

Mason Dixon Square Dancers Federation, Inc.

Delegates Meeting, Westowne Elem School

17 March 2024 @ 1400

Pledge:

Led by Cheryl and meeting called to order.

Introductions made.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes were distributed via e-mail by Laura prior to the meeting. Paper copies were available for anyone who needed them. Virgil motioned that they be approved as written, Betty seconded. Motion carried.

Treasure Report:

Brandt is out of town this week. Paper copies were available for review. Bev questioned that there was \$427 in "festival"/John's Hopkins. Cheryl is not sure where it was moved, but she is pretty sure it is in one of the "reserve accounts". There is no statement

Betty motioned to approve, Doren second. Motion carried.

Festival Committee Reports:

59th SSBF, July 18 – 20, 2024 reported by Jackie. Jackie went to WASCA and worked to market the festival. Current registrations at 129. No one asked for a refund due to price increase/location. Ellen is working schedule and dance room assignments. Advertising requests are ready to distribute. As of May 15th, there will be a digital version of the program book with advertisements. More specific details will be in version "published" on July 1. Flooring donations are over \$2000. There will be solo activities, but no "separate" room. First meeting with the board and the committees was held and all is going well.

No 3-2-1 ticket sales, but we will still be sending a check to John's Hopkins. Amount sent will be 10% of registration fees. Allison Mueller, Swinging Squares, will decorate a donation bucket for collecting donations at the festival.

There will 2nd hand rose sale.

Registering for hotel accommodations is on the MDSDF website. The link is not obvious; it is towards the bottom of the page. The hardest part of using the link on the MDSDF website is figuring out how to enter your Hilton Honors account.

Patron lists are coming in. There are at least 4 clubs outstanding.

Registration fees for the 59th festival are as follows:

Full Festival - adult \$100.00
Full Festival - youth (age 17 and under) \$30.00
Saturday only \$45.00

Students - Instructor must sign registration form
MDSDF Student Full Festival \$40.00
Non-MDSDF Student Full Festival \$50.00
Funds left from the 33rd Trusteeship (1984 Baltimore National Convention) will pay the difference one-time only for a new dancer

Cancellation and Refund is amount paid less \$5.00 per person fee

60th Festival 2025 reported by Cheryl. Goal is to hold the 60th. The costs for the ballrooms will almost double. Room rates will also increase significantly. Costs will go up significantly in 2025, as in ballroom will be approximately double.

Roll Call of Clubs:

11 of 15 clubs in attendance today. Missing Galaxy Stars, Spinning Windmills, Dayle's Dancers and Roundups.
Board members – Brandt, Mary Dean are not in attendance.

Membership: *No update*

Nominations:

Openings are: 2 Board Positions and all 5 Officer Positions. Elections to be held at May delegates meeting.

Vice President and Treasurer are needed. Term starts in September 2024 and runs through 2026.

Carol Eyre is nominated for President

_____ is nominated for Vice President

_____ is nominated for Treasurer

Laura Vykol is nominated for Corresponding Secretary

Darlene Mueller is nominated for Recording Secretary

There were discussions about who would be willing to fill the Vice President and Treasurer positions. All took actions to discuss it with potential nominees.

Board members, not officers, serve for 3 years. There are 6 board members. Betty Jones and Helena Jester term runs through 2026. Peggy Lea Gosnell and Derek Haber terms run through 2025. Nominated for election this year with a term through 2027 are Ellen Linsenbardt and Mary Dean.

Ambassador Dances:

John Blaisdell reported that the four ambassador dances have been completed for the 2023-24 season. Tom Thumbs will start the next round on October 4, 2024. The Ambassador series was started to encourage visitation. There are four clubs currently participating in this program.

Appreciation Dance:

Belair Square Cats will host the MDSDF Appreciation Dance on Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 2 – 4:30pm. Mark Franks is calling and Amy Shotting is cueing. The dance will be held at Westowne Elementary School. Dance is for all dancers including newly graduated dancers. Dancing will be in the gym and food in the room we use for meetings. A flyer has been created and will be ready for distribution at the May meeting and at club dances earlier. Free for all MDSDF members and \$5 for non-members.

Recruitment and Promotion

Helena reported that all classes have moved into plus. The Student Level ¾ Dance is on Sunday April 14, 2024 at Westowne Elementary School from 2-4:30 pm with 2x2 format. Admission is \$5 admission for all dancers (including students). Kent Forrester is calling and Amy Shotting is cueing.

Club Insurance from USDA

No clubs using this program.

Google Group

No update.

Website: www.marylandsquaredancing.com

Kathy reported via e-mail that posting the delegate meeting agenda and minutes on the website under the “Meetings” tab. She also reported that the site is getting lots of clicks. Kathy is not in attendance today.

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

Sickness/Distress/Sunshine

Evelyn Hawkins is taking over the sunshine activity. She reported that cards were sent to Kathy Zottmann and David Ludewig. Anyone who would like a card sent should send an e-mail to Evelyn at EvelynH100@yahoo.com. Please provide details, mailing address, and whether or not the individual is expected to dance again.

