

Mason-Dixon Square Dancers Federation, Inc.
Delegates Meeting via Zoom
November 17, 2024

Pledge:

Carol led the Pledge and then called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. There were several requested updates including changes to the Ambassador Dances. Margie motioned that the minutes be accepted with the requested changes; Brandt second. The motion passed.

Treasure Report:

The treasurer's report was distributed via email prior to the meeting, however the email only had five attachments and there should be six. The "6th file" was sent at the beginning of the meeting. Lots of discussion regarding technical aspects of accounts in QuickBooks. These will be taken offline and resolved with the appropriate board members.

Amy motioned that the reports be accepted; Joyce second. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

59th SSBF, Held July 18 – 20, 2024

Carol read a thank you note that was received for the check to Johns Hopkins, Camp Sunshine.

60th Festival, July 17-19, 2025 – Ellen Linsenbardt and Jackie Boggs

Ellen Linsenbardt reported. The festival is official. Flyers are going out. Jackie took flyers to Friendship Squares on Friday. Festival information is on the MDSDF website, and an email blast was sent yesterday. Details are just starting to be worked out, but a decision to have the A and B rooms open the entire festival has been made.

Roll Call of Clubs:

Laura Vykol reported that 11 out of 14 clubs are represented this evening. Crossfires, Round Up, and Spinning Windmills are missing. Galaxy Stars are on hold.

Membership:

Jackie Boggs reported that membership dues are \$1/person. Dues received for all clubs except Swinging Squares, Galaxy Squares, Swinging Aces and Round Ups. Galaxy Squares and Round Ups are not active. Round Ups are tentative at this time due to Peg's health. Neither Galaxy Stars or Round Up paid membership last year and are marked as "on hold."

Kathy asked if those clubs that are inactive should be on the MDSDF web site. Both clubs stay per board members.

The point of contact for Spinning Windmills needs to be updated; the point of contact was Betty Jones. Ellen stated that Doren McBroom could be listed for now.

Ambassador Dances:

John Blaisdell sent a report prior to the meeting. Tom Thumbs and Friendship Squares have held their Ambassador Dances for this season. The next dance is at Chesapeake Squares.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025,	Chesapeake Squares	Dayle Hodge
Sunday, March 9 2025,	Four County Squares	
Saturday, April 12, 2025,	Belair Square Cats	

Appreciation Dance:

Dance is planned for June 8, 2025, at Westowne Elementary School. Frederick Promenaders will sponsor this year's dance.

Recruitment and Promotion of New Dancers:

Helena reported that classes are going well. Some clubs missed a night due to the election. Four County was able to find a different class location and did not miss a night.

The "Quarter Way Dance" held October 27th had a great turnout with 20 students at the dance. There were 5 squares dancing throughout the dance, including the last tip. Kenny did a great job calling and the 2nd Hand Rose was well received.

Club Insurance from USDA:

No clubs using this program. The Federation is the only "club" on this policy.

Google Group:

Don Pahl was not in attendance. Someone said that there are 365 users in the group.

Website: www.marylandsquaredancing.com

Kathy Zottmann reported that the festival information has been added to the website with live links. The Treasurer's report has been posted. The monthly website report indicates that the site is being used, especially the calendar. Pictures are not posted on the website due to size limitations.

There is a Facebook page where anyone can post photos.

Reminder: All clubs should check and make sure that their club pages are current.

Sickness/Distress/Sunshine:

Laura Vykol has resumed this position. Sympathy cards were sent to Tim Heible for the loss of his father and to Don and Jane Perham the loss of a brother. Get well cards were sent to Evan Davis, Carol Eyre, and Peggy Lea.

License Tags:

Helena reported that there have been no new requests at this time. She intends to share the information with students after the first of the year. Kathy mentioned that there is a whole page dedicated to the tags.

Link to license plate info: <https://www.marylandsquaredancing.com/license-plates>

MACA (Mid-Atlantic Challenge Association):

Kathy reported that the Membership Dance was held November 2, 2024. The dance was well received with dancing in the morning and afternoon instead of the usual afternoon and evening sessions.

Spring weekend is the last weekend in April with Ken Ritucci. It will be all day, Saturday and Sunday. Dancing is C1 through C3.

Caller Lab:

The 50th Caller Lab Convention is April 13 - 16, 2025 in Greenville, SC.

VASARDA:

Virginia State Convention is February 20 - 22, 2025.

WASCA:

March 20 – 22, 2025 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. Someone stated that they thought there were 300 registrations so far.

USDA:

The United Square Dancers of America annual meeting is held the Wednesday before the National Square Dance Convention. The Federation needs two volunteers to represent the Federation at the meeting. Visit the USDA website: USDA.org to view previous webinars and learn more about square dancing.

NSDC (National Square Dance Convention):

- 74th NSDC – Shreveport, Louisiana – June 25 – 28, 2025
- 75th NSDC – Waco, TX - June 24 - 27, 2026
- 76th NSDC – Loveland, CO – June 23 – 26, 2027

Old Business

- Carol announced that the board is still working 501c status.

New Business

No other new business

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Club Announcements:

Time for the delegates to share special events about their club(s).

Friendship Squares –

The countdown to the Holiday Dinner Dance has begun. The dance is on December 7th. There are over 90 people registered so far. There were 120 dancers last year. Friendship's New Year's Eve dance is coming up too, but no advanced registration is required.

Their Ambassador Dance was held last Friday with 67 people in attendance. There were seven squares on the floor.

Swinging Squares –

Their next dance is an Ugly Christmas Sweater dance on December 21st at Bechtel Hall, Odenton, MD. There is NO dance on 11/30/24; the flyer is incorrect, and the club does not have the hall that night.

Four County Squares –

Four County will be hosting a "Student Dance" on January 26th. Admission is \$5 for all dancers.

Amyable Rounders –

Their next Tea Dance is the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Catonsville United Methodist Church.

Dayle's Dancers –

Holiday Dance is December 1st from 11-2. They will be dancing Advanced, C1 and C3. See Kathy for details.

DC Lambda Squares – 109 attendees at the fall festival. Next year's fall festival is 7-9 November 2025. They are holding an Open House for new classes this week and next week with the goal of getting students ready for Pass the Ocean.

Next Delegates Meeting – Virtual

Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Next Board Meeting – Virtual

Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn – Kathy motioned, Darlene second. Motion passed.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Mueller