

SVSRDA BUSINESS MEETING

April 27, 2014

Valencia Ballroom
142 N. George Street
York, PA 17401

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawn at 6:40 pm.
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.

Bob Lawn gave a big Thank You to Flirts & Skirts and Dance A'Rounds for hosting a wonderful Presidents' Ball today.

4. Recording Secretary's Report - Cheryl Rakes. The minutes were not read aloud as everyone should have gotten a copy by email. Motion was made by Bill Buehler to accept the minutes. Seconded by Tom Kern and passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report - Naomi Fisher. Hospitality Expense should be renamed Sunshine. Motion was made by Ruth Buehler to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim Haverstick and passed unanimously.

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2014	<u>Jan - April 2014</u>	Ending Balance as of 4/30/2014
Checking Account \$6,894.72	Total Income \$315.00	
	Total Expenses \$1,206.00	Ending Balance <u>\$6,003.72</u>

6. Corresponding Secretary's Report - Ruth Buehler. There has not been any correspondence.
 - a. Sunshine Report - A thank you card from Tom Kern was received for the flowers and the message was read aloud.
 - b. E-mail changes/corrections - The sheet with a list of emails for receiving a copy of the minutes and 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. Add your name and email if not on the list.
7. Reports of Committees
 - a. SVSRDA Calendar of Events. Membership Dues are due today or by May 1st. The annual dues are \$15.00; there is a \$10.00 fee if not paid by May 17th. Naomi will contact clubs who have not paid. The club visitation fee of \$30.00 is due now also. The club dance schedule and patron lists are due June 1st for the Directory. Naomi needs the schedules to avoid conflicts with other clubs. All information must be submitted on the spread sheet she emailed out. It is designed to catch mistakes. A question was asked about cost to place a page in the book for advertising. Naomi will look up the information and respond.
 - b. Visitation Report - Jim Miller. There were a total of 51 club visits this year as compared to 57 visits last year. Awards were given out at the Presidents' Ball. A total of 490 dancers (679 dancers last year). Each visit counts as one so dancers are counted multiple times. The winter weather may have affected visitation. May 1 starts the new season and ends on March 31, 2015.

c. Showcase of Ideas - Bob Lawn reminded everyone that he has banners for anyone to use and 50 years of American Square Dance magazines from 1949; a total of 9 boxes. Pete Wex expressed an interest in reading through the magazines. Bob will bring them to the next meeting. Dan Prosser will send information to Bob about two groups that might be interested in these magazines.

d. Presidents' Ball - April 27, 2014 - Flirts & Skirts and Dance A'Rounds hosted. Had to scramble to get a new caller, Mac McCall. Approximately 200 dancers. There were 170 meals sold; eight non-dancers for the meal only. Needed only 140 meals to pay for hall rental of \$2,000.00 (not including tax and gratuity). All bills are paid. Will have a report at the September meeting.

e. Presidents' Ball - The date was set - April 26, 2015. Star Promenaders will host. Gary Proctor has a contract for the Valencia Ballroom. Betsy and Roy Gotta will call and cue.

f. Presidents' Ball - 2016 - Need a club or clubs to volunteer. Dan Prosser commented that the Valencia is an ideal place to hold it. Minimum in meals needed, good hall to dance in, not a lot of work for committee, and centrally located. With an 80/20 split, this is an opportunity to make money for your club.

g. Graduation Ball - May 18, 2014 - Do-Pas-O. Jim Haverstick reported the dance will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millersville; enter from back of church from the alley. Dance time is 2:00 - 4:30 pm. The Association will provide the callers; at this time it is Bill Gordon, Gary Proctor, and Dan Prosser. "Bring your new dancers, don't just send them."

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

i. Graduation Ball - 2016 - Still need a host.

Bill Flick from PSRDA reported about the upcoming National Square Dance Convention at Little Rock, AR. Need someone to set up the PSRDF display for the Showcase of Ideas on Wednesday. Officers were elected in April and still need a Historian and Second Vice-President. There is another change of venue for 2015 PA State Convention.

