

BUSINESS MEETING OF SVS&RDA

APRIL 27, 2008

Mechanicsburg Middle School, Mechanicsburg, PA

1. Call to Order by President, Bill Buehler, at 6:20 pm.
2. Prayer was offered by Marti Eshleman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call of clubs - There were 13 out of 14 clubs represented.
4. Secretary's Report – Jay Shuman made the motion, seconded by Willie Kramer, to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Kammerdiener reported Y-T-D beginning balance 5/1/07 \$2,630.00; receipts \$2,659.58; disbursements \$2,177.43; balance 1/13/08 \$3,112.15 in the checking account and \$2,500 in a CD; Willie Kramer made a motion, seconded by Earl Hicks, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.
6. Correspondence Report – Louanna Sturm said they did not have to send any get well cards or sympathy cards this period. If anyone needs to update their email address, please notify Carroll and Louanna Sturm; their address can be found on the front of the directory, under Corresponding Secretary.
7. Comments by President PSRDF, Mike Masko - Mike reported some areas are doing well while other areas are struggling to stay alive. The State Federation is looking into providing financial support for promoting square dancing and recruiting new dancers. It is considering offering a reward for every new dancer that the club would actually graduate. One new promotion this year was the Farm Show Booth. Mike praised Bill & Ruth Buehler on doing a super job on handling a booth at the Farm Show. They are planning to have a booth next year with some refinement on presentation. Mike also mentioned that new callers are needed in some areas and financial help may be available. He also encouraged our participation at the state meetings.
8. **Reports of Committees**
 - a. Calendar of events – Information in packets for upcoming directories for each club to submit next year's officers and patron list, check your map to make sure it is accurate and include your schedule, transmitted in excel format .
 - b. Showcase of Ideas – Jerry Beckner said the showcase has been completed and the cost for redoing it was \$137.00. Bill complemented Jerry & Nancy on doing a fine job.
 - c. Advertising Report – No committee chair; no report.
 - d. Visitation Report – Jerry Beckner reported 11 clubs were involved in the program this year and eight clubs were active. A total of 89 visits were made with 1,165 dancers participating. Four clubs completed all 15 visits; they were Whirly Birds, Swing Thrus, DoPasOs and Shippen Squares. Ninety eight dancers earned the

Friendship Dangle by completing at least five visitations. The winners of the plaque were DoPasOs & Swing Thrus for each having 248 dancers participating.

- e. President's Ball host 2008 – Flirts & Skirts, Dan Prosser reported there were approximately 278 dancers. No final figures are available yet, but Dan said they made a profit.
- f. President's Ball host 2009 – The Executive Committee will host the ball next year with Tim Marriner as the caller and Linda Prosser as the cuer. A Mainstream caller or callers will also be provided by the Caller's Assoc. A location and caterer will be finalized later; possibly the same as this year. Ruth reported several clubs have volunteered to chair committees--DoPasO – decorating; John Donohue – ticket sales; Nancy Williams and Dee Kern – raffle table; Palm Squares – door prizes; Swing Thrus – boutonnieres. The theme will be up to the decorating committee. Other club participation is needed to fulfill remaining jobs, such as MC, greeters, lining up parade, monitor food table, hanging the banners, etc. Each club is requested to consider how they can help and get back to the Executive Committee before the next meeting.
- g. President's Ball host 2010 – The Executive Committee has no host. They have secured Tim Crawford as the feature caller. Tom Kern suggested dividing the profits among the participating clubs. There was discussion, but no action was taken.
- h. Graduation Ball 2008 – Gad-Abouts will host the ball May 18, 2008, 2:00 to 4:30 pm at the Wacohu Grange Hall, Hagerstown, MD.
- i. Graduation Ball 2009 – Flirts & Skirts will host the ball the third Sunday in May, 2:00 to 4:30pm at the Monaghan Fire Hall, Dillsburg, PA.

9. Old Business

- a. Ad Hoc Committee - Jerry & Mary Ann Goshorn, Martha Thompson and Charles & Marti Eshleman – New Dancer support – This committee stated the overall consensus was getting people interested in a class and a need of commitment to finish the program by the new dancers. Some suggestions were to use additional monies to make signs to be placed outside club meeting places during all dances and to make handouts to give to interested spectators at demos. Another suggestion was a possible rebate/refund for the new dancers at the time of their graduation. A more casual dress code for new dancers was suggested. A different time of the year for classes to begin may make them more appealing.
- b. There was a lot of discussion from the floor concerning ways to promote square dancing. One suggestion from Steve Zweifach was to provide a certain amount of financial support for promotional materials. Ruth tabled the idea for now to be revisited later.

10. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee Report for 2008 – Shippen Squares (Shuman, Chm), Swing Thrus & Unconventional Squares. Jerry & Nancy Beckner were nominated for Vice President. Tom Kern made a motion, seconded by Ruth Buehler, that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Earl & Mary Hicks were nominated for Recording Secretary. Willie Kramer made a motion, seconded by Doris Kreiter, that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Carroll and Louanna Sturm were nominated for Corresponding Secretary. Jerry Kammerdiener made a motion, seconded by Steve Zweifach, that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Charles and Marti Eshleman were nominated for Chaplain. Jerry Kammerdiener, seconded by Willie Kramer, made a motion that nominations be closed. Motion passed. Bill said the secretary will cast a ballot as being approved.
- b. National Square Dance Convention, Wichita, Kansas – June 25 to 28, 2008.
- c. The 15th State Square and Round Dance Convention, August 8, 9 & 10, 2008 will be held in Pittsburgh at the William Penn Omni.
- d. The 16th State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held August 14, 15 & 16, 2009 at the Penn Stater Conference Center at State College.
- e. The Whirly Birds will be having their 50th Anniversary Dance, Sunday, October 12, 2008. Tom Miller will be the caller and Linda Prosser will be the cuer.
- f. Google Group – Central PA square dance group. Ruth thanked everyone who has signed up to be part of the group. It is a wonderful opportunity to get your information out to everyone quickly.

11. Good of the Association

- a. Dan Prosser said Max & Miriam Feit from the Star Spangled Weekend in Washington, DC will be willing to run a bus to our area if there is enough interest.
- b. The September meeting will be held September 7, 2008 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 150 Jefferson Ave, York, PA. Meeting dates for 2009 are January 4, 2009 and April 26, 2009.

12. Adjournment

- a. Jerry Kammerdiener made the motion, seconded by Willie Kramer, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave & Joanne Meyers