

SVSRDA BUSINESS MEETING

April 18, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

**Mechanicsburg Middle School
1750 S. Market Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

1. Call to Order by President Tom Kern at 6:31 p.m.
2. Prayer was offered by Chaplain, Marti Eshleman.
3. Roll Call of Clubs – All SVSRDA representatives were present.
4. Secretary's Report and Approval of Minutes– The January 10, 2010 meeting minutes were sent to all club presidents via email. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, and accept them as distributed.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Kammerdiener noted that an error in the last Treasurer's Report had been corrected and new revisions of Receipt/Disbursements breakdowns were now available. He also reminded club presidents/representatives that the \$15 dues and \$30 visitation dues may be paid in one check. A motion was made by Jerry Goshorn and seconded by Marti Eshleman to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
6. Correspondence Report – Louanna Sturm read a letter of thanks from Barbara Taylor, the Regional Gift Officer from Lutheran Social Services for our gift of \$40. Tom Kern stated that this gift was for the use of the meeting room in The Village at Kelly Drive at our January meeting. Our September meeting will also be held there, but in a larger room. There were no reported changes/corrections to current email addresses. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Correspondence Report.
7. Reports of Committees
 - a. SVSRDA Information Directory- – Bonnie Hemperly and Bill Buehler discussed the printing of the new SVSRDA Directory. Bill included material needed for the Information Directory in every clubs' packet and stated that corrections and/or revisions should be sent back to him by June 1st to get the data to the printer. Bonnie questioned if the number of books printed could be decreased as so many from last year are left over at this time. After discussion, Bill agreed to look into the matter. Freda Jacobs would like more information (Presidents' Ball/Graduation Ball Procedures, etc) to be made available in the books. Bill reported this information is available on the SVSRDA website, but he would look into adding more information into future Directories.
 - b. Visitation Report – Jerry Beckner reported that 2009/10 Visitation Report Summaries were included in each club packet. Eight clubs participated in the Visitation Program and made 78 visits to other clubs. The total number of visiting dancers was 1070; 170

dancers less than last year, and 86 dancers received danglers for making 5 or more visits. Nancy Beckner commented that the statement in the January Meeting Minutes that each club make 10 visits should be changed to “each club make one visit to other participating clubs plus one extra visit after each club was visited once.” A motion was made by Ruth Buehler and seconded by Jeff Spence and approved. This revision became necessary because the number of participating clubs tends to vary each year. The revision created a need to modify the Club Visitation Rules on the SVSRDA web site. Tom Kern read the rule changes needed to comply and suggested that rules 7, 10, 11, 12, and 14 be modified to incorporate the necessary changes. They are as follows:

#7 Eligible Visitors – Dancers eligible to represent a club are its current and former members. Also eligible are its current new dancers, if the visit is to a new dancer dance. In every case, the dancer must wear the visiting club’s regular or new dancer badge, and must sign in as representing the visiting club. Four (4) or more dancers representing one club and paying the full admission fee constitute a visit.

#10 Maximum Countable Visits – Although clubs are encouraged to visit as often as they like, no more than one (1) visit, plus one, will be recognized in any one year. Excess visits cannot be carried over to another year.

#11 Repeat Visits – Only visits to different clubs will be counted. After each eligible club has been visited once, plus one, a round of second visits may be started. (Parts B and C remain the same).

#12 Pool Sharing – Visits made will share equally in the pool. In April, the total visits made by all clubs before April 1st will be calculated, and the pool will be divided by the number of visits, to determine the “value” of each visit. For example, if the total of all visits is 90, and the pool contains \$450, each visit will be worth \$5. A club that made 10 visits will receive \$50; a club that made 6 visits will receive \$30, etc. Clubs will receive their checks at the President’s Ball. A visit of less than eight (8) members will only count for one-half (½) credit toward monies paid.

#14 – Plaque Winner – The club with the highest total number of dancers visiting other clubs will hold the plaque until the next President’s Ball. Ties will share recognition and the plaque. Only the first round of visits are counted.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to incorporate the changes as read.

