase of Ideas</b>	Need Chairman	
<b>Membership</b>	Ken Adams	Waiting on 2013-2014 updates
<b>Historian</b>	Need Chairman	
<b>License Plates</b>	Mike and Pat Matsko	

As Chairman of the PSRDF Specialty Plate Program, I am requesting that you join me in promoting this program to dancers, in your region, that are members of the PSRDF. I would appreciate it if each regional group would include this item at your next meeting and explain the program to your club delegates. This program is a way to promote square dancing. To obtain a license plate, through this program, you will need to do the following:

1. Applicant must be an active member of the PSRDF.
2. Applicant must be a registered owner of a vehicle as indicated on the registration credential. If the vehicle is a leased vehicle, Form MV -1L, "Application for Lessee Information" is needed. This form is available on the website at [dmv.state.pa.us](http://dmv.state.pa.us)
3. Complete the form MV-904SO, Application for Special Organization Registration Plate. This form can be obtained at the PSRDF Website, [psrdf.org](http://psrdf.org).
4. Fee required with the application is \$20.00. Payment by check or money order made payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania".
5. Specialty plates are restricted to passenger vehicles and trucks with a gross weight of not more than 10,000 lbs.
6. Send the completed application, along with your payment, to Mike Matsko, Chairman, PSRDF Specialty Plate Program, 219 Mason Lane, Selinsgrove, PA. 17870.

**Computer Coordinator/Webmaster** Ken Adams

The following changes were made over the last 6 months.

Updated the Keystone Award, New Caller and New Dancer program information

Made address changes for individuals

Updated club listings and meeting locations

Other corrections as requested.

**Ways & Means and Publicity** Need Chairman  
**State Outfit** Bob & Janet Wilson No Report

**Special Reports**

**USDA** Bill Flick/Mike & Pat Matsko

We are concerned about the future of our square and round dance activity. During our travels throughout the country, we have become aware of the issues that dancers and leaders are addressing and the problems that they are confronting in dealing with these matters. In most instances, we find that leadership fails to properly manage the handling of these issues or lacks the experience, knowledge or skills necessary to do the job.

As we analyze this situation, we have observed that there are a number of reasons that contribute to this leadership failure.

1. Lack of emphasis the organization places on building leaders at the local, regional and state levels.
2. Lack of leadership at all levels working together.
3. Poor delegate attendance at Regional, State and National meetings.
4. Lack of leadership training for leaders or future leaders.
5. Poor attendance of dancers and leaders at leadership training seminars.
6. Lack of adequate support of leadership at club levels. This includes dancers and callers.

Another concern we have is the declining number of Callers and Cuers nationwide. This is critical according to Callerlab and Roundalab. Studies by these groups indicate that they have an aging staff that will accelerate this decline, and it is their wish that we address this need in our area.

We ask that these concerns be topics for the State Federation to include in their agendas.

Mike & Pat Matsko, USDA President's

**Old Business**

**Farm Show/ Farm Show Exhibit** Bill Flick/Tony Rock

There is a new fee for booth registration in the main building of the farm show. Following discussion a motion was made by Christine Styring, seconded by Ruth Buehler to not have a booth for the 2014 show. Motion passed. Music for the Monday night competition will be available shortly from Dan Prosser.

**Promotional Programs (New Dancer, etc.)** Bill Flick/Larry Gorski

As of September 30, 2013: We had 5 Clubs submit requests for 6 graduation classes in the "New Dancer Program". They are: Busy B's Squares for Feb 6<sup>th</sup> & June 27<sup>th</sup> 2013; Friendly Squares June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013; Palm Squares May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013; North Hills Squares May 21<sup>st</sup> 2013; 2X4's Squares on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2013, For a total of 25 new dancers. We would encourage other clubs to submit the form for the New Dancers that have graduated.

Submitted by Margie & Larry Gorski First Vice President

There was considerable discussion of all three promotional programs resulting in passed motions to continue the New Dancer and New Caller programs and to form a committee to reformulate the previous Club Promotional Program.

## **New Business**

### **Nominating Slate of Officers**

Bill Flick stated that following a discussion with the Association Presidents, who form the nomination committee, the slate of officers for the April meeting will be the current officers, all of whom are eligible for one more year. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

### **Flooring**      Tony Rock

Tony presented a summary of the acquisition, storage, transportation and installation of flooring for the State Convention. He praised and thanked Del Whitenight for his assistance in storing, transporting and installing flooring in the dance halls. Additional flooring is still needed to cover carpeting in dance halls. Purchase of flooring has reduced the cost of renting flooring. It was suggested that the Convention Advisory Committee continue to address the future needs of flooring at Conventions.

### **Selection of Featured National Callers for Future Conventions**      Bill Flick

Difficulty in securing featured callers at Conventions due to time restraints was discussed. A motion was made by Tony Rock/Ed Strying, seconded by Judy/Clyde Miles and passed to create a Selection Committee Chairman for the purpose of securing featured callers beyond the normal 16 month detailed Convention planning cycle.

### **Perception of Safety at Harrisburg Convention**      Bill Flick

Following much discussion of perceptions regarding evening safety of downtown Harrisburg, a motion was made that the Executive Committee be authorized to affect changes in site location following investigation.

### **Support of International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs Convention**      Bill Flick

In August PSRDF provided written support to IAGSDC for holding a Convention in May of 2017 at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh in Downtown Pittsburgh. This was not a financial commitment.

Since there was no other announcements or items of business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, April 6, 2014, Penn State, State College, PA**

Respectively Submitted Bill & Ruth Buehler Secretary