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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

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Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Jackson, Missouri - February 20, 2000

Place: Main Street Fitness Center
Date: February 20, 2000
Host: Cape County Swingers, Southeast District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Bettyrae Fluke
Pledge of Allegiance: President Marvin Fluke
Invocation: President Bettyrae Fluke - Square Dancer's Prayer.
Roll Call: All 6 district presidents and 27 officers and representatives in attendance.
Minutes: Past President Dorthy Ball moved the minutes be accepted. Randy Boyles seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob & Shirley Turner-12/01/99 Balance forward \$3,612.87. Income \$12,202.41 Expenses \$1,936.44. EOM balance \$13,878.84. 01/01/00 Balance forward \$13,878.84. Income \$497.76. Expenses \$1,063.24 (\$10,000 investment in CD's). End of January balance checking \$3,313.47, CDs \$17,000. Report filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Boundaries & Relations - Bill & Carol Morris Reported-New colored district map reprints are available. Bill & Carol, Tom & Millie Crabtree, Randy & Juanita Boyles, plus the six district presidents discussed way and means of encouraging club visits, support for singles, attending other district dances, retention after graduation, and getting new young dancers. Let's Toot Our Horns program reported 19 clubs earning badges.

Membership - Bob & Shirley Turner-Shirley reported 110 clubs paid, 107 MO., 2 Ark. and 1 IL. Membership 3,129, some data outstanding yet.

Promotions - Randy & Penny Pratt-Randy reported he and Jeff Pratt are establishing a Web site for the MO Federation of Square & Round Dancers. The 2000 Festival will be highlighted. It will function at no cost to the Federation. The Let's Toot Our Horn program, still in effect, will be advertised again. New tri-fold promotion flyers printing bids ranged from \$3,000 to \$228. Dai-Rose Printing of Dixon bid of \$228 was selected. Copies have been mailed to tourist bureaus. District presidents were given 500 for clubs to distribute. To update 2000 flyer send copy changes to Randy for verification and annotated by December 1, 2000. Distribution of 2000 flyers is planned for January 2000.

Site Screening - Bill & Carol Morris - no report.

License Plate - Mark & Rosalie Mortensen - Mark reported House Bill 1193 has 4 other plates on the bill and they are encouraged the bill will pass this year.

Publications - Leland & Becky Browning reported cooperation and commitment from Cass County Publishing Co., in transition of the Doin's to a new publisher. The change was due to state board action 08/19/99 in accepting their bid. The committee endorsed the editor's request of a new deadline of the 28th of each month. Goals for 2000 are to increase subscriptions to 1,000 and to publish a self-supporting Doin's. Becky moved report be accepted, carried.

Insurance - Mark Mortensen retiring chair reported 12/01/99-12/31/99. Balance forward 11/30/99- \$221.44. Dec. income \$5,888.70, expenses \$5,605.00. Balance forward 12/31/99-\$505.14. Report filed for audit.

Insurance - Floyd & Carolyn Herren new chairs reported 01/01/2000-02/20/2000. Balance forward 12/31/99-\$505.14. No income or expenses for Jan. Income for Feb. \$286.10, expenses \$269.10. Balance forward 02/20/2000-\$455.72.

Blue Bird - Don & Bernita Buck - reported no activity, but would like for people to contact them.

Historian - John & Lois Bess - reminded clubs to send pictures and articles and that the state sec., treas. and pres. turn in '96 records to historian.

State Fair Dance - Bob & Marian Anderson - no report.

Doin's Report

Report - Doyle & Linda Collins - retiring editor Doyle stated that the good working relations with Webster Co. Printing and J & B Enterprises the last 2 1/2 years was appreciated. Jan. 2000 was their last issue. Doyle worked with Bob Welch to correct glitches in Feb. 2000, to help assure the same book quality we're accustomed to. Doyle thanked the federation for the opportunity for he and Linda to serve as editor. He also thanked club reporters for their support. President Bettyrae thanked Doyle & Linda for their years of service as editors. Bob & Loretta Welch new editors pledged their dedication to do their very best as editors of the Doin's. He re-emphasized goals of 1,000 circulation & the Doin's to be self-supporting.

