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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. St. Louis, Missouri - August 20, 2000

Place: Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood, Mo.
Date: August 20, 2000
Host: West County Spinners, St. Louis District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Bettyrae Fluke
Invocation: Don Buck
Pledge of Allegiance: Marvin Fluke

Welcome: President Bettyrae graciously made welcome all present. A moment of silence was observed in memory of past president Chuck Saunders. Lois Bess was welcomed back after her illness. It was noted that Leland Moyer was not able to attend, but was doing well following a successful heart surgery. President Bettyrae was pleased to have Joan Frericks back as well.

Roll Call: 50 officers and representatives and one guest.

Minutes read: Motion to approve by Dave Shafer, Bill Morris seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bob & Shirley Turner. Balance checking account June 1st \$1004.34. Income and transfers for June \$2,289.58. June expenses were \$1,492.08. Balance June 30th \$1,801.84. Income interest and transfers for July, \$289.29, July expenses \$1,073.17. Balance in checking July 31st \$1,017.96. Balance in CDs \$20,000. Treasurer report approved and filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Boundary & Relations: Bill & Carol Morris Boundary Relations - Carol reported at the USDA national meeting, the Missouri delegation was presented a check for \$400.00, from usage of America Visa Credit Cards in previous years. This amount resulting from a percentage of usage of the Square Dancers of America Visa Credit Card, for the promotion of square dancing. USDA also provided a youth scholarship for \$500.00. As usage increases, the scholarship will increase. Application not limited to square and round dancers, but must be over 18 years of age. The preferred level application will remit \$10.00, the Platinum level remits \$15.00, and \$3.00 for renewal to USDA. Fifty percent to the youth and handicapped and fifty percent to the affiliate states participating in USDA. The card pays 3.9%, with no usage fee. The committee feels this is a great opportunity for the federation. The committee recommends a USDA Credit Card contest beginning August 20th through November 20th. Amendment by Charles Ball to have the promotions and publications committees included. Amendment carried. Motion carried. All clubs, in all districts, are encouraged to donate 2 passes, valid through Dec. 2001, for participating in credit card promotion, applications. The passes would be earned for the district mailing the most applications during the contest period. This would promote relations between districts. The winning district president would decide distribution. The committee would recommend publishing winners in the Doin's. Jim Monroe recommended the appointment of a committee for the dispensation of the funds, also funds go into a separate account. Questions were raised as to which committee should have the project. President Bettyrae felt the boundaries and relations should proceed with the contest.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave & Barb Turner - no report at this time.

Membership: Bob & Shirley Turner - recommend when planning for lessons, perhaps changing the time. Consider DHS tapes to defray costs. Use advertising, following Jim Dodd's media blitz ideas. Consider contacting inactive membership. Proposed survey by club or statewide.

Promotions Report: Randy & Penny Pratt not present. Information will be in the September issue of the Doin's for the clubs to continue the Let's Toot Our Horn program.

Site Screening: Bill & Carol Morris announced the Missouri Festival for Round 'N' Square Dancers would be hosted by the Northeast District October 2001. Dates for site screening will be set after October 2000 dance.

Publications: Leland & Becky Browning not present. Jim Monroe stated we're near years end and it's time to review the publishing company as stated in regulations. Cass County Publishing Co. agreed to print 2 years at current cost, Cass Co. would bill just on materials. Plans are to get quotes from at least 3 sources to be presented at the October meeting. Send information pertaining to bids to the committee by mail or e-mail. Bob Welch presented request for a political advertisement in the October & November issue. Motion died after discussion and lack of support. Motion was made to allow for past and present presidents and board members of the federation to have a full-page memorial at no cost in the Doin's. Motion carried.

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren - Floyd Herren reported a balance June 1st \$467.83. For June and July total income was none. Total expenses for June and July were none. Balance July 31st, \$467.83. Report submitted for audit.

Blue Bird: Bernita Buck - two sales today. Dave Shafer suggested have a Blue Bird dance. They're available, just ask Bernita.

Historian: John & Lois Bess - Lois expressed her thanks to all for cards and calls during her illness. She requested that officers ask club, district and state reporters to send pictures and stories for the scrapbook.

State Fair Dance: Bob & Marian Anderson - stated they really had a hot, good time. Forty participated. Also the new Rural Electric Co-operative building could be a possibility for next year.

Silver Dollar City Season Dancing: Paul & Joan Critcher - reported the video is done. Dancers for the 7 weekends are pretty well filled.

Doin's Report

Editor Report: Bob Welch restated his goal of increasing circulation to one thousand copies and make book self-supporting. Ask everyone to encourage clubs to become 100% Doin's clubs, or have Doin's Dance. Bob announced three clubs are closing, the SEMO'S, The Seventh Heaven Dancers, and the 8 Ball Squares. He pointed out that fourteen to fifteen clubs use e-mail to send in club information. All articles need to be limited to 150 words. He asked that the state communicate to districts and clubs that information from each reporter is vitally important to the Doin 's.

Circulation: Charles & Dorothy Ball reported balance on hand July 31st \$1,735.83. Also 90 OOP'S cards went out as reminders for renewals. Report filed for audit.

