

SVSRDA Business Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2016  
Monaghan Fire Hall  
245 W. Siddonsburg Rd  
Dillsburg, Pa 17019

1. Meeting called to order by Jim Miller at 6:10pm
2. Prayer was led by Chaplain Norm Diefenderfer
3. Roll Call of Clubs-Unconventional Squares did not attend
4. Recording Secretary's Report-Bob Lawn-Tom Kern moved to accept minutes, Bob Lawn 2<sup>nd</sup>.
5. Treasurer's Report by Naomi Fisher-Approved as submitted.

Beginning balance as of Jan 1, 2016	Jan-April 2016	Ending Balance April 23, 2016
Checking Acct-\$6627.06	Total Income \$2510.00	
	Total Expenses \$1170.38	Ending Balance \$8256.18

A quick tally for today's Presidents Ball-144 people including 27 walk-ins attended  
100 people for dinner (paid for 2 no shows)  
Tentative income-\$2858.00, Expenses \$2745.87, profit \$112.13 Does not include hall rental.

6. Corresponding Secretary's Report-Al & Ivy moved to North Carolina. Ivy suggests eliminating this position. Will discuss in old business.
7. Reports of Committees
  - a. Nominating Committee for Offices-Will consider later
  - b. Showcase of ideas-Bob Lawn-Nothing new.
  - c. Visitation report-Jack Stone-Jack submitted report and has some suggestions for changes/improvements. It takes at least four people to count as ½ of a visit. 8 people for 1 visit.
  - d. Presidents Ball report 2016-Bob Lawn thanked all the people who helped out.
  - e. Presidents Ball Host 2017-Swing Thrus will host. Need to find a location. Won't know for 2-3 months if Valencia will be open. How do we like Monaghan Fire Hall? Much better sound. It felt more intimate and light and airy. In past 200-300 came to Valencia and only 144 to Fire Hall. Do we think because of location? Some thought no. Some thought wasn't as well promoted. We're not getting many mainstream/new dancers. There were 2 squares this year. We would have lost money at Valencia and once hall rental for fire hall is included will lose money this year, too. Don't know what rent is for fire hall. Hunter Keller is next years caller and will need speakers. Dan's were used this year.
  - f. Presidents Ball Host 2018-Are there any volunteers?
  - g. Graduation Ball Host 2016-Fair Squares is the host for May 15. The Gleason Crumley Memorial is scheduled for the same day. The callers will be going to the memorial. Should the Graduation Ball be suspended for this year in honor of Gleason? Motion to cancel dance was seconded and passed.
  - h. Graduation Ball Host 2017-Gad-Abouts will host.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Insurance Program-Tom Kern-Tom passed out an article on insurance from the USDA magazine.
  - b. Visitation Policy-Jack Stone submitted and distributed a proposal to change the visitation policy to match what has commonly been done. Some highlights discussed were 4-7 dancers constitute a half visit. Cash payouts are based on the number of visits not number of dancers. The Association may add funds for cash awards, but is not obligated to do so. Bob Lawn will contact person who handles website to take off the visitation policy since it also appears in the by-laws. Norm moved to accept the changes, Bob Engel seconded and was approved by vote.
  - c. Farm Show-No report
  - d. PSRDF State Coordinator for Club membership-Norm Diefenderfer-Nothing new.
  - e. PSRDF-Reminder to all clubs-promotional monies from the State are on hold until their financial situation improves.
  - f. SVSRDA booklet explanation for 2016-Naomi Fisher-Be sure to send in schedules, maps and patron list to Naomi by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Must use Excel spreadsheet that she sent to clubs and the patron list must be on Word.
  - g. Discussion of increasing the financial payments to clubs for demos, one nighters and graduating classes (now \$25 for one in Spring and one in Fall, max \$50 per club per event per year) Not in Bylaws so can be changed at this meeting without 15 days notice prior to meeting. Approved at last meeting.
  - h. Proposed amendment to the Bylaws regarding the Visitation Program. See separate email memo from Jack Stone. Approved at last meeting in January: Naomi Fisher that we(SVSRDA)match the funds contributed by the member clubs participating in the visitation Program for the financial award payments to each club at the conclusion of the visitation year. For example, if each club paid in \$30 and there were 10 clubs participating the pot would have been \$300 in the past. This proposal would double the pot to \$600 to be paid out proportionately to each club for the number of visits each made in relation to the total number of visits. To change the Bylaws will require 2/3rds vote of the members present, including the SVSRDA officers and maximum of two votes per club of those attending the meeting. (7 officers + 18 representatives max from 9 clubs=25 votes with 2/3rds equal to 17 votes to change Bylaws.) Approved at last meeting. Proposed Amendment to Eliminate Correspondence Secretary Position-Bob Engel-don't we need to give at least two weeks notice to change Bylaws? Jim Miller sent them out after last meeting but didn't state that it was for a change in Bylaws. Need to be sent out again? Dee Kern asked if the current Correspondence Secretary would be willing to take on the extra duties? The current Correspondence Secretary's term is ending. Jim Miller said that he has the info and could send out messages. Bob Lawn will also be making mailings to the clubs. It could be changed at the next meeting if the Correspondence Secretary takes on the duties of the Recording Secretary or if we just eliminate the position. Jim Miller said he then needs to craft words to announce our intentions then take it up at the next meeting. Tom Kern-We can send it out now and then read and vote at the next meeting.
- I. Vote for new officers-Slate of new officers is Recording Secretary, Bob Lawn, Naomi Fisher

