

SVSRDA BUSINESS MEETING
September 9, 2012

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
150 Jefferson Avenue
York, PA 17401

1. Meeting was called to order by President Tom Kern at 2:02 pm.
2. Ken Baker led prayer.
3. Roll Call of Clubs by Ruth Buehler. All thirteen clubs were represented.
A welcome was extended to the new club Panhandlers from Martinsburg, WV who joined SVSRDA in April, 2012 represented by club president Jerry Roberts. A welcome was extended to new representatives from Shippen Squares – Dennis and Karen Statler.
4. Since the minutes had been distributed by email, everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes. A motion was made by Jeff Blum that the Minutes of the April meeting be approved as distributed. Motion was seconded by Ruth Buehler and passed unanimously. Cheryl Rakes is the new Recording Secretary. Since she is new to the association, Tom made a request that whenever we have a motion on the floor please state your name.
Bill Buehler commented that the Minutes for the past 6 years are available on the SVSRDA web site. Type the word ‘minutes’ in the URL line: <http://psrdf.org/svsrda/minutes/>
5. In the absence of Bonnie Hemperly, the Treasurer’s Report was presented by Naomi Fisher.
Total Income for the year \$1,727.00 Total Expenses \$1,198.00 Balance 8/31/2012 \$7,997.00
A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Barb Crumling. Motion was seconded by Bob Lawn and passed unanimously. Audit is being done by Glenn Haagen.
6. Correspondence Report – Ruth Buehler passed around a sheet to update email addresses. There were no communications and no concerns.
7. Reports of Committees
 - a. Visitation Report – Bob Lawn reported that the new year has already started and so far there have been 10 club visits with 115 people who made visits. We are off to a good start! Tom emphasized that the visitation program is a win-win for everybody; please encourage your clubs to participate.
 - b. Showcase of Ideas – not discussed as Bonnie Hemperly was not present.
 - c. Presidents’ Ball Report – April 29, 2012 - Prettyboy Swingers. Dee Kern thanked everyone for their support. Everyone had a wonderful time. A total of 240 people attended: 207 attended both dinner and dance; 33 people attended the dance only. A check in the amount of \$323.38 was sent to SVSRDA. There were 4 - 6 squares of new dancers (including the angels). 20% of the profit from the Presidents’ Ball went to Prettyboy Swingers.
 - d. Presidents’ Ball Host – 2013 – Report given by Ruth Buehler for Doris Kreiter. Swing Thrus will host, April 28 using the same location as 2012 – Valencia Ballroom, York, PA. Altland House will provide the food. Since there is no custodial fee, a good profit can be made. Tom Miller and Dave Kreiter will call.

Tom noted that hosting the President's Ball can help to fund a club's bank account. It was suggested that since expenses are minimum using this venue of the Valencia Ballroom; it is a good way for a club to make some dollars.

e. Presidents' Ball Host – 2014 – What club is willing to volunteer? It can be hosted jointly with another club. Hope that by January SVSRDA meeting that a club will come forward to host. Plan B is for the association to host the event.

f. Presidents' Ball Host – 2015 – Again, looking for a club/clubs to host.

g. Graduation Ball Report – 2012 – White Rose. Gayle Silverman reported there were 7 squares; had a good turn out. Had a good mix of callers and cuers. Thank you to the callers and cuers who came to help. Tom requested that all dancers support this program as angels.

h. Graduation Ball Host – Sunday, May 19, 2013 – Gad Abouts and Shippen Squares. Karen Statler reported that the location for the dance will be Scotland Community Center, PA and is behind the Scotland United Methodist Church Hall. A security deposit of \$100.00 has been paid. Per Dan Prosser the Caller Association will provide the callers; Bob Lawn will coordinate with Dan. Flyers will be out by January.

i. Graduation Ball Host – May, 2014 – Do-Pas-O. No report.

j. Graduation Ball Host – 2015 – Open. Go back to your clubs; we need a club to volunteer. Don't want to wait until the last minute to make arrangements.

