

PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION
Minutes of April 6, 2014.

The Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation met on Sunday, April 6, 2014, at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA. All six Federations/Associations were represented. Allegany Valley Federation – 2 members; Central Pennsylvania Association – 5 members; Delaware Valley Federation – 3 members; Laurel Mountain Federation – 1 member; Susquehanna Valley Federation – 2 members; Western Pennsylvania Federation – 6 members.

Call to Order: Bill Flick President called the semi-annual meeting to order at 1:00 PM. A prayer was given by Tony Rock. Larry Gorski led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Minutes of October 6, 2013: Copies were distributed. A motion to accept minutes as sent and posted on the PSRDF web site was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Truman Hershberger presented the following report.

Beginning Balance October 6, 2013			\$12,923.00
Income	Club Dues to PSRDF	\$1,311.00	
	2013 Convention	\$5.99	
	2014 Convention	<u>\$5,631.12</u>	<u>\$6,948.11</u>
Expenses	New Dancer Promotion	\$2,000.00	
	Promotional Fund	\$105.00	
	President's Expenses	\$33.50	
	Meeting at Penn Stater 10-7-13	\$198.40	
	Hotel Deposit to Gettysburg for 2014	\$250.00	
	USDA dues	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>-\$2,686.90</u>
Ending Balance April 6, 2014			\$17,184.21

Motion to accept report was passed.

Association/Federation Reports

Allegheny Valley Federation: Read by Lou Stiles

We have a new club - the ABC Dancers in Greenville PA. Their first dance was on New Years Eve and they will dance four times per year (March, June, Sept. and New Years Eve). Drew Loutzenhiser is their caller.

Castle Paws and Taws report 2 to 3 sets as average attendance until the snow birds return. They had no class this year. They resumed weekly dances in April at Cascade Park Pavilion in New Castle.

Circle Eight average 2 sets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. They have one new couple receiving dance instruction on their dance night.

Fiddle-A-Rounds will hold their 50th Anniversary Dance on Thursday July 10, 2014 from 7:30 to 10:00 featuring callers Tom Rudebock and Tom Mohney. The event will take place at Kalyumet Campground in Lucinda, PA. Former club members and area dancers are invited to come and enjoy the party.

Shenango Valley Sashayers are dancing at the First Methodist Church, 237 West Silver Street, Sharon, PA on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 8:00 to 10:30 pm with attendance averaging 3 to 5 sets. Four new dancers were graduated in March. (Submitted by Lou & Ruthie Stiles, President AVSRDF)

Central Pennsylvania Association: No Report

Federation of Delaware Valley: Read by Ed Elser

We are now finishing our first year joining two districts to become one Federation and the transition seems to be going smoothly. All clubs have been working well together along with the new board in place. I feel that there is respect within the board and it shows throughout the Federation.

We will be holding our new student graduation dance in May and hoping to make this Federation a little bigger with our new graduates joining their prospective clubs.

We're also very excited to be looking into having a Trail Thru Dance leading into the National Square and Round Dance Convention in 2015. I am hoping to join forces with PSRDF to help us with this endeavor.
(Submitted by Jeffrey Kaufman, President DVFSRD)

Laurel Mountain Federation: No Report

Susquehanna Valley Association: Read by Ruth Buehler

SVSRDA is happy to report that square dancing continues to do very well in the Susquehanna Valley. We currently have 14 active clubs. Most of the clubs report that classes are going well so far this year.

A number of SVSRDA clubs, as well as, some from other regions in Pennsylvania, participated in the Annual Square Dance competition at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg in January. There were over 500 dancers participating in squares and rounds in this event that was televised on PCN throughout the state. The most exciting part is that several thousand people were in the stands of the big arena watching us dance.

SVSRDA will sponsor three summer dances this year, in order to maintain new class graduates dancing thru the summer. A dance is offered in June, July, and August and is funded by the SVSRDA. Different Callers from SVSRDA conduct the dances with hopes that the new dancers will remain active until fall and experience different caller styles.

The 46th annual Presidents' Ball dance recognizing the Clubs Leadership will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 27th with Mac McCall calling and Linda Prosser cueing. It is held at the Valencia Ballroom in York PA. If you have never been to this location it is worth the trip just to see this hall where the Big Bands used to play back in the 20's and 30's. Dancing is from 2 to 5pm, and then a sit-down dinner and following the dinner the SVSRDA business meeting. The President or representative of each club is recognized and awards for our visitation program are presented during the dance. Dancing only is \$10 per person.