has agreed to remain Treasurer, Mary Jo Proctor has agreed to be Assistant Treasurer, Norm and Gail Diefenderfer agreed to continue as Chaplains. Motion made to accept Slate of Officers as nominated, seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Jim Miller thanked the outgoing officers. Some more discussion took place regarding the Visitation Program and the disparity in visits that were made by the Palm Squares and the much smaller amount of visits that they received. They totalled 245 dancers making visits and received 125 visitors, many of which were not part of countable visits, just dancers coming to dance. They would like to see more support from the clubs. They are also going to be trying to set up more guest callers to promote their club attendance. Dee Kern said that the PSRDF was very happy with the SVSRDA visitation results and has encouraged all the clubs in the state to step up their programs. Maryland has questioned our visitation program. Naomi Fisher thinks that Maryland is changing over to our program. Dee Kern stated that she thinks our program works great.

9. New Business

- a. National Square Dance Convention is in Des Moines, Ia in 2016.
- b. Pa Federation 23<sup>rd</sup> State Convention, Holiday Inn, Johnstown, August 11, 12, 13 2016- Thursday evening, Jeremy Butler, Saturday evening Tim Marriner.
- c. Pa Federation 24<sup>th</sup> Convention in 2017-This convention has already been cancelled. This year's convention will be a determining factor for future conventions. Our clubs need to encourage dancers to attend. This could be the last convention if it is not supported. Ted Lizotte told Jim Miller that the New England Convention had 1000 dancers in the first two days. The New England states get together for the one convention and hold them in the same place 2 years in a row. Naomi pointed out that there will be all day dancing on Friday at this years convention and they are keeping the 20 minute slots. There will be round dancing in two halls this year. If there is a 2018 convention it is likely to be in Camp Hill again. Naomi has been asked to check out Lancaster, but Lancaster hotels won't deal because August is already prime time. If anyone is at a good hotel in a good location, like the Poconos or elsewhere, let Tony and Diana Rock know. Recently, the best attendance has been at Camp Hill. In the past when there were more square dancers there was better attendance at other locations. The attendance is not big enough to support a convention in State College anymore.
- d. PSRDF Board Meeting, April 2016 in Johnstown. - Information regarding excursions has been put in our packets. A discussion was started on the floor that there are not one day dance prices available for walk ins. Other dance festivals have the same policy. The thing that makes festivals and conventions profitable are the number of hotel rooms sold. They can't afford the insecurity of relying on walk ins or giving refunds.
- e. Other new business. Bob Engel- Bob and Gleason Crumley had been doing the Running Bear dance in Leola. It may not continue. The hall has already been let go. Let the dancers know and destroy flyers. Call Bob Engel for any other information. The Fair Squares last dance is May 21, 2016. The club is closing and Al Groth is retiring. Send in any items for a scrapbook for Al. Thank you for past support of the club.

10. Good of the Association-Next meeting is September 18, 2016 at 2:30pm at the church in York.  
Club dues are due by May 17<sup>th</sup> or will cost another \$10.00. Clubs are \$15.00 and Visitations are \$30.00 and are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
11. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.