

MDSDF DELEGATES MEETING

January 19, 2020

Catonsville Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm, followed by the pledge.

MINUTES: One of the delegates asked to confirm that WASCA insurance coverage is \$2 M, as noted on page 2 of the November 2019 minutes. Virgil Forbes moved to accept the minutes; Norva Pope seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was presented by Cheryl Rakes. Virgil Forbes moved to accept the report; Mike Sumy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2020 FESTIVAL

REGISTRATION is currently at 126. We believe this is a little higher than last year at this time. Please remember to make your reservations directly with the hotel. Hotel information is on the SSBF flyer and on the website.

THEME DANCES have been scheduled for Spinning Windmills on March 2 and Crabtown Squares on March 27. Both Round Ups and Four County Squares need to be re-scheduled. We still need to schedule a date with Chesapeake Squares, Frederick Promenaders and Chain Reactors. Amyable Rounders had a very successful Theme Dance visitation. We received three new registrations and \$238 for the flooring fund. It was also suggested that we ask each club to donate all or part of their portion of the 50-50 raffle on their MDSDF Theme Night.

PUBLICITY: Please take the flyers everywhere! If you are dancing outside the MDSDF, please take flyers with you and display at that club/event, especially in PA, DE and NJ. We are placing an ad in the USDA magazine and in the NJ newsletter

50-50 SALES: We need people to staff the 50-50 booth at the Festival. One person will be in charge of each day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) and will recruit people to help sell the tickets.

JOHNS HOPKINS CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY: We have changed the name of the 5-3-2 raffle to the Johns Hopkins Children's Oncology Raffle in order to focus attention on the charity instead of the money. The tickets will be available soon.

CLOTHING VENDOR: One vendor has declined to attend our Festival and we are waiting to hear from a second one. The Second Hand Rose was very successful last year. Do we want to do this again? It was suggested that we ask one or more of our clubs to run the Second Hand Rose.

FLOORING FUNDRAISER: We currently have \$668 in the fund. Peggy Lea Gosnell suggested that we let the dancers know how much the flooring cost to install and use for the Festival. Perhaps that would be incentive for them to donate to the fund.

THE MDSDF BOARD visited the hotel in December for a tour and lunch. They were happy with the venue and the food. There is a shuttle bus that runs from the hotel to downtown Gettysburg for dancers to eat away from the hotel or to sightsee if they wish. Bev Sumy asked about the possibility of box lunches as an easy lunch for attendees.

WELCOME BANNER: Jeff Spence will work on a large backdrop banner for the hotel. We want to have a "Welcome Dancers" banner to welcome our dancers to the new venue.

ADVERTISING: Jeff Spence has advertising forms available and copies of last year's ads as examples or if advertisers want to run the same ad. He is challenging each club to sell/place 5 ads in the program. He also requests that ads be given to him photo ready if possible, as it is much easier for him and will ensure the ad will appear as they wish. A 1/8 page ad (business card size) costs only \$25.

FESTIVAL 2021

THE 2021 FESTIVAL will be back at Hunt Valley on July 15, 16, 17. The calling staff will be Tom Miller (PA), Bill Harrison (MD), Ken Ritucci (MA), Tony Oxendine (NC), and Ted Lizotte (NH). The cueing staff will be Wayne & Barbara Blackford (FL), Kurt & Tammy Worlock (FL) and possibly Kristine & Bruce Nelson (AZ).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

SICKNESS & DISTRESS sent sympathy cards to Irv Easterday on the death of his wife Betty; to Dale Holland on death of brother Ron; to family of Abe Feldman; to Tina Helble on the death of her mother, and to Dawn Rafferty on the death of her mother. Get well cards were sent to Peter Bichel (work-related injury), Peg Taboda (stroke), Ruthye Steinberg (pneumonia) and to Pat Hicks (knee surgery). Cards will be sent to Dayle Hodge (surgery) and to Bill Cogburn (shoulder).

LICENSE PLATES: One new license plate was issued.

MEMBERSHIP: Peggy Lea Gosnell reported that all rosters are complete.

PARKS & REC: Peggy Lea Gosnell reported that the Catonsville Senior Center is now using the facility during the day on Saturdays, so it will not be available to us. It will still be available for use on Saturday evenings. Bruce Simpers suggested that MDSDF donate trash bags to the center to help them out, as they must buy all their own supplies. If you have donations, give to Bruce or Peggy Lea and they will take to center. He also said that he makes sure the Center knows the items are from the square dancers!