Circulation - Retiring circulation managers Jim & Eloise felt the Balls are off to a great start & will do well. President Bettyrae thanked them for their years of service. New managers - Charles and Dorthy Ball - Reported balance \$1,651.71 received from Jim & Eloise Riley for deposit in new account opened at the Bank of Versailles. \$20.50 from Columbia PO. Cash & bank accounts 02/20/2000-\$3,970.21, petty cash \$42.25 & 172.32 U.S. Postal, Springfield. Total assets \$4,184.78. Liabilities none. Springfield Doin's Dance 15 new, 93 renewals and 12 callers, total 120. Subscriptions for Feb. 834, 56 Exp., 50 final & 53 time to renew. Total renew 120 & 28 new, Springfield included. Report accepted & filed for audit. Dorthy thanked Jim and Eloise for assistance in transition.

Advertising - Retiring advertising Bob & Loretta Welch - January & February balance forward \$100.00 income. Doin's ads and caller/cuer directory listings \$1,718.00, interest from Hometown Bank 12/31/99, \$1.08 & 01/31/2000 \$1.15. Total \$1,820.23. Expenses -Memorial refund \$11.00, and disbursement of \$1,809.23. Balance to date zero. Report accepted for audit. Bob asked for clarification of Memorial ads cost. If 1/4 page ads were still free and half & full at other rates, and if it could be published in back of Doin's. Overall consensus was in favor. Bob thanked Doyle for their combined work in transition. President Bettyrae expressed thanks for their work well done. Incoming Advertising Dave and Dee Shafer are busy at work on transition.

Unfinished Business

1999 State Festival - Chairs Charles & Dorthy - Summaries were mailed with minutes. More deposits came in Jan. \$350.00 was added to previous balance. \$13,173.96 was transferred to the treasures of the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs.

2000 State Festival - Mark and Rosalie Mortensen - Mark asked for a \$100.00 check to BMI be approved. Dean Osborne moved for approval of the check to BMI, seconded by Don Buck. Motion carried. Mark stated this is for 1999, we are in a contract for 2000 also. Then we will have to renegotiate a new contract.

Dance Is Alive And Well. District presidents were informed packets were ready with flyers, ribbons, raffle tickets, festival T-shirts forms, and forms for club and business ads. Mark challenged districts to sell raffle tickets and order more. A Web site, www.geocities.com/statedance for registering and promotion of the State Festival was announced. Information on the Heritage Fashion Show, entries to be early styles (old or newly made), current style and what you think the futuristic dress will be. Mark informed district presidents that he and Rosalie would like to attend the district meetings to promote the State Festival. Mark indicated that an incident had occurred at this year's State Festival in regards to liability for sound equipment belonging to an individual caller. He asked for clarification on liability of equipment used at State Festival. Discussion called for by President Bettyrae. The delegate body was informed last year's festival made restitution to a caller for damages of his equipment. Following a discussion by the delegates, Bernita Buck moved if it is just normal wear and tear, that we are not liable. If it is an accident where there is damaged, value will be assessed and paid at that time. Seconded by Bob Irvin. An amendment to the motion by Jim Monroe to allow the festival chair to have the authorization to decide whether a claim should be submitted, seconded by Leland Browning. Amendment carried, motion as amended carried.

Mark announced the Northeast District would host the 2001 State Festival in Lebanon. He stated the people at Lebanon were very committed to the State Festival and were promoting a long-term working relationship.

Voting On Revisions To Constitution Of Bylaws And Working Rules. President Bettyrae Fluke opened discussion of bylaws Article IV through Article VI. She brought to the delegates attention, that the revision to the constitution and bylaws was initiated by the late Butch Nussbaum. She further stated, we need to carry this through in respect of his memory. Barb Turner of constitution committee asked permission to make 2 small changes of the last meeting proposals of Article II and III to change the wording from state federation to Missouri Federation. No objections, approved.

Article IV - Officers and their duties.

Section 1 Officers- no change.

Section 2 Duties - A, B and C - no change; Item D - President Bettyrae recommended the third sentence to end with board of directors or its (change being s added to it) designee.

Section 3 Terms of Office - Motion to approve by Randy Boyles, seconded by Leland Browning. Motion carried. Barb Turner noted that technically if you have recommendations coming from a committee, you need a motion to accept, but not a second.

Section 4 - Jim Monroe moved and Carol Morris seconded to add the underlined portions of the following statements. At the conclusion of the annual meeting the ledger and all supporting documents shall be submitted to the audit committee for auditing. Immediately following the annual audit of the ledger and all supporting documents, the treasurer shall prepare the annual income tax return (Form #990-EZ), which is due without penalty by May 15.