The SVSRDA Visitation program continues to be a very strong program attracting many dancers to clubs throughout SVSRDA. The current years program ended at the end of March. As of the end of February 200 dancers have made 400 visits to various SVSRDA clubs.

The Graduation Dance to honor our graduates from the just completed classes will be held on May 18, Sunday, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millersville from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. It is hosted by the Do Pas O square dance club. The new dancers are honored by this special event and seasoned dancers come and support the event. Again, South Central PA Callers and Cuers Association will provide all Callers and Cuers. Last year we had over 70 dancers attend.

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.

We anticipate a great finish to our dance year with many of our clubs planning dances with guest callers including Howard and Donna Williamson, Larry Winegard, Gleason Crumling, Mac McCall, Joe Bradshaw, Tom Miller, Bill Harrison, Hunter Keller, Mark Franks, Ken Bower, Butch Adams among those scheduled.

Three of our clubs hosted dances for New Years Eve around the region with a great turnout.
(Submitted by Bob Lawn and Martha Thompson, Presidents SVSRDA)

Western Pennsylvania Federation: read by Ruth Buehler

Peanut Squares did a wonderful job of hosting the Fall Festival in Dormont Recreation Center on November 9th, 2013. It was nice to see 8 plus square dancing to Tom Miller, caller and Bob Heath, cuer. Thanks to Peanut Squares' Presidents, Ed and Ruth Bailey for the great article that was written up with photos for square dancing in the Pittsburgh Senior News November issue 2013.

On April 2, 2014 there was a demo with WJAS Radio, www.1320.wjas.com at the Meadows Casino. There were 2 squares dancing with a lot of extras on the sidelines with Steve Staub calling. Special thanks to Ed and Ruth Bailey for organizing this event and for their efforts with the booth and for encouraging people to take information and consider adding square dancing to their life. Materials were passed out regarding all the clubs in our area with local contact numbers.

Close to home, the 30th Annual "All Callers Special" is being held on Sunday, April 6th, 2014 from 2:00 TO 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School in Norton, Ohio. There will be 8 callers from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio.

Pennsylvania callers include Larry Fosbrink, Rodney Spencer and Denny Steiner. The Lazy J Western Wear Outlet will also be there and refreshments are available. This is the biggest Mainstream dance in the three state area.

On Sunday, April 27th, 2014, the WPSRDF Sophomore Dance will be hosted by the Y-Knots Square and Round Dance Club, and will be held at the Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, 4289 Mt. Royal Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101. Jim Yoest and Brad Deibert will call and Brad Deibert will also cue. The dance is from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is a student dance with Buy One admission and get one free.

The Pittsburgh Area Callers and Cuers Association presents the Fourth Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at the Good Sheppard Lutheran Church at 4503 Old William Penn Highway, Monroeville, PA 15146. There will be 2 halls with mainstream, plus, advanced, DBD and rounds. There will be two sessions 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., \$7.00 per person and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., \$7.00 per person, both sessions at \$10.00 per person. For your enjoyment they will have 14 callers and cuers performing and they are Ron Anderson, Scott Brown, Shawn Brown, Brad Deibert, Ed Foote, Chris Jacobs, Sharon Kopp, Susan Korinchak, Barbara MacDonald, Lisa Minton, Roy Nagy, Norm Shaffor, Fred Strang and Richard Williams. Used clothing will be for sale.

The 2013 Gold Rush Riders Square Dancing on horseback video is now up on their website. You can view it at the following link <http://goldrushrecords.org/page24.html>
(Submitted by Clyde & Judy Miles, President WPSRDF)

Committee Reports

21st Convention Report: read by Diana Rock

The Convention plans are progressing on schedule. The only current Convention position unfilled is the Assistant General Chairman. With the 2015 Convention scheduled at the Eisenhower Hotel Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA, we focused our efforts to fill this position from the SVSRDA region. We have been unsuccessful in finding a candidate that would accept this position. We have addressed this matter with members of the Convention Advisory Board and the Executive Committee covering our concerns.

Another concern is the budgetary outlook. To meet the budgeted expenses at the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, it will require 350 paid dancer registrations, along with the projected income sources from Share the Wealth, Boosters, Program Booklet Ads, and the Chinese Auction. As of March 2, 2014 there are 65 paid registrations of the 139 registrations.