8. Old Business

a. Insurance Program - Report from Tom Kern. Insurance information will be given out at September SVSRDA meeting. Make sure that all paperwork gets completed; must include all members of club. If a member belongs to more than one club, they do not have to pay more than once for insurance. Duplicate of names will be caught by insurance administrator. Cost is \$4.45 for 1 million dollars of coverage. The USDA insurance runs on a calendar year. When new members join the club during the dance year, full payment must be submitted even if it is only for a partial year. Class members have to pay when they join the club. Bill Flick suggested it could be a graduation gift for class members.

b. 21st PA State Convention, Penn Stater Hotel, State College - August 15 -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 and the registration form are on the website: PSRDF.org. Mike Matsko is the General Chairman. By supporting the convention with booster and ad programs, this allows lower registration fees. There is other information and many flyers in the packets today.

c. 22nd PA State Convention Radisson, Harrisburg - August 6 - 8, 2015. There is another location change; it is no longer in Gettysburg. It will be the same location as the 2013 convention. Each club should provide a basket for the Chinese Auction. Individuals dancers and clubs please sign up and bring finger foods for the callers lounge. Bob Lawn has the email address and phone number for Barb McDonald, the General Chairman. Several positions are available on the committee; need volunteers for 50/50, publicity, tours, secretary and greeters. Mike Callahan will be calling for the Trail-In Dance on Thursday evening. Johnny Preston is the caller for Saturday evening. Bob Lawn will copy the letters and send them out to the club presidents.

d. Farm Show Report. Dan Prosser reminded everyone that there were 60+ squares this past January. Currently in the process of picking the music. Hoping to get more youth involved.

e. Annual Dues (see Treasurer's Report).

f. New Dancers Report - Bill Gordon reported that 4 clubs instead of the usual 3 will host a dance this summer. SVSRDA will pay the callers fees and will pay up to \$15.00 for refreshments. Try to keep the hall fee down in cost. The purpose is to introduce new dancers; there will also be round dancing. Cost will be \$2.50 per person. It was suggested to also have a clothing sales at these dances. Since the flyers are already printed, clubs will have to organize and promote the clothing sale. The dates are: Fair Squares - June 1; Swing Thrus - June 22; Flirts & Skirts - July 13; Do-Pas-O - August 10.

g. Nominating Committee, 2014 - Fair Squares, Flirts & Skirts, and Gad-Abouts. Linda Prosser, chairman of the committee, gave the report. Treasurer - Naomi Fisher, Assistant Treasurer - Diane Myers, Recording Secretary - John and Marsha Gorski, Corresponding Secretary - Ivy Lair, and Chaplain - Norm and Gail Diefenderfer. Nominations were closed and the slate of officers was accepted.

h. Nominating Committee, 2015 - Palm Squares, Panhandlers, and Prettyboy Swingers. Offices of President and Vice President need to be filled.

9. New Business

Pete Wex explained some concerns about the Visitation Program. There was a lively discussion about possible changes such as dropping one club from first round, set a minimum number of visits within the dance year, set boundaries for which clubs could join, visit on class nights, and changing the participation fee. Naomi Fisher made a motion to form a committee to review proposed changes to the visitation program. Norm Diefenderfer seconded the motion. A committee was formed to review the Visitation policy and bring back their recommendations. Jim Miller, chairman, Pete Wex, Ruth Buehler, Dan Prosser, and Bob Engle will serve on this committee. To change the by-laws, a written change must be presented to the membership at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

Dan Prosser explained that the South Central PA Google Group only has 50 people in the group. The group allows your club to get out information by email for last minute dance changes and to advertise your dance club. Encourage all those with email to join. Dan Prosser will send an email on how to log in and join with instructions. Bill Buehler stated that anyone can post a message.

Bob Engle mentioned about the Callers and Cuers Dinner Dance on Sunday, November 15, 2015 in the afternoon. It is sponsored by the PA Callers Association. Information about the dance will be in the Directory.

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Club Announcements:

Gad-Abouts have moved their May 31 dance from their regular location to Ag Expo Center. Hunter Keller will be calling.

Ron Sowers announced the Panhandlers will be having a special Barn Dance to promote the Meals On Wheels on September 6, 2014. Dance from 2:00 - 5:00 pm; dinner provided by the local fire department "Chuck Wagon" from 5:00 - 6:00 pm; and then the dance continues from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Location is Shepardstown, WV. Callers are donating their time. Motels are available. This dance can count toward the visitation program.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 150 Jefferson Avenue, York, PA.

The date for the following meeting is Sunday, January 11, 2015.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Rakes
Recording Secretary