Advertising: Dave Shafer & Dee Shafer - reported the beginning balance of \$100.00. June and July income \$452.00, \$49.04 expenses for same period. Transfer to Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs. \$402.96, final balance of \$100.00. Report filed for audit.

Unfinished Business

2000 State Festival: Mark Mortensen reported that the state dance is alive and well. To date 279 are pre-registered, 551 shirts bought, sold 495. Fifty-three are left, being XX and medium sizes. He encouraged everyone to promote and support the festival. Encouraged everyone to reserve room early. Ask every club to have an ad in the state booklet. Jim Monroe asked, "Do we have a radio transmitter available for the hearing impaired? He stated it would be very beneficial." Remember to wear Bluebird outfits Friday night.

2001 State Festival: Leland & Mary Moyer, Annette & Terry Thornhill: absent. In their absence Dallas & Nancy Wheeler requested advance funds for Northeast District to host 2001 dance. Motion by Dave Shafer, seconded by Dean Osborne that a \$2,000.00 draft be prepared for Dave & Betty Mauzy, festival treasurers. Motion carried. It was reported the "bestest" T-shirts you will ever see would be available at the state dance in October. Get them while they're hot.

Caller and Cues report 2004: Bernita Buck reported three choices, based on bids the delegates selected Dan Nordbye for caller, and Gene & Gina McMurtry to cue. Motion to accept Floyd Herren, seconded by Mark Mortensen, motion carried.

Caller and Cues Hall of Fame: Don & Berneita Buck reported as of August 1st, six callers & cues had been nominated, part of committee not present. Will be announced at state dance. Bernita will notify others, all very deserving.

Constitution & By-Laws:

Article IX Section 1 - Appointive Committees - with the exception of the audit committee will be appointed each year before the February meeting of the board of directors. The executive committee shall review the appointment for the standing committees. The audit committee shall be appointed at the December meeting of the year they will be auditing. Barb Turner recommended - add at end of sentence, option to insert all standing chairmen shall have an update, except the parliamentarian, who does not vote. Motion carried.

Section 2 - At the February meeting of the board of directors, the executive committee shall present to the board of directors any additions to or deletions from the appointive standing committees and / or any newly defined purposes of such committee. Jim Monroe recommended the last committee be changed to committees. Motion carried. **Section 3** - Committees: Audit committee (three members)

The committee shall audit and report on the books of anyone handling any money for the Missouri Federation. This would include, The Doin's, The Doin's circulation, Doin 's advertising ad accounts, the Bluebird account, state treasurer, the state festival, and the insurance coordinator. Audit would be performed in accordance with the constitution and bylaws at the earliest meeting after books are presented to the committee. Motion carried.

To avoid conflicts members of the audit committee shall not include any of the following: the immediate past state festival committee chairman, co-chairman, or treasurer; any member of The Doin 's staff, or anyone on the Missouri federation board who holds or handles any federation money. Motion carried. B. Boundaries and Relations Committee (three members) 1. The committee shall study and report to the board of director's matters dealing with relations among districts of the federation. Jim Monroe advised to eliminate this portion of Boundaries and Relations.

2. The committee recommends the committee study the distribution and equalization of member clubs wherever possible. Motion carried.

3. The committee shall study and recommend plan of action to the board of directors, on matters concerning dealing between districts. Motion carried. Motion carried to reconsider B-3.

USDA Report: National Square Dance Meeting Baltimore, Md.: by Floyd and Carolyn Herron, delegates for national square dance. Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke presented two Precious Moments Square Dance Dolls from the Missouri State Federation of Square and Round Dancers, Inc. to Jess & Peggy Jean as a gift to USDA, to be displayed at their meetings. Jim Weber reported on the new youth scholarships available. One to two to be given but not limited at \$500.00. Also explained that \$100.00 per representative (there are four) would be needed for affiliation with USDA. Motion made by Jim Weber that state pay affiliation dues. Floyd Herren, seconded. Motion carried. The foundation to preserve square dancing information presented by Jim Henley, noted \$80,000 raised so far. August 9th-12th, at the west convention in Casper, Wyoming \$13,200 was distributed through USDA credit card proceeds. Missouri Federation share \$400.00 to be used for the promotion and education of square dancing. Jim & Edyth Weber have set up the Web page for square dancing. The USDA has decided not to pursue a dress code change. - No short sleeve shirts for men and no dress jeans for women. USDA voted to give \$1,000.00 a year to the foundation for the preservation of square dancing in accordance to their positive results. Bill & Carol Morris reported on Show Case of Ideas - that Chrysler dealers for a test drive will award \$5.00. Millie Crabtree reported seeing the tall ships in harbor. The Crabtrees's led the Missouri group in the procession with Missouri 24th in parade of states. Attending from Missouri were the Flukes, Morris's, Welch's, Crabtree's, Herren's, Mortensen's, and Weber's.

New Business

Appointment of new registrar: by President Bettyrae to be Bill Morris.

Nominating Committee: Don & Berneita Buck - no report at this time.

Next state meeting: October 22, 2000 in Lebanon, 1:00 P.M. The state secretary will mail motel and meeting location information in early October.

BMI-ASCAP Contract: To be discussed in October.

Calendar Of Events

Number of reports of upcoming events.

Recognition of Host: West County Spinners spread a delicious meal.

Adjournment: by President Bettyrae