Historically, dancers will delay registering during the winter months. Now that spring is here, and the Special Dances are occurring, we ask that you take an active role in promoting the convention at these events. We encourage you to make convention announcements at these dances and other gatherings {Club and Regional Meetings}. Mention that there are Tours, a Fashion Show, and Educational Seminars/Panels. Point out the Thursday Trail-in Dance Featuring National Caller, Mac McCall and that National Caller, John Marshall will be Featured Saturday night during the convention. As selling points, emphasize the \$30.00 Registration fee through June 1, 2014 and after that time the rate increases to \$35.00. There is a Daily Registration Fee for Friday at \$18.00 and for Saturday at \$20.00 until August 1,

2014. After August 1, the daily fee increases to \$20.00 Friday and \$22.00 Saturday. Remind them that registered Convention Dancers can dance at the Trail-in Dance for \$3.00, where as a non- registered dancer will pay \$8.00 at the door.

Another request that we have is that you encourage dance leaders {Club, Regional, State} attend the Leadership Panel session held Saturday morning. The topic "The Future of Square Dancing". Our President, Bill Flick and I, USDA President, along with a Callerlab Caller will cover a number of programs, views, issues and concerns that are currently being discussed at the National level.

We are very pleased and excited about the convention program that is being developed. With offering the added National Callers , along with our State Approved Callers, the Fashion Show and the splendid Tours, this convention is one you do not want to miss!!! Besides, the "Price is Right"!!!
(Submitted by Mike & Pat Matsko, General Chairman 21st Convention)

Diana Rock noted that she has available tour forms, informational flyer and registration forms
Diana Hershberger stated that there are currently 84 paid registrations.

Diana Rock reported that Barbara MacDonald from Cranberry Township has agreed to accept Assistant General Chairman position for the 21 Convention. Diana read portions of Barbara's resume. Tony Rock moved to accept Barbara for this position. Ruthie Stiles seconded and motion was carried.

22nd Convention Report:

Bill Flick noted seed money is necessary to begin preparation for the 2015 Convention. Motion was made and passed to provide \$1000 to the 22nd Convention.

Caller/Cuer Report: No Report, however, Carter Ackerman noted that Dancers should submit any suggested additions to the lists of Callers and Cuers maintained by the Liaison Committee.

Showcase of Ideas: Needs Chairman and Bill Flick discussed need for transporting and setting up Showcase at the Little Rock National Convention. Anyone willing should contact Bill Flick or Tony Rock. If no one is available, there is no use taking the Showcase to Little Rock. Discussion followed concerning repair of the Banner stand. Item tabled till more interest shown.

Membership:

Waiting on 2013-2014 updates.
(Submitted by Kenton Adams, Membership)

License Plates: Read by Bill Flick

The license plate program has had little activity to date. There have been 5 applications for this specialty plate since I have been the chairman. We have promoted this program at the 20th PSRDF Convention and requested each Regional Presidents to include the license plate program on their meeting agenda promoting dancers to use this as an advertisement for square dancing. I plan to have a spot to promote the program at this year's convention. I again, ask that Regional Presidents encourage their delegate members to promote this at their clubs. The applications for these specialty plates can be downloaded at the PSRDF website at psrdf.org.
(Submitted by Mike Matsko, Chairman, Special Plate Program)

Web Master: Read by Ruth Buehler

The following changes were made over the last 6 months.

- Added the Promotional Fund program information to the web site
- Made address changes for individuals
- Updated club listings and meeting locations
- Requested updates for the Central PA Federation pages
- Other corrections as requested

(Submitted by Kenton Adams, Web master)

Caller Selection: Read by Larry Gorski

Subsequent to the PSRDF meeting in State College in January, 2014 I was asked to work with Larry Gorski to obtain callers for the 2015 State Convention in Gettysburg, Pa. Larry and I talked and emailed several times and have agreed on the following callers who have confirmed their participation.

Thursday Evening Dance, Mike Callahan from Spencerport, New York,
\$350 and a room for the evening.

Saturday Evening Dance, Johnny Preston from Temecula, California.
\$600 and a room for the evening.

These arrangements have been agreed to verbally and by email, but we should probably send them written confirmation.

(Submitted by Bob Lawn, SVSRDA President)

Tony Rock moved to accept these callers and prepare written contracts. Motion passed.

Special Reports

USDA: Read by Ruth Buehler

The USDA Winter Meeting was held in the Sam's Town Hotel Casino, at Las Vegas, Nevada in January. The purpose of the winter meeting was to cover the agenda items for the Annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting.

