

MDSDF DELEGATES MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019
CATONSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm, followed by the Pledge.

MINUTES: There were several corrections to the minutes. The minutes were accepted as amended. The motion was made by Virgil Forbes, and seconded by Norva Pope. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was distributed by Cheryl Rakes. Motion to accept the report was made by Virgil Forbes, seconded by Norva Pope. The motion carried.

NEW MEMBER CLUBS: MDSDF has two new clubs CHESAPEAKE SQUARES has joined MDSF. Their delegate is Joyce Duffy-Bilanow. She gave a short report on the club. Chesapeake Squares has 27 members, dances a MS-PLUS-ADV program with no rounds. Their callers are Dayle Hodge, Ett McAtee and Kent Forrester. They dance at the Waxter Center in Baltimore, which offers free parking. FREDERICK COUNTY PROMENADERS has re-joined MDSDF. Derek Haber is their delegate. His report said they have 50 members, and dance Plus 2x2. Their caller is Mike McIntyre and their cuer is Linda Roberts. Dan Grimes teaches their class on Wednesday evenings. Once the class is invited to join the Friday night dances (about halfway through lessons) they offer alternating MS-PLUS tips.

2020 FESTIVAL:

REGISTRATION is currently at roughly 100 persons. You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. The contact information for the hotel is listed on the SSBF flyer.

THE NEXT THEME DANCES will be held at Amyable Rounders on Wednesday, December 11 and at Round Ups on Sunday, January 12. Laura Vykol has made up a schedule to visit all clubs in MDSDF. PUBLICITY goal is to reach outside of MDSDF to spread the word about the Festival We are trying to get flyers to out-of-state clubs, especially in PA, NJ, and DE to advertise the new location for this year. 50-50 SALES will need a new chairman this year. It has been suggested a committee might be a good way to go, with a different person handling sales for each day. It was also suggested that we might ask some of the younger adults to serve on this committee.

JOHNS HOPKINS RAFFLE name has officially been changed to the JOHNS HOPKINS CHILDRENS ONCOLOGY RAFFLE, instead of 5-3-2, in order to promote the charity instead of the money. Additionally, the prizes have been changed to 3-2-1 (prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100). With smaller prize money, more money can go to Johns Hopkins and to MDSDF. We will also be selling tickets at places other than the MDSDF clubs. Norva Pope said the new owners of Lauers have given Friendship Squares permission to sell tickets this year. Two other clubs (Tom Thumb and Four County) are also considering selling tickets at an outside venue. The tickets will be donated. Laura Vykol is making up posters to use if your club is selling at a local store.

GAMING PERMIT? Cheryl Rakes has determined that in PA, no gaming permit is needed.

VENDORS: We are trying to get outside clothing vendors for the Festival. Brantley's of Alabama has declined; we are waiting to hear from a second vendor. Susie Q will not be available at this Festival due to the date change.

FLOORING FUNDRAISER: This is a way to raise the money needed to provide wooden flooring in all the dance halls. Laura Vykol is spearheading this effort. She has made a display board to explain the Fundraiser and to show how much has been raised. The board was displayed at the Crossfires Theme Dance, and got a good response. We have raised \$210 so far. When the entire board is covered, we will

have raised \$1000. We will then start a second board!

BADGES: We are looking into using laminated badges at the SSBF this year. We are checking into pricing, but we already know that these badges are NOT more expensive than using the ribbons.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM has one dance left in this season. It will be at Four County Squares on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

HEART FUND DANCE will not be held in 2020. Peggy Lea Gosnell suggested that we ask clubs to take a collection to donate directly to the Heart Association as an alternative. Norva Pope recommended that we ask dancers to send checks (made out the AHA) to Emma Hahn directly and Emma can forward to the Heart Association. That way Emma can still be involved. Consensus was reached to accept Norva's idea. Information will be sent out via the Google Group after the holidays. SICKNESS/DISTRESS/SUNSHINE COMMITTEE sent out many cards. Sympathy cards were sent to Nancy Koles on the death of her husband Josef Wonsever, to Carol Eyre on the loss of her niece, to Guy Schmidt on the loss of his wife, and to Glenda Weber on the loss of her father. Get Well cards were sent to Lindy Phelps (surgery), to Ken Jester (blood clots) and to Mac MacCall (kidney). A card will be sent to Miriam Feit who has been hospitalized for pneumonia. Linda Sellner is still struggling with health issues; a fundraiser has been set up for her in February 2020.

MEMBERSHIP: Thirteen clubs have sent in their rosters for the current dance year. Four club rosters are still missing. Peggy Lea Gosnell will follow up.

PARKS & REC LIASON Peggy Lea Gosnell said the status quo with the Parks & Rec is good. Bruce Simperts suggested that we donate trash can liners to the Senior Center. Peggy Lea confirmed that the Center must buy all supplies themselves as they are not provided by the county. Bruce's suggestion was accepted.

CLUB INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE Bob Larsen provided an overview of club insurance options. He said the USDA now has a website, so clubs can register online. They provide \$1,000,000 of coverage per occurrence, up to three occurrences. (WASCA's coverage provides \$1,000,000 per occurrence as well, but only two occurrences.) USDA also offers health care as a secondary provider. Bob offered to help with inputting information if needed. He pointed out that liability insurance prevents club and Federation officers from being sued. Norva Pope recommended that ALL MDSDF clubs should review the insurance they have on a regular basis. Mike Sumy made the comment that he thought it was mandatory that all clubs have insurance. Bob noted that the \$20 fee to join WASCA does include insurance coverage. A club delegate must attend at least one meeting per year to keep the WASCA membership active. Bob ended his presentation by saying that he had information packages for any club who wanted one and to see him with further questions.