Clarification to question by Dean Osborne as to 2/3 vote and repetition at finish of work. Parliamentarian Jess Kissinger stated the work is in committee and now only required a majority vote. When presented at end will require 2/3 vote. Following further discussion President Bettyrae called for vote on the pending motion. Motion carried. Motion to accept Article IV, Section 2 as amended was presented by Floyd Herron and seconded by Dorothy Ball. Motion carried.

Section 4 - Nominations and elections. Dave Shafer moved for acceptance of section 4 A B C D and E. Motion carried.

Article V - Meetings.

Section 1 Regular - Approved.

Section 2 Annual - Approved.

Section 3 Special - Approved.

Section 4 Quorum - Jim Monroe moved to refer Section 4 - Quorum to committee to redefine. Seconded by Bob Irvin. Motion carried.

Section 5 Hosting Meeting Approved.

Motion to approve Section 5 was moved by Jim Monroe. Motion carried. Sections 1, 2, and 3 were approved by mutual consent.

New Business

Audit report - Paul & Joan Critcher - Joan gave report, that covered a somewhat longer period than the year of 1999 to assure thoroughness and start and stop times that recognizable milestones. Committee reported all accounts accurate and fairly stated. True presentation of financial activities is given in each account. Individuals responsible are to be commended for their precision in managing and documenting their accounts. Those audited were treasurers' checking, Doin's advertising, Doin's circulation (checking, petty cash, U.S. Postal accounts), and Bluebird account.

The committee stated they believe that the procedures of auditing used by the Missouri Federation should be changed so that the appointed audit committee would audit the state festival as well as those listed above. Having the treasurer audit the festival accounts allows for the possibility of fraud. The committee hastened to add that they have not the slightest reason to suspect that has happened, or ever will, but feel that new procedures should completely lock out any possibility of suspect occurrences. Joan thanked the account

managers for their cooperation and the federation for the opportunity to be of service. Summary and graph overview submitted with report.

USDA Report - Jim and Edythe Weber by fax to President Bettyrae - Jim regretted being unable to be present due to unscheduled work responsibility.

1. A bill to designate square dance as the National Folk Dance in perpetuity has been presented by Representative Jim Saxton of New Jersey. HJR #60 has been referred to Committee of Government Reform in the U.S. House of Representatives for study and action. Indiana Representative Dan Burton is chair of this committee. Right now this bill needs support and backing of each dancer in the square dance activity. Write your legislators!
2. The USDA Insurance is \$2.50 per person. If the affiliate organization adds additional fees to the \$2.50 cost, the dancer should be fully aware of those fees and what they are going for. Some affiliates are charging \$2.75 for insurance \$2.50 for the insurance itself, .25 for their insurance chairman expenses in handling, phone calls, mailing, etc. Some affiliates are even charging more. USDA has no control over what affiliates charge, but the dancer should know that the insurance is only \$2.50.
3. There will be a distribution of funds from the affiliates share of the USDA credit card funds made in Baltimore. Distribution will be made at the rate of \$100 per affiliate vote in good standing with dues paid as of 12/31/1999. We need to push the credit card more. USDA gets \$15 for each person who is approved to receive the card, whether they ever use it or not. Then for each purchase made, USDA receives 20 cents for each purchase.

Caller and Cued Hall of Fame - Don & Bernita Buck presented ballots for committee members to be chosen. Results - Charles & Dorothy Ball, Randy & Penny Pratt, Bob & Loretta Welch and Randy & Juanita Boyles.

Delegates and Alternates to 2000 Nationals - for 06/21/2000. Those accepting: Floyd and Carolyn Herren, Bob and Loretta Welch, Dave and Barb Turner, Bill & Carol Morris. Alternate Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke and after thinking it over, Tom and Millie Crabtree. Bettyrae encouraged as many as possible to go to the Nationals and be in the Parade of States.

Special Presentations - Marvin and Bettyrae presented Evelyn Nussbaum, immediate past president with a retiring gavel and a lifetime pass to all State Federation activities. The presentation was followed by the reading of a special letter to Evelyn.

Calendar Of Events

A large number of state, district and club activities were brought to the attention of the group.

Joan Critcher reported the need for a large number of square dancers for weekend activities at Silver Dollar City in Sept. & Oct. of 2000. Information was passed out and Joan requested returns to Paul and Joan Critcher Rt. 2 Box 2259, Hermitage MO. 65668 as soon as possible. Any square dancers interested in spending a fall weekend in the Branson area should contact them as soon as possible.

Next State Meeting - April 9th, in Southwest District at Springfield.

Recognition of Host - Cape County Swingers.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45. Dinner of chicken, salads and desserts was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
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