During these meetings, issues and concerns about the Square Dance Community were covered and we discussed the actions and ways to support and serve square dancers and leaders. With the decline in dancer attendance at the NSDC, fewer dancers and leaders are attending the educational leadership sessions and the USDA Annual Board of Directors Meetings. The outcome of this is that many club leaders lack the knowledge of the changes that are needed for successful club leadership in recruiting, teaching, and retention of new dancers. As a result, over a period of time with unsuccessful results, leaders lose enthusiasm and discontinue any further efforts.

We believe that leadership at all levels within the Square Dance Organization, is concerned about the future of square dancing. Many new ideas and approaches have been presented and some of these have been implemented throughout the country. Changes are being recommended to adjust to the needs of today's lifestyles of people that are seeking social and fun activities.

We encourage you to attend the 63rd NSDC in Little Rock, Arkansas, scheduled June 25-28, 2014. We invite you to attend the USDA Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 1:00 PM in the Conway Lecture Hall. At this meeting, reports from members of the Executive Committee will be given, including presentations of the new programs being considered. Also, USDA will be presenting seminars and panels at the NSDC. Pat Inglis, USDA Insurance Coordinator, will hold two sessions on the topic "Do You Really Understand Club and Dancer Insurance." The second USDA session will be presented by a panel of USDA Executive Committee Members on the topic "We Are Not the Department of Agriculture." This panel will discuss the support programs, including the publications offered for square dance leaders, along with the new programs that are being considered. The third USDA session is the seminar on the USDA Youth Program and Youth Scholarship Program, presented by USDA Youth Advisors Bonnie Abramson and Bob Kamuf. Also, at the NSDC, the Educational Committee has scheduled panels and seminars that offer a series of leadership sessions covering issues that deal with the changes, ideas, and new approaches leaders are promoting for recruiting, teaching, and retention of new dancers. These presentations may be helpful in ways your club can improve the results in these program areas.

We are encouraging leaders of State and Regional area to select a number of dancers that will attend the USDA meetings, seminars/panels and the NSDC educational leadership sessions. A Leadership Certificate is issued to attendees for attending the required core sessions. Another approach to providing information to leaders is that Callerlab is working on an initiative to schedule a number of meetings in several locations, across the country, in an attempt to reach more individuals.

(Submitted by Mike Matsko, USDA President)

Bill Flick mentioned that the Scholarship program USDA awards \$1000 to the winning nomination.

Old Business

PSRDF Promotional Program was discussed by Bill Flick. This could include First Nighters, regional advertising etc. Bill asked for suggestions regarding this program.

22nd Convention Contract:

Tony Rock expressed concern regarding a terrible room experience when he and Diana visited the Gettysburg Hotel Conference Center. Hotel management has not returned calls to Rocks or Bill Flick after reviewing the problem with the Conference owners. Donna Earnest moved and Ruth Buehler seconded that PSRDF cancel the 2015 Gettysburg contract. Motion passed. Extensive discussion followed. Ruth Buehler moved and Diana Hershberger seconded motion to secure the Camp Hill site Aug 6-9 2015. Motion passed.

Flooring: Tony reviewed previous flooring purchases -- 400 sq ft. earlier for advanced hall, 1200 sq ft last year for round dance hall -- he felt we should consider additional flooring for the plus hall. He then presented quotes for the purchase of additional flooring. In addition, PSRDF should establish a flooring chairman for the Convention Committee. This person would be responsible for storing, transporting and setting up/tear down flooring.

Carter Ackerman moved and Bill Buehler seconded that \$3000 be approved for purchase of flooring. Motion passed. Tony will take care of purchasing .

New Business

23rd State Convention: Tony Rock presented several bids for the 2016 Convention.

Bids Camp Hill \$115, Pittsburgh Double tree \$129. It was moved by Ruth Buehler seconded by Donna Earnest to allow the Executive Committee and Convention Advisory Board to select Convention Location for 2016.

Proposed Changes to the Convention Guidelines: Presented by Diana and Tony Rock

The following Convention Committee chairmen have been combined: Assistant General Chairmen/Education; Convention Secretary/Publicity and Tours; Business Chairmen/Program Book.