RECRUITMENT & PROMOTION OF SQUARE DANCING reported that we have 33 new dancers in the system at this time. The Quarter-way Dance was held on Sunday, October 27 at the Catonsville Senior Center. Bruce Simperts was the caller and Amy Shotting cued the rounds. We had 66 dancers in attendance—10 students, 54 angels and 2 dancers whose status was not identified. Please remind new dancers that they need to sign in when attending these dances. The 50-50 and Second Hand Rose sales raised \$196.50. This money will help the committee continue to host the Quarter Dances for the new students. R&P is trying to set the ¾ Dance before the WASCA Festival to serve as a refresher for students who want to attend WASCA (similar to the Last Chance Dance before the SSBF last summer). However, at this time the date, the caller and the cuer are still TBD.

THE APPRECIATION DANCE will be hosted by Friendship Squares this year. It will be on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Catonsville Senior Center. The caller will be Doren McBroom, the cuer will be Amy Shotting, and we will have one Star Tip for Advance level .

GOOGLE GROUP : Don Pahl reports that we currently have 323 members in this group.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE needs nominees to fill two vacant Board positions.

SDLBA report was given by Bruce Simpser. Ken Ritucci is the current president with Ed Foote, Bill Harrison and Tom Miller serving on the Board. They have formed a Social Connections Committee to try to get people to understand the social value of dancing. Technology today makes it too easy for people to entertain themselves without leaving their homes. The 47th annual Callerlab Convention will be April 6-8, 2020 in Sparks (Reno), NV. American Square Dance Magazine is looking for a new editor. The current editor, Bill Boyd, is 80 years old and would like to retire. Callerlab Foundation has 2,000+ feet of wooden flooring available to rent. Contact the Callerlab home office if interested.

TELEPHONE TREE: Norva Pope said the telephone tree cannot exist if people do not give her the information to disseminate to the clubs. Please give Norva your information in a timely fashion. Don Pahl asked how dancers determine if information needs to go to Norva. The answer was that any death or serious illness needs to be sent to her. If you send an e-mail to your club with this type of information, please copy Norva on the e-mail so she has the information. (Please call Norva to let her know you are e-mailing her, as she does not always check her e-mail—except at tax time!)

USDA has prescription cards available. Carol had some at the meeting if needed. Laura Vykol & Norva Pope will represent MDSDF at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

WASCA REPORT: Calls & Cues is now online. You can access it at callsncues.cragg.info. There is also a link at wascacclubs.com. If you have a subscription for a paper copy of Calls & Cues, you can get a refund for unpublished copies. Send an e-mail to subscriptions@wascacclubs.com. The insurance form is also available online. The Delegates Handbook can be accessed through this web address: wasca-delegates-handbook.cragg.info. If you need a hard copy of the handbook, contact John & Daryl Davis and they will print one for you.

MDSDF WEBSITE: Bill Phelps is aware of issues on the website and is working to resolve them.

ROLL CALL: 12 of our 17 clubs were present at this meeting.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THE DIRECTORY cover design has been finalized. We need to add the two new clubs. We are very close to completion!

TELEPHONE TREE REDUX: After the break, there was discussion about the Telephone Tree and how it works. Here is a description : when a club has information about a death or serious injury/illness of a club member, they should inform Norva (see above). Norva will notify the Board members, who will in turn pass the information on to the club leaders (management team/president/delegate). That person will notify the club members.

BOARD NOMINEES: We have two openings on the MDSDF Board. Brandt Braunschweig is considering coming onto the Board. We still need one more person to serve. The MDSDF Board meets every other month (opposite the Delegate meetings) on Saturday morning at Catonsville United Methodist Church. We will also need a VP at the next election.

AWARDS FOR 5-3-2 sales and Advertising Sales (for the SSBF program) were handed out for both 2018 and 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

FLOORING FUNDRAISER has now raised \$430 due to donations given by delegates at the break!

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDSHIP SQUARES will be hosting their annual Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 7 with Tom Miller and Peg Kincaid. The theme is "Currier & Ives." They need reservations by Nov. 30.

CRABTOWN SQUARES will host their annual Toys for Tots dance with the Restaurant Raffle on Friday, December 6. To allow extra time for the raffle, they will start early. Pre-rounds will begin at 7pm, and the 2x2 dance will be held from 7:30-10pm.

SWINGING SQUARES will host a class progression dance on Friday, Dec. 13. They will host their Holiday Dance on Saturday, December 21 with Virgil Forbes calling and Amy Shotting on rounds. The Friday night workshops are continuing. They will have a First Nighter class on Friday, January 10, then begin square dance classes on Friday, January 17.

BELAIR SQUARE CATS are hosting their annual New Year's Eve dance at St. Anne's School, Annapolis with Virgil Forbes and Peg Kincaid.

AMYABLE ROUNDERS will host a MDSDF Theme Dance on Wed. Dec. 11. Both Monday and Wednesday groups are invited.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next MDSDF Delegate meeting will be Sunday January 19, 2020 at the Catonsville Senior Center, beginning at 2pm. The next MDSDF Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 14 at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center in Gettysburg.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Forbes moved to adjourn the meeting; Mike Sumy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.