

SVSRDA BUSINESS MEETING  
January 12, 2014

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
150 Jefferson Avenue  
York, PA 17401

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawn at 2:05 pm. Bob apologized for the date change for this meeting. The date was written incorrectly in the agenda for the previous meeting.
2. Prayer was led by Chaplain Marti Eshleman.
3. Roll Call of Clubs by Ruth Buehler. Thirteen of the 14 clubs were present; Unconventional Squares was not present.
4. Recording Secretary's Report - Cheryl Rakes. The minutes were not read aloud as everyone had the opportunity to read a printed copy. There is a change regarding the location for the 22nd PA State Convention; that information will be given later in the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Ruth Buehler made a comment about the procedure regarding the minutes. The minutes need to be completed sooner and sent to the SVSRDA President for approval. Then the minutes will be posted on the internet for all to view. The recording secretary acknowledged and will get the minutes sooner to the president for approval. A draft of the meeting agenda is usually sent out with the meeting notice.

5. Treasurer's Report - Naomi Fisher. The treasurer's report was accepted as read and approved.

Beginning Balance as of 9/1/2013	<u>Sept - Dec 2013</u>	Ending Balance as of 12/31/2013
Checking Account \$7,434.72	Total Income \$155.00	
	Total Expenses \$325.00	Ending Balance <u>\$6,894.72</u>

6. Corresponding Secretary's Report - Ruth Buehler. There has not been any correspondence.
  - a. Sunshine Report - No Report
  - b. E-mail changes/corrections - The sheet with a list of emails for meeting notifications was passed around the room. Please write an 'OK' beside your email address if it is correct so that Ruth knows you have seen the list or write the correction, if needed.

7. Reports of Committees

- a. Showcase of Ideas - Materials - banners and magazines - are available for anyone to borrow; contact Bob Lawn. Bob has 50 years of square dance magazines. The articles have not changed much over the years; they were looking for ways to increase membership back then too.

- b. SVSRDA Directory 2014. Membership Dues are due at the April meeting at the Presidents' Ball. The club dance schedule and patron list are due June 1st. Naomi Fisher is willing to put together the directory again with help from Bill Buehler. Naomi will send out more information later about the directory. There are copies left of the current year's directory for free. It was suggested to give them to new students.

- c. Nominating Committee - Fair Squares, Flirts & Skirts, and Gad-Abouts. The positions that are up for election are: Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Chaplain.

d. Visitation Report - Jim Miller. There are 10 clubs participating; however, only 7 clubs have submitted cards. It is a close race for 3 clubs: Do-Pas-O, Flirts & Skirts, and Shippen Squares. Contact Jim if you need any club visitation cards. Jim reminded everyone to return all cards by March 31 for the visit to count for this season.

e. Presidents' Ball - April 27, 2014 - Flirts & Skirts and Dance A'Rounds will host. Ivy Lair reported that most clubs have their tickets. Please check the names listed in the directory as they will be the names listed as club representatives. If there will be a substitute, let Ivy know so that the correct names will be printed in the program. It will be held at the Valencia Ballroom. Each club is to bring a door prize - suggested a basket. We are getting raffle contributions. **See you there!**

f. Presidents' Ball - The date was set - April 26, 2015. Need clubs to sign up to work together to host. Dan Prosser will contact the Valencia to reserve the Ballroom and confirm that Altland House will provide dinner. Dan stated that with approximately 200 meals sold, we will meet the \$2,000.00 in meals minimum to get the Valencia for free. Bob Lawn will arrange for the caller. Bill Buehler suggested Tim Crawford from Canada as Tim had promised previously to call at a SVSRDA Presidents' Ball.

g. Graduation Ball - May 18, 2014 - Do-Pas-O. Jim Haverstick reported the dance will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millersville. Dance time is 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

h. Graduation Ball - 2015 - Gad A'bouts and Panhandlers will host. Location will be at Gad A'bouts usual dance location of Wacohu Grange Hall, Hagerstown, MD.

i. Insurance Program - Tom and Dee Kern were not in attendance due to illness. No report available. Cheryl Rakes is familiar with the USDA club insurance program because of MDSDF involvement; she will give the contact information to Bob Lawn. Bob will contact the USDA insurance chairman and find out the status of SVSRDA clubs for 2014.

## 8. Old Business

a. Farm Show Competition and Demonstrations - January 6, 2014. Dan Prosser announced it was very successful with 57 squares. The event has built back up from 40 squares. Actually close to 70 - 80 squares with all the squares that danced. There were 5 squares of just kids. "Sound was as good as it's ever been." PCN will address a few items for next year. The 2 hour show will run about 10 hours total on PCN; good exposure. Corbin Geis did the commentary since Dusty Miller has moved out of the area. Jim Miller has uploaded some videos to YouTube; contact him for the link. Ivy commented on how wonderful the round dancing was. The dirt 'floor' was very well packed this year.

b. PSRDF - Remember to apply for promotional monies. Norm Diefenderfer is taking care of the list. One great opportunity is \$50.00 for each graduating dancer. Your club must pay \$1.00 for each member to PSRDF. Great return for a small investment. There is more information on the [PSRDF.org](http://PSRDF.org) website. SVSRDA also has promotional monies available. Can get money for demonstrations and first nighters.

The next PSRDF meeting is Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Penn Stater at State College. Any dancer is eligible to attend. The first 12 to register from SVSRDA can vote. Bob Lawn and Martha Thompson are unable to attend this meeting and encourage others to go in their place. Contact Bill Buehler if you want to ride with him.

c. 20th PA State Convention, Camp Hill, PA - August 8 - 11, 2013. Tom and Dee Kern did a wonderful job and there was a very good crowd in attendance.

## 9. New Business

Upcoming State and National Conventions:

a.) 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR - June 25 - 28, 2014

b.) 21st PA State Convention, Penn Stater Hotel, State College - August 14 -17, 2014. Mac McCall will call for the Trail-In dance on Thursday night and there will be a \$3.00 charge. John Marshall will be the National Caller for the Saturday evening dance. Early registration fee of \$30.00 ends June 1st. Fee is then \$35.00. It will be \$40.00 at the door. Booster sheets and ad forms for the convention booklet are in the packets. There is other information and many flyers in the packets today.

c.) 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA - June 24 -27, 2015

d.) 22nd PA State Convention, Gettysburg, PA - August 6 - 8, 2015. Bob Lawn received a memo from Bill Flick regarding the location change; it is no longer in Harrisburg. It will now be held at Eisenhower Convention Center, Business Rt. 15. There is a Grab 'N Go food court and other amenities just outside the dance halls. Bob Lawn is arranging the National callers. Mike Callahan will be calling for the Trail-In Dance on Thursday evening. It is hoped to have Johnny Preston for Saturday evening.

e.) Membership - Norm Diefenderfer reported that there are 468 dancers in the association; last year had 462. There is a total of 472 members which includes 103 new members; many of these new members are from Continental Squares and Star Promenaders. Some members belong to more than one club; this was accounted for calculating the total membership. However, need to clarify which is the primary club so that a member only pays \$1.00 to PSRDF.

## 10. Good of the Association

Next meeting: April 27, 2014 (After the Presidents' Ball) - Valencia Ballroom, 142 North George Street, York, PA 17401.

It was discussed and agreed upon that the dates for future meetings are Sunday, September 14, 2014 (note: date may change because of a conflict with a club dance) and Sunday, January 11, 2015. Meeting dates will be confirmed prior to the meeting. Meetings are usually held the second Sunday for the September and January meetings.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Rakes  
Recording Secretary