Under part F. Cost of Chairmen's hotel room comes out of the General Chairmen's budget for Friday and Saturday nights only, minus any complimentary rooms. The following committee members receive complimentary rooms for Friday and Saturday nights. The rooms may be hotel complimentary rooms or paid by the Convention. General Chairmen, Assistant General Chairman, Secretary, Business Manager, Registration & Housing Chairman, Sq. Dance Chairmen, Round Dance Chairmen, First Aid, Services Chairmen and Social & Special Events Chairman. The Dance Flooring Chairmen shall receive complimentary rooms for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights (3 nights instead of 2) because they must be at the Convention site earlier to ensure the flooring is installed and ready for dancing by the beginning of the Convention.

Also, elaborated is a proposed addition of:

The Dance Flooring Chairmen is selected by the Pennsylvania State Square and Round Dance Federation, PSRDF Board, and the Convention Committee. The Dance Floor Chairmen answers to Executive Committee on issues not directly related to the convention. The duties of the Dance Floor Chairmen include:

1. Store or help find appropriate storage for the dance flooring and related equipment and tools owned by PSRDF and/or the Convention Committee.
2. The Dance Floor Chairmen would receive three free nights of hotel during the PSRDF Convention.
3. Transport or make arrangements for the timely transportation of the dance flooring to and from the convention and/or dance location.
4. The Dance Floor Chairmen will be reimbursed for fuel expense and/or for payment to transport the flooring as well as reasonable storage costs should there be any. All receipts related to the PSRDF Convention will be submitted to the General Chairmen for approval and reimbursement.
5. Recruit and train volunteers to assist with the installation and removal as well as unpacking and repacking of the dance flooring.

6. Provide oversight of the above processes to ensure that proper care is taken at all times. This includes both at the PSRDF Convention and if the flooring is rented out to others.
7. Advertise, make available, and oversee the rental of the dance flooring when and if the PSRDF and/or Convention Committee should decide to rent it to recover its cost.
8. Any projected use and related expenses outside of the PSRDF Convention should be submitted to the PSRDF Executive Committee for approval.
9. Submit any records and payment to the PSRDF Treasurer if the dance flooring is rented to a club or federation/association.
10. Is required to prepare and submit a report at the biannual PSRDF delegate meeting.

Following Discussion, a motion was made to accept suggested changes to the Guidelines. Motion passed

Nomination USDA President: Bill Flick

Tony Rock moved and Larry Gorski 2nd that Mike and Pat Matsko be nominated for Presidents of USDA. Vote on motion was unanimous. Bill Flick will write letter to USDA.

Appointing delegate to USDA Meeting: – Bill Flick

There is an opportunity for someone planning on attending the 63rd NSDC in Little Rock, AR to be a delegate to the USDA meeting Wednesday June 25, 2014. Tony Rock will announce this opportunity on the four Pennsylvania Goggle Groups.

June 22, 2015 Trail Thru Dance National Allentown Fairgrounds: Bill Flick asked that the Board of Directors show interest in supporting the dance by show of hands. The members present did indicated their interest in supporting the Trail thru dance. Tony Rock asked about distribution of proceeds from the dance. Profits would be retained by the groups sponsoring the dance.

Diana Hershberger stated the need to obtain Treasury records from ChiChi. Donna Earnest will assist in this matter.

Diana Hershberger noted that she received an invoice from BMI/ASCAP for music licence. Bill Flick said that he has been unable to contact BMI/ASCAP to clarify the fact that the Convention does not need to pay fee since all callers and cuers at the State Convention are individually licensed by BMI/ASCAP. Carter stated that licensing is either by venues or events. A venue would be a dance hall. An event would be a Conventions. For Square Dancing and Round Dancing an exception is made and the participants are licensed rather than the venues.

Nominations for PSRDF Officers: Bill Flick

The Nominating Committee consisting of Presidents of the Associations/Federations composing PSRDF nominated the following - Bill Flick President, Larry and Margie Gorski 1st Vice President, Tony and Diana Rock 2nd Vice President, Truman and Diana Hershberger Treasurer, Bill and Ruth Buehler Secretary.

Bill then read the resignation letter from Larry and Margie Gorski, 1st Vice President. Tony and Diana Rock said that they would accept nomination for 1st Vice President.

Election of Officers: Bill Flick

For each office, in turn, the floor was opened for nominations for each office. There were no nominations from the floor except for Tony and Diana Rock for 1st Vice President. There were no nominations for 2nd Vice President. A motion for nominations for each office to be closed was made, with a seconding motion, followed by a carrying vote. The secretary was instructed to cast ballots for the slate of officers as presented.

Announcement

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 12, 2014, 1:00 P.M., at the Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA. Executive Committee Meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Bill and Ruth Buehler, Secretary