MACA is sponsoring a spring dance featuring caller Anne Uebelacker the first weekend in May. They are also sponsoring a fundraising dance for Linda Sellner on Sunday, Feb. 9. Linda has been sick and unable to work for about a year. Please give all donations in cash as she cannot get to a bank to cash checks.

CLUB INSURANCE: Don Pahl commented that he went online and found it very easy to sign up using the online program. Mike Sumy asked about the requirements for insurance. Norva Pope said that any club which dances in a school MUST have insurance. There was also discussion about CallerLab insurance; however this insurance only covers the callers, not the dancers. Brandt Braunschweig suggested that a written statement explaining insurance for dancers, club and callers would be helpful.

RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION reported that we currently have 44 students in the system. The ¾ Way Dance is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at the Catonsville Senior Center. The caller will be Doren McBroom and Amy Shotting will cue the rounds. The dance will also have a 50-50 raffle and a Second Hand Rose sale. A new New Dancers calendar is available.

APPRECIATION DANCE will be hosted by Friendship Squares this year. It will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the Catonsville Senior Center from 2-4:30. Doren McBroom will call and Amy Shotting will cue.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE reported that Brandt Braunschweig and Betty Jones have been elected to fill the two vacant Board seats. They may then seek re-election to a full term in the next election.

SDLBA: Bruce Simperts reported that CallerLab will be held April 6-8, 2020 in Reno, NV. They will focus on Social Connections with seminars and panels, to emphasize how social square dancing is, and to encourage people to get away from their devices and come out and be social. Virgil Forbes noted that you do not have to be a caller to attend and said dancers might find it interesting.

GOOGLE GROUP currently has 323 members. Don Pahl said it was interesting that although we are always gaining and losing members the number remains fairly constant.

TELEPHONE TREE: Norva Pope handed out a new Telephone Tree to use for the next 2-3 weeks while she updates it to include the two new clubs. The new Tree will be handed out as soon as it is completed.

USDA: Carol Eyre has USDA prescription cards available (similar to GoodRx). Laura Vykol and Norva Pope will represent MDSDF at the USDA annual meeting at the Spokane national convention in June 2020. They meet on the Wednesday before the convention officially starts on Thursday.

WEBSITE: Although Bill Phelps is away, Cheryl Rakes reported that the website is now fixed and functional. She also said we need to add the meeting dates of the Delegate Meetings to the site. These meetings are open to anyone to attend and we would like to encourage people to come to the meetings. Brandt Braunschweig offered his services as technical support for the website.

ROLL CALL: Laura Vykol reported that 14 of the 17 clubs were present. Round Ups, Crabtown Squares and Dublin Dancers were absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DIRECTORY: We need corrected membership lists in order to complete the directory. Please submit as soon as possible.

BANNER RAIDS: Carol Eyre stated that there has been some discussion about unretrieved banners. She said that if Club A does not retrieve their banner from Club B by the end of the dance season, then Club A must pay Club B the admission fee of one square of dancers.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT: The MDSDF books must be audited. Dave & Elaine Hartman have done this in the past. Carol Eyre will contact them to see if they are available to do it this year.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASUAL SQUARES will host a Leap Day Dance on Saturday, February 29 at the Catonsville Senior Center. The next weekend Leap Day will not occur until 2032.

FRIENDSHIP SQUARES will host their annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 1. John Marshall will be calling and Amy Shotting will be cueing.

AMYABLE ROUNDERS will host a special Pre-WASCA Dance on Wednesday March 18. The Tres Amigos Dance will feature cuers Rey & Sherry Garza (CA) and Jack & Sharie Kinney (TX) in addition to Amy & Ken Shotting. The dance will be at Meade Middle School from 7:30-9:30 pm.

FREDERICK PROMENADERS will have a newspaper reporter from a local paper at their dance on Friday, February 7.

SWINGING SQUARES will host their annual Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 15 with Virgil Forbes calling and Amy Shotting cueing. Class level dancers are welcome at this dance. They will celebrate their 41st Anniversary with a dance on Saturday, February 29, also with Virgil and Amy. May 30 will be their Summer Sendoff dance. Angels are always welcome at Friday night classes.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Forbes moved to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Lea Gosnell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helena Jester
Recording Secretary