

SVSRDA BUSINESS MEETING
September 8, 2013
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
50 Jefferson Avenue, York, PA 17401

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawn at 2:08 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.
4. Recording Secretary's Report - Cheryl Rakes. Since all of those present had received a copy of the minutes, the minutes were not read aloud. Motion was made by Linda Prosser to accept the minutes. Seconded by Jerry Goshorn and passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report - Naomi Fisher. A correction was made to change the wording for an expense; the account should be titled "Summer Dances" not "New Dancer Program". Correction: the checkbook balance as of August 30, 2013 should read \$7,434.72. Motion was made by Jeff Blum to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Dave Kreiter and passed unanimously. A letter from Glenn Haagen who has completed the Audit Report was read. All is well with the financial records. However, the letter stated the audit was for July 1 through April 30, 2013. It was noted that the correct dates for the fiscal year are July 1 through June 30. It was requested to have Glenn correct the dates in his letter for the Audit Report.

Beginning Balance as of 5/1/2013		Ending Balance as of 8/31/2013
Checking Account \$6,949.66	Total Income \$1,781.34	
	Total Expenses \$1,296.28	Ending Balance <u>\$7,434.72</u>

6. Corresponding Secretary's Report - Ruth Buehler. There has not been any correspondence.
 - a. Sunshine Report -
 - b. E-mail changes/corrections - There were several email and address corrections. The sheet with a list of emails for meeting notifications was passed around the room. Let Ruth Buehler know of any email address changes.
7. Reports of Committees
 - a. SVSRDA Directory 2013 - 2014. Bill Buehler and Naomi Fisher announced that the Directory went very smoothly this year. It makes sense that the money and directory information all go to the treasurer. Naomi has the format and agrees that the treasurer should receive all the directory information. After giving out Directories to the clubs, there are still approximately 20 available. All officers received a free copy. A well-earned thank you was given to Naomi and Bill.
 - b. Showcase of Ideas for SVSRDA was set up at the PA State Convention by Bob Lawn. Items are available to anyone to borrow and set up an information display at a dance or special event; contact Bob. Also, there was a display of square dance magazines - issues available back to 1949. If anyone has a need or idea how to use these magazines, let Bob know. Suggestions for future are to have a hand-out with the SVSRDA web address. Maybe include a QR code in next year's directory - so it can be scanned with a smart phone.
 - c. Insurance Program - Dee Kern has placed the forms in the packets today. The cost is the same as last year \$4.45 per person with a club minimum of \$45.00. If a club holds dances at more than one location, then additional forms need to be filled out. Please submit your information before the deadline.

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

e. Visitation Report - Jim Miller. There are 10 clubs participating; the same 10 as last year. Club visitation cards are available. Please make sure the cards are signed by a club officer of the club that is being visited for the visit to count. Jim encouraged everyone to return the cards promptly. Reminder - the visitation runs from May 1 through March 31. If the dance is sponsored by the SVSRDA (such as New Dancers Dance, Presidents' Ball and Grad Ball), then the visit does not count for the visitation program.

f. Presidents' Ball - 2013 - Swing Thrus. Doris Kreiter reported there were 199 reservations, 12 for dance only, and 8 walk-ins (\$80.00). The SVSRDA did pay for 3 PA State representatives (\$75.00). The raffle brought in \$675.00; Share the Wealth \$209.00; dancer fees \$4,915.00 for a total income of \$5,954.00. Expenses were \$4,519.81. Total profit was \$1,434.19 of which 20% (\$286.84) went to SVSRDA.

g. Presidents' Ball - April 27, 2014 - Flirts & Skirts and Dance A'Rounds will host. Caller will be Glenn Matthew and cuer will be Linda Prosser. It will be held at the Valencia Ballroom.

h. Presidents' Ball - 2015 - need a host. Club makes 80% profit from the net. The Valencia is the ideal place to hold the event because it is reasonably central, free parking, good food, and 75% less set up needed as the Valencia does it for us.

i. Graduation Ball - 2013 - Gad-Abouts and Shippen Squares. Karen Statler stated there were 61 paid dancers at \$5.00 each for an income of \$305.00 and \$43.00 from the 50/50 for a total income of \$348.00. Expenses were \$293.19. Profit was \$54.81.

j. 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.

k. Graduation Ball - 2015 - need a host. Clubs can work together to host this. With possibly a smaller cost for the hall rental, clubs can make a nice profit.

8. Old Business

a. 62nd National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK - 2013. No Report.

b. 20th PA State Convention, Camp Hill, PA - 2013. Dee Kern expressed thanks to all who helped and especially to Susquehanna Valley for all their support for Tom and Dee as Convention Chairmen. They have received many evaluation forms and thank-you notes including the letter posted from Scott Brown. The change in the calling time schedule allowed more time per caller; this provided better continuous dancing because of not having to spend so much time for setting up. The sound system was provided by SVSRDA with Jerry Goshorn and was fantastic. The Trail-In dance on Thursday night had 27 - 30 squares. There were 26 callers that filled 92 slots. Total attendance was 460 vs. 393 at Pittsburgh last year. The Radisson Hotel was sold out.

c. Upcoming State and National Conventions:

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

21st PA State Convention, State College - August 15 -17, 2014. Mac McCall will call for the Trail-In dance on Thursday night and there will be a charge. No decision has been made yet about dance format.

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

22nd PA State Convention, Harrisburg, PA - August, 2015

65th National Square Dance Convention, Des Moines, IA - June 22 - 25, 2016

66th National Square Dance Convention, Cincinnati, OH - June 21 - 24, 2017

9. New Business

a. Farm Show - Dan Prosser. Flyers are in the packets with requests to help with the demo. Get your registration in early. By October 15 of last year already had 60 squares signed up. As Dusty and Barbara Miller are moving, Dusty will not be doing the commentary. Dan has been in contact with PCN; they might provide a commentator. There will not be a booth this year. Thanks were expressed to all the clubs who have supported the booth in the main building.

b. Reminder to pick up your club packet. There are flyers with information for money making opportunities. There are 3 programs from SVSRDA to get money back. The first incentive is for promoting community awareness, second is for a free first nighter, and third is for graduating a class. You can make copies of the flyers if you need more. PA State Federation also has programs for new caller/cuer school, promotions for improving square and/or round dancing, and if your club has 3 or more graduates. There are other criteria that must be met to be eligible.

c. Norm Diefenderfer reminded everyone about PSRDF membership lists and dues.

d. Bill Gordon commented about a bill from the Caller Association for \$330.00 for callers' fees. Motion was made by Pete Wex to fund the new dancer program. Seconded by Jim Haverstick and passed unanimously. Need to have everyone promote the new dancers dances.

10. Good of the Association

a. Unconventional Squares is starting a 6-week program as an introduction to DBD. Gleason Crumling will be the caller.

b. Martha Thompson showed a sample of the signs that Gad-Abouts had made to advertise their class.

c. Next meeting: January 5, 2014 at 2:00 pm - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 150 Jefferson Avenue, York, PA . *(Note this date was later changed to January 12 to avoid the conflict with the Farm Show.)*

11. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Rakes
Recording Secretary