

BUSINESS MEETING OF SVS&RDA
September 9, 2007
Grace Lutheran Church, York, PA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. The September 9, 2007 Business Meeting of the Susquehanna Valley Square and Round Dance Association was called to order at 2:00pm by President, Bill Buehler. Dave Meyers offered the invocation in the absence of Chaplain, Ken Baker.

B. Roll Call of clubs by Recording Secretary, Dave Meyers; 13 of 14 clubs responded. Bill announced the Grand Square Club is no longer an active club and the Rainbow Rounds and Rainbow Strollers have combined as one club.

C. Secretary's Report - Jerry Goshorn made the motion, seconded by Linda Prosser, to approve the minutes as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

D. Treasurer's Report - Jerry Kammerdiener reported beginning balance \$2,630.00, receipts \$2,194.63, disbursements \$387.98; balance as of 9/9/07 \$4,436.65. Tom Kern made a motion, seconded by Jerry Goshorn, to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Sunshine Report - Louanna Sturm read thank you notes from Dick Carr and John Jacobs for cards and planters received.

B. E-mail addresses - no response

C. Carroll Sturm read a note from the Rainbow Strollers/Rounds, thanking the association for granting their request to become one club.

D. Audit Report - Glenn Haagen & Norman Diefenderfer conducted the audit report; they praised the bookkeeper and assistant for the outstanding appearance of the books.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Calendar of Events - Directories have been distributed to patrons. We are looking for some one to prepare the directories next year; this task is open to anyone (see addendum to the minutes below). Tom Kern made a motion, seconded by Linda Prosser, to reimburse Bill Buehler \$1,000 for his expenses to complete the directories. Motion passed.

B. Showcase of Ideas - Jerry Beckner explained redoing the showcase; two sides have been completed & they want to redo the map in the center. After discussion on metal backing versus foam backing, Dan Prosser made a motion, seconded by Jerry Goshorn, to go with metal backing to be able to use magnets to make updating easier. The approximate cost to do this is \$260 to \$270. Motion passed.

C. Insurance - Tom Kern reported he needs insurance forms sent back to him. List club members @ \$4.10 each; also list class members, but there is no charge for them. Make check payable to United Square Dancers of America, but send to Tom Kern.

D. Advertising report - Ruth Buehler asked for a volunteer to chair this committee. No response.

E. Visitation report - Jerry Beckner reported there are 11 clubs participating and seven of those clubs are active.

F. Nominating Committee for 2008 - Offices of Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Chaplain -- Shippen Squares (Shuman, Chm), Swing Thrus, Unconventional Squares

G. President's Ball host final report - 2007 Prettyboy Swingers - Dee Kern reported there were 254 total dancers; 209 for dinner & dance; 45 walk-ins. Total income \$6,620; total expenses \$5,375.78 leaving a profit of \$1,244.22. SVS&RDA @ 40% \$497.69; Prettyboy Swingers @ 60% \$746.53.

H. President's Ball host 2008 - Flirts and Skirts - flyers are in packets

I. President's Ball host 2009 - Need a host. It was suggested two clubs could go together to co-host. Dee Kern offered to help anyone.

J. Graduation Ball 2007 final report - Whirly Birds - Jerry Beckner reported they had 52 guests; 14 graduates; six callers and one cuer. Their total income was \$256, expenses \$80; \$176 profit to the

association. It was suggested to charge \$5 per person next year.

- K. Graduation Ball 2008 - Gad-A-Bouts - flyers will be out in January
- L. Graduation Ball 2009 - Flirts & Skirts

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 14th PSFDF Convention, Penn Stater - Total attendance 477, down slightly from previous year. Trail-out dance was added for Sunday. Ten scholarships for new dancers were requested. The Dance-A-Thon program orchestrated by Edith Myers netted more than \$1,000 with half given to the American Cancer Society.

B. National Square Dance Convention, Charlotte, NC - Attendance was 8,021, up from the previous year. Pittsburgh's bid for the 2011 (60th NSDC) Convention was lost to Detroit.

C. Tax Exemption Application - in process

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Farm Show Competition & Demonstrations - Dan Prosser reported the music is ready. Information for the Farm Show Competition should be sent out to club representatives soon. Dan encouraged more dancers to participate in the Demonstration dances.

B. Farm Show Booth - Bill & Ruth Buehler - PSRDF is planning to have an exhibition booth; they will need clubs to volunteer to man the booth, handing out literature and explaining square dancing. The dates are January 5 - 12, 2008, 9:00am to 9:00pm daily and 9:00am to 5:00pm Sat, the 12th.

C. PSRDF - Nominations for officers; if interested, let the Buehlers know.

D. PSRDF - Membership Reporting - refer to charts

E. National Square Dance Convention, Wichita, KS - June 25 - 28, 2008

F. 15th State Square and Round Dance Convention, Pittsburgh - August 8, 9 & 10, 2008

6. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Gad-A-Bouts 50th Anniversary Dance, Oct 14, 2007 @ 2:00pm

B. The street address for Grace Lutheran Church is 150 Jefferson Ave, York, PA 17404. It was suggested to put street addresses on all notices and flyers.

C. Palm Squares is having a New Dancer Dance January 26, 2008.

D. Linda Prosser introduced Bill Hilborn; he and his wife, Susie, are the new representatives for Flirts & Skirts.

E. Linda Prosser expressed appreciation to Bill & Ruth Buehler for emergency publishing of the directory and for being 2007 General Chairmen of the PA State Convention.

F. State Convention for 2009 will be August 14, 15 & 16 at State College.

7. NEXT MEETING to be held January 13, 2008, 2:00 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church, York, PA

8. ADJOURNMENT: Dan Prosser made a motion, seconded by Jerry Goshorn, to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Meyers

Dave Meyers
Recording Secretary

Addendum relative to meeting discussion of need for Directory publisher/collator.

We are seeking proposals from individuals to produce the 2008-2009 and beyond, SVS&RDA Directory. The following are suggested qualifications deemed necessary to complete the task:

- Possession and working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher used to prepare final manuscript for printer.
- Possession and working knowledge of Microsoft Excel or equivalent spread sheet software to enter and verify club schedules and to sort by date within month for transfer to Publisher.
- Possession and working knowledge of Microsoft Word or equivalent word processing software for preparation of patron list and other tasks related to the preparation of the Directory.
- Ability to work with selected vendor that will print, collate, staple and trim booklets.

Suggested time line and specific tasks for the production of the Directory.

- Prepare packets for club input data to be distributed at the April Annual Meeting. Estimated minimum/maximum effort 20/40 hours.
- Collect material received by June 1, from clubs and advertisers, transfer checks and summary sheet to Treasurer, enter data and verify. Prepare draft schedule for club verification on line found on temporary Federation web page. Estimated minimum/maximum effort 20/40 hours, completed by July 1.
- Collect corrections and prepare final manuscript to be sent to printer. Completed by August 1, estimated minimum/maximum effort 10/20 hours.
- Receive completed books and prepare for distribution at the September meeting.

Collation/publishing effort above is deemed to be valued at \$500. Printer budget is approximately \$800 for 350 printed, collated, stapled and trimmed Directories.

Bill & Ruth Buehler
President SVS&RDA