License Tags:

Helena has taken over this committee. She has had one new request this period.

MACA:

Kathy reported on MACA's upcoming events.

- Spring Weekend
 - May 4-5 at Westowne Elem School
 - Caller Don Moger
 - C1-C3A
 - Full program on our website, <http://mkrupar2000.wix.com/maca>
- Summer Dance
 - July 27, 2 sessions 2:30-9:30
 - Callers: Dayle Hodge and Ett McAtee
 - Afternoon session A2 and C1
 - Evening session C1 and C2
- Membership Dance
 - November 2, 2 sessions 2:30-9:30
 - Callers: TBA
 - Afternoon session C1 and C2 with C3A star tips
 - Evening session C1 and C2 with C3A star tips

SDLBA/Caller Lab 2024:

Caller Lab is March 24-27, 2024 in Grapevine TX.

Mainstream program is going through reviews.

VASARDA:

Virginia State Convention was held February 15 - 17, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach, Norfolk, VA. Approximately 200 dancers in attendance. Next year's convention will also be in February (This was formerly held May).

WASCA:

WASCA held this weekend. Hall seemed to work better this year. Good attendance. They had over 600 registered before the festival. It is believed that there were almost 700 registrations as of Saturday morning.

WASCA registration is \$100 for 2025 and will be held at the Dulles Hilton. No discount for registering at this year's festival. There may be a cap on attendance.

USDA:

United Square Dancers of America Annual meeting to be held 26 June 2024 at the National. We need two delegates to represent the Federation. There is a meeting Wednesday afternoon at the National. Anyone can attend. MDSDF has two votes/delegates. Visit the USDA website: USDA.org to view previous webinars.

NSDC (National Square Dance Convention):

- 73rd NSDC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin – June 26 – 29, 2024
- 74th NSDC in Shreveport, Louisiana – June 25 – 28, 2025
- 75th NSDC in Waco, Texas – June 24 – 27, 2026

Old Business: *No other old business*

New Business: *No new business*

Club Announcements:

Belair Square Cats Easter dance is 3/23 with an MDSDF theme. They are also dancing April 13th and May 27 with Dayle & Amy.

Four County is having a special dance April 28 @ South Carroll Senior Center promoting SSBF with [Don Moger](#) calling and Amy Shotting cueing.

Pass the Ocean at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Convention Center is coming up. Room reservations are extended, but only 6 rooms remain in the block.

Pine Steppers with Bruce Simperts calling

Dayle's Dancers hold an Advanced Workshop on 2nd and 4th Mondays and a C1 Workshop is on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:30. They are hosting a special A2-C1 Dance with Don Moger Wednesday, May 1, 7-9:30. Their C1 Blast Weekend is May 10-12, with registration required. And there is a special A2 dance scheduled for Friday, July 12, 7-9:30.

Friendship Squares "Wearing of the Plaid" was their most recent dance and they had 7 squares. They will be doing mainstream/plus through the end of the year. Their next dance is May 3rd with Gary & Amy doing the honors. This is their Chili Cookoff and everyone will have an opportunity to taste all the chili. Tom Miller is calling their first dance in June.

Tom Thumbs is this Friday, March 22. Bruce is calling.

Chesapeake Squares is hosting Dayle Hodge on Tuesday, March 19.

Swinging Squares next dance is on Apr 20th. It is a Mainstream/Plus program celebrating their 45th anniversary. New dancers and students welcome.

DC Lambda Squares has an open house this Thursday and a Mainstream mini blast class starting March 23rd for 4 hours with the rest of MS calls being taught at club night each Thursday. Flyers are available for all events on the website.

Fly-In Festival in Harrisburg PA sponsored by DC Lambda Squares. Festival is November 8-10, 2024 with callers Ett McAtee, Tom Miller and Vic Cedar.

Next Delegates Meeting – In Person

Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 2:00 pm in person @ Westowne Elem
Elections to be held

Next Board Meeting – Virtual

Sunday, April 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn – Virgil motioned, Doren second. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Mueller

MDSDF Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors

September 2024 – August 2025

Officers serve a 2-year term. September 2024 to August 2026.

President	Carol Eyre
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
Corresponding Secretary	Laura Vykol
Recording Secretary	Darlene Mueller

Two (2) Board Members are elected each year and serve a 3-year term.

With two years remaining in office from September 2023 – August 2026 term are:

Betty Jones and Helena Jester

With one year remaining in office from September 2022 – August 2025 term are:

Peggy Lea Gosnell and Derek Haber

Up for re-nomination in **March, 2024** are **Ellen Linsenbardt and Mary Dean**

This term continues through August 2027

Are there any other nominees? – No names were submitted from the floor

Immediate Past President Cheryl Rakes

2024 SSBF Co-Directors are Ellen Linsenbardt and Jackie Boggs

Nominations are made at March Delegates Meeting.

Elections are held at May Delegates Meeting.

Term starts September 1st and continues until end of August for stated length of office.