- c. Showcase of Ideas.- Bonnie Hemperly reported she would be transferring updated pictures and information onto another display board. The new board is lighter in weight and smaller, and will be easier to transport to the State Convention.
- d. President’s Ball Host Report – 2010 – John Donohue reported around 210 registered persons attended this year’s event.
- e. President’s Ball Host Report – 2011 – Steve Zweifach reported Butch Adams would be calling for this event which will be held on Sunday, April 17, from 2 PM to 5 PM

(dance), dinner at 5:15 PM, at the same location in Mechanicsburg. Bill Gordon will call Mainstream/Linda Prosser –Cues. The theme will be “Swing Into Spring”.

- f. Presidents’ Ball Host Report – 2012 – Prettyboy Swingers are coordinating this event.
- g. President’s Ball Host Report -2013-No Club/Clubs volunteered to Host at this time.
- h. Graduation Ball Host – 2010 – Fair Squares/Gad-Abouts are hosting this affair which will take place on Sunday, May 16 from 2-4:30 at the Village Hall in Fairfield, PA.
- i. Graduation Ball Host – 2011 – Doris Kreiter said she is working on location, etc.
- j. Graduation Ball Host – 2012 – Volunteers are needed to host this event.

8. Old Business

- a. 59th National Square Dance Convention, June 23-26, 2010 Louisville, KY
- b. 17th PA State Convention Report, August 20-22, 2010, Johnstown, PA - Ruth Buehler has registration forms and booklets of Johnstown available. . Bill Buehler reported that Tom Miller would be calling a casual dance on Thursday night and there would be a ‘Trail-out’ dance on Sunday.
- c. Farm Show – Tom Kern graciously volunteered the SVSRDA to manage the booth at the farm show for the year 2011 since most of the other associations are farther away. He will ask the clubs to participate in helping with the booth. Dan Prosser volunteered to do the demo on Monday, and Dave Kreiter volunteered for Thursday. Dan Prosser will be in charge of doing the competitions.
- d. PSRDF – Dee Kern & Jerry Beckner passed out PSRDF/SVSRDA Promotional Fund Program applications to be used by clubs when requesting funds for sponsoring/promoting square dance events. Monies are available from SVSRDA for promoting community awareness, free one-nighters, and graduating new dancer classes. PSRDF also provides funds for clubs graduating new dancer classes. Dee Kern emphasized that we should do all we can to help promote square dancing. Ruth and Bill Buehler offered to help anyone with questions about applying for Promotional funds.
- e. Bill Hilborn urged all the clubs to put their club member names into the Microsoft Excel program format, as this facilitates the processing of application forms. for the PSRDF.
- f. Annual Dues of \$15 are due to the SVSRDA Association.

9. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee Report – The Committee consisted of members from Do-Pas-O, Flirts & Skirts and Fair Squares. John Jacobs presented the Committee’s recommendations: for Vice-President, Wilbur and Nancy Gordon: for Recording Secretary, Earl and Mary Hicks: for Chaplain, Ken & Barb Baker. After discussion, Carroll & Louanna Strum stated they would continue as Corresponding Secretary for only one more year. As the term of office is for three years, Ruth Buehler was nominated from the floor to be Corresponding Secretary. Also, from the floor, Bob Lawn & Martha Thompson were nominated for Vice President and Bill Buehler for Recording Secretary. Following the vote, Tom Kern announced the elected officers as: Vice President, Bob Lawn & Martha Thompson; Recording Secretary, Earl & Mary Hicks; Chaplin, Ken & Barb Baker; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Buehler.

- b. 60th National Square Dance Convention, Detroit, MI – June 22-25, 2011.
- c. 18th PSRDF Convention, August 19-21, 2011, Pittsburgh Green Tree, PA. Bill Buehler stated that the 19th Convention in 2012 is also under contract with the Green Tree in Pittsburgh. There is a strong possibility that the 2013 State Convention could be held in Camp Hill. The Camp Hill Radisson has proposed a very attractive bid.
- d. Rainbow Strollers – Sam & Dolores Procopio were unable to attend the Presidents Ball due to illness. A Certificate of Appreciation for years of service will be forwarded to them.
- e. Whirly Birds – This club voted to disband due to lack of leadership.
- f. Web Site – Bill Buehler stated any suggestions for improving the web site are welcome.

10. Good of the Association – Ruth Buehler stated the State Federation has information available for clubs to retain dancers.

11. The next Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Social Services, The Village at Kelly Drive in the Azalea Room, York, PA 17404. on September 12th at 2 p.m.

12. Adjournment – A motion was made/seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.