

SVSRDA Business Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2016
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
150 Jefferson Avenue
York, PA 17401

1. Call to Order by Jim Miller at 2:30
2. Prayer by Chaplain Norm Diefenderfer
3. Roll Call of Clubs – Bob Lawn
Present were Continental Squares, Dance A Rounds, Do-Pas-O, Flirts & Skirts, Gad-Abouts, Palm Squares, Panhandlers, Shippen Squares, Star Promenaders, and Swing Thrus. Unconventional Squares were not present.
4. Recording Secretary’s Report and Approval of Minutes – Marcia Gorski/Bob Lawn
Minutes approved as written
5. Treasurer’s Report – Naomi Fisher complete report attached to official copy of minutes
Balance 4/24/16 \$8,256.18
Expenses \$3,236.30
Income \$1,475.02
Balance 8/31/16 \$6,494.90

Presidents ball showed a \$145.87 loss, Income of \$3,126 expenses of \$3,271

Treasurer’s report was approved as presented.
6. Correspondence Secretary’s Items/Report – Bob Lawn
 - a. Sunshine Report, nothing to report
 - b. Changes of E-Mail, Phone #'s or Addresses should be sent to the Recording secretary
7. Report of Committees
 - a. Nominating Committee for President and Vice President. Candidates are needed by the January meeting for both positions.
 - i. Continental Squares, Dance A’Rounds and Do-Pas-O
 - b. Showcase of Ideas – Bob Lawn, Our material was set up at the State convention. It is available for any club to use as needed. There was considerable interest in our visitation program.
 - c. Visitation Report – Jack Stone, Only 3 clubs have submitted cards. Flirts & Skirts, Palm Squares and Star Promenaders. Clubs should get their cards to Jack and not wait till the last minute to send them. They may scan the card and send that to Jack. It was noted that Round Dance Clubs are not part of the visitation program.

- d. President Ball Host – April 2017 Swing Thrus will host the dance. Hunter Keller will be the caller. They are still working on a location for the dance. The board was invited to visit Wisheaven Hall after the meeting to see if it would be acceptable. This hall has been used in the past for the Presidents Ball.
- e. Presidents Ball Host – April 2018, Let Jim know if your club, or several clubs working together would like to host the 2018 dance.
- f. Graduation Ball Host – 2017 Gad Abouts will host. The location will be the regular club dance location.
- g. Graduation Ball Host – 2018, If your club is interested let Jim know.

8. Old Business

- a. Insurance Program: Tom Kern left a packet for each club to review. Some of our clubs have insurance through their membership with WASCA. It was noted that most callers have their own liability insurance. Each club should insure that they are adequately covered.
- b. Visitation Policy: There was a discussion that would allow the start of a new round of visitations before the previous round was completed, but they would only be counted after the previous round was completed. The visitation policy is part of our By Laws so the proposed change will need to be sent to the members at least two weeks before the next meeting in January so it can be voted on. It would then, if approved, take effect next year.
- c. Farm Show Competition and Demonstrations, Dan Prosser reported this would be on Jan 9th 2017 from about 6:30 to 9pm. Tom Miller will not be there this year and a caller new to the Farm Show, Dan Deibert will do some of the calling.
- d. Vote to eliminate the Corresponding Secretary's position was unanimous. Any duties that were part of this position will be assumed by the Recording secretary. The By Laws will be updated to reflect this change.
- e. PSRDF State Coordinator for Club Membership – Norm Diefenderfer will send out an xcell list in October to be updated with current members.
- f. PSRDF – Reminder to all clubs – promotional monies from the State are on hold
- g. Audit Report – The report was prepared by Glenn Haagen. There were no problems noted and Glenn noted the Audit was very easy to prepare as all materials were in order. Glenn also let Naomi know that he plans to retire from this position. Bob Miller was suggested as a replacement.

9. New Business

- a. Publication date for SVSRDA directory. Naomi began a discussion that would move up the deadline for material for the directory to March 15th. This would allow the directory to be in the dancers hands earlier. Most clubs felt that it would be difficult to turn in an accurate schedule that early. It was voted not to have an earlier date for the accuracy of the directory.
- b. Vote on Bloxom's Bunch and Red Rose Round Dancers. There was a brief discussion and then a unanimous decision to accept both clubs. The applications for membership will be filed with the original copies of the minutes.
- c. Discussion on PSRDF: There was a general discussion concerning what the position of SVSRDA would be at the next PSRDF meeting. There was very little enthusiasm for the continuation of the federation or the state convention in its present form. It was felt a convention of festival of 2 or 3 days could be held. We are in favor of featured callers for the evening sessions. Other halls should be closed when the featured caller is on stage as most other halls would be empty anyway. The local (state), callers should be evaluated for their expertise in calling before being scheduled. It was felt most dancers will not pay \$400 or more for a weekend if the calling is not of a higher caliber than we have seen in the past. A complete change from previous convention is needed, but no one expressed an interest in being part of that change. It was felt the expenses of conducting the convention were too high, too many free room nights and free registrations. There is a lot of mis information circulating amongst the dancers. It was felt that more shared information and/or shared plans for the convention/festival should be shared with the dancers.
- d. There was also a discussion of the condensed teaching method. It is an issue each club will need to address, but probably does not affect the state convention as very few new dancers attend.
- e. Proofreader for the SVSRDA directory. Al Groth as volunteered to do this next year.
- f. National Square Dance Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 21-24, 2017
- g. Pa Federation 23rd State Convention, Johnstown suffered a small loss this year. Final figures will be presented at the October meeting.
- h. Pa Federation 2017 convention is cancelled
- i. PSRDF Board Meeting, October 2nd in Waynesboro. This will be a very important meeting in determining the future of a state convention, and of the organization itself. Since it is being held in our backyard it is important that SVSRDA members who are interested in the future of square dancing in Pennsylvania attend and make their opinion known.

10. Good of the Association

- a. Next Meeting: January 8, 2017 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, 2:30pm
Callers will meet at 1:30
- b. There was a discussion to move the September meeting to the 4th Sunday. No decision.

11. Adjournment