

MDSDF DELEGATES MEETING  
May 19, 2019  
Catonsville Senior Center

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by VP Cheryl Rakes at 2:22 pm, followed by the pledge. Cheryl then addressed some remarks to the delegates regarding the hours of commitment for different positions-delegate, committee member, officer, caller/cuer. She requested that delegates consider their time availability and whether they might be able to do more for MDSDF.

**MINUTES** were accepted as read. Mike Sumy made the motion; seconded by Ellen Linsenbardt.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was approved. Norva Pope made the motion, Bill Phelps seconded.

**FESTIVAL 2019:**

DECORATION COMMITTEE will have their final meeting in June to finalize plans. They are on target to have everything accomplished on time.

5-3-2 TICKET committee (Norva) said that not all clubs got their tickets this year. Please acquire and sell your tickets. (NOTE: Tickets were available at this meeting for the delegates to take with them.)

REGISTRATION is approximately 176 at this time.

PATRON LISTS have been turned in by only half the clubs. Peggy Lea Gosnell will contact the rest of the clubs to get their lists.

T-SHIRTS are still available! Please contact Carol Eyre if you would like one.

DANCE SOCKS are a possibility for the Second Hand Rose shop at the convention. We are looking into selling them to the Festival attendees. (This is an idea we borrowed from WASCA.)

BASKET RAFFLE is going well. Contact Mary Dean with any questions.

2ND HAND ROSE is considering having NEW pettipants available for sale this year. Quite a few people were looking for them last year, but there were not many good quality pettipants available at last year's sale. So we are thinking about having some new pairs (black and white only) available for sale. Also, the Second Hand Rose shop needs more volunteers! Please consider donating an hour of your time to help out. Additionally, please remember that donating clothing to the SHR is just that—a donation. It is not a consignment shop; donors will not receive any monies for items sold.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE should be completed by June 1.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE will meet in early June.

**FESTIVAL 2020:**

**THE VENUE HAS BEEN MOVED!** Although we had a contract with the Red Lion Inn in Timonium, they have not fulfilled their portion. Rooms are empty, there is no restaurant, and the staffing is poor. Therefore we have had to look farther afield for a venue for this event. We have found the Eisenhower Conference Center in Gettysburg. They have large ballrooms, a restaurant, a pool, and they are willing to work with us. One ballroom already has a wooden floor, and we can put flooring in the other rooms. We will have to change the date to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in July, but there is nothing available locally for either weekend. Four of the five callers, and all the cuers are available for the new dates. (Ken Ritucci is not available, but is willing to call for us in 2021.) Doren McBroom said we still have to look at the use of the space, since it is a new-to-us facility. He has some ideas! Norva Pope asked about the distance, but Doren said the difference in mileage is negligible. The restaurant is small, but the center has other catering options available, such as a Grab-and-Go lunch. Also, there is a shuttle bus that goes into Gettysburg on a regular basis, so people could go there for dinner.

A SAVE THE DATE notification will be sent to MDSDF once the contract has been signed.

**MEMBERSHIP** remains at 325, according to Peggy Lea Gosnell.

**WEBSITE** is “going along” per Bill Phelps.

**AMBASSADOR PROGRAM** is completed for this year.

**THREE-QUARTERWAY DANCE** was held on March 31. There were 72 dancers, including 21 new dancers. Art LaVigne was the caller, and Peg Kincaid cued the rounds.

**APPRECIATION DANCE** was held on May 5. Four County Squares was the host club. There were 34 dancers. Dayle Hodge called the dance and Amy Shotting cued the rounds. It was noted that there was a lot of round dancers present! Doren McBroom asked about changing the date to have less conflict with other dances. There was discussion around this topic, but no firm decision.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS** Committee sent Thinking of You cards to Ken Shotting and Tom Sellner, and Get Well cards to Norva Pope and Betty Jones. Sympathy cards were sent to Bob Weaver on the loss of his wife Leigh Ann, and to Carmela Pryluck on the loss of her husband Joe. It was suggested that we send a Thinking of You card to John & Wanda Frick and also to Linda Sellner, who has sepsis and MRSA.

**GOOGLE GROUP** currently has 324 members.

**PARK & REC** contact Peggy Lea Gosnell reports all is well.

**SDLBA** rep Bruce Simperts reported that CallerLab had their annual meeting in Richmond in April. No changes were reported.

**MACA** hosted caller Ross Howell for a weekend event on May 4-5. They had 5+ squares. (Report by Amy Shotting).

**USDA** has a meeting at the National Square Dance Convention. Ellen, Carol and Cheryl will attend.

**ROLL CALL** Nine out of the 16 MDSDF clubs were present at today's meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

VIRGIL FORBES recently celebrated 40 years of calling. MDSDF presented him with a plaque at the Swinging Square 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance.

DIRECTORY is still delayed.

FUNDRAISER ideas are needed!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

ELECTIONS were held. Peggy Lea Gosnell was elected to another term as Board Member of MDSDF. We still need to elect one more Board Member.

BANNER RAID GUIDELINES were provided by Virgil Forbes. Clarification was needed on this scenario: If Club A has Club B's banner, and Club B comes to steal Club A's banner, can they actually steal the banner or do they have to retrieve their own banner first? We will ask Virgil to clarify this and

present his findings at the next meeting.

MOTION TO CANCEL JULY DELEGATE MEETING was made by Norva Pope and seconded by Doren McBroom. (This is a formality since the meeting would normally fall on the same weekend as the Star Spangled Banner Festival)

**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

SOLO STARS are dancing tonight, May 19, at the Bykota Senior Center.

CASUAL SQUARES will be dancing on Saturdays at the Catonsville Senior Center over the summer, beginning on June 8.

TOM THUMBS will host their third annual Summer Series (aimed at helping new graduates retain their square dancing knowledge) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of June, July & August. The July 22 dance will be a 2x2 with Amy Shotting on rounds. Bruce Simperts will call at all the dances.

AMYABLE ROUNDERS will hold a Beginners Round Dance class in the fall. The first class will be on Thursday, October 3, and that class will be FREE to TRY. You don't need to be a square dancer to take this class, so invite all your non-square dancing friends.

PENNSYLVANIA FABULOUS FALL FESTIVAL September 26-28 will feature many of our local callers and cuers in addition to three National Callers. Local callers are Dayle Hodge, Doren McBroom, and Art La Vigne, along with PA callers Bob Engel and Dan Koft. Amy Shotting will cue, along with PA cuers Debbie Elser, Chris Jopek, and Kathy Koft.

A PLUS WORKSHOP for the new dancers to brush up on their Plus calls before the Festival will be held on Sunday, July 14 at the Catonsville Senior Center from 2-4:30 pm. Cost will be \$5. Art LaVigne will be the caller.

NEXT DELEGATE MEETING will be Sunday, September 15 at the Catonsville Senior Center.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Saturday June 8.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Peggy Lea Gosnell, seconded by Amy Shotting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helena Jester  
Recording Secretary