Tom asked that all representatives make a point of disseminating all information from the SVSRDA meeting. There is a lot of information to pass along to your clubs.

8. Old Business

a. New Dancers Report – Bill Gordon. This was the first year; had a total of 8 squares. A few mistakes were made; but those will be corrected. Would like to have more clubs participate. Father's Day in June was not a good date. There were 3 dances over the summer: one each in June, July, and August. If more clubs want to sponsor dances, then we can have more! We will have a meeting in November. SVSRDA pays for the hall rental, caller fee, and refreshments. There is no expense to the club except to "turn on the lights". There were 2 – 3 callers at each dance.

b. 62nd National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK – June 26 – 29, 2013

c. 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – June 25 – 28, 2014

d. 20th PA State Convention, August 9 – 11, 2013, Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA
Tom and Dee are the Chairmen for the convention. Flyers were distributed; there might be a slight modification to the flyers. Many people from SVSRDA are on the committee. Tom and Dee are trying to make the convention exciting with tours, a trail in dance, and on Saturday night Bill Harrison and Tom Miller will be calling in the Plus Hall. Please support Tom and Dee with the convention in this area of the state.

e. 21st PA State Convention, August 15 – 17, 2014, State College, PA

f. 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA – June 24 – 27, 2015

g. 22nd PA State Convention, August 2015 – Harrisburg, PA To be held at the Harrisburg Hilton

h. Nominating Committee for 2013: White Rose, Dance A-Rounds, and Do Pas O clubs. Need a President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Tom will appoint a chairman if the committee does not select one themselves. Would like to have a tentative report for the January SVSRDA meeting.

i. Farm Show Booth, January 5 - 12, 2013 This is not a SVSRDA project; it is a PA State project. The Western Federation is covering the booth for an entire day – Monday. Dan Prosser is covering all day Tuesday. Swing Thrus will take an entire day also. A sign up sheet was passed out; get back to Tom ASAP so he can set up the schedule. Get your club to volunteer to work the booth for several time slots or for a full day or half day. Could use this opportunity to pass out information to start a new dancer class in February.

j. Farm Show Competition & Demos – Dan Prosser has picked the music, flyers are in the packets. This is a good opportunity to start new classes mid-year. No other state in the US has this opportunity to promote square dancing. Two hours of free publicity for square dancing on TV. DVD is available from Dan.

9. New Business

a. For continuity both the President and Vice President should be elected in the same year since the VP usually moves up to the President position. Currently the positions are voted in opposite years; each serve a 2 year term. Dan Prosser made a motion to change the By-Laws to have the President and Vice President elected in the same year and the alternating year will be other 2 year officer positions. Jeff Blum seconded the motion and was passed unanimously. A notice will be made prior to the January, 2013 meeting so that this By-law change can be voted upon at the January meeting. Motion was amended by Dan to state that the President and VP will be elected in odd years and all other officers in even years. The President and VP are the only offices with a term limit. Jeff Blum seconded the amendment and it was passed unanimously.

b. Visitation – A letter had been submitted about making a change to the visitation rules. Since the person who initiated the change was not present, a motion was made by Jerry Roberts to table this discussion about revising the visitation policy until the January meeting. Dan Prosser seconded and was passed unanimously.

c. For the 20th PA State Convention, Dan Prosser and Tom Kern would like to bring in an outside National Caller for the Thursday Trail In Dance. PSRDF is not willing to pay for the caller. Discussion ensued about SVSRDA underwriting the cost. The cost will be \$450.00 for the calling fee and one night's lodging. Dan Prosser made a motion to send a contract to Gary Shoemake and for SVSRDA to underwrite the trail in dance on Thursday night of the Convention unless PSRDF changes their position and agrees to pay. Seconded by Bill Buehler and was passed unanimously.

10. Good of the Association

Next Meeting: January 13, 2013 at 2:00 pm – Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
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11. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted Cheryl Rakes Recording Secretary