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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. Lebanon, Missouri - October 21, 2001**

**Place:** Cowan Center  
**Date:** October 21, 2001  
**Host:** Northeast District  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Call to Order:** President Bill Morris

President Morris introduced Lyle and Jean Beck, President of United Square Dancers of America, from Dubuque, Iowa.

**Invocation:** Lyle Beck  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jean Beck

**Roll Call:** Twenty-one officers and representatives answered roll call.

**Introduction of Guests:** The new president for Northeast District, Mary Sue Darwent; and John and Ida Mae Willery, West Central District.

**Approval Minutes:** Jim Monroe made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2001 meeting. Motion seconded, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim and Eloise Riley, Jim gave the report. Beginning balance 8/2/01 - \$14,571.03 (SB&T) - \$162.80; General Fund - \$13,958.23; Designated Funds (USDA) \$400.00; Memorial \$50.00.) Balance in CD's - \$17,000. Ending Balance 10/16/01 - \$11,075.49 (SB&T) - \$196.55; General Fund - \$9,603.94; Designated Funds (USDA) - \$400.00; Memorial - \$50.00; Sept 11 Fund - \$825.00.) Balance in CD's - \$17,000. Total funds available - \$28,075.49. Report filed for audit. Regarding the September 11 disaster, Dave Shafer asked about the Pentagon. Bill Morris stated that discussion on opportunities for the donation would be considered later in the meeting. United Square Dancers of America had a proposal to present. Southeast District gave a check to Jim Riley, treasurer, at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations: Dave and Barb Turner.** Barb had asked districts to give her dates of district dances for 2002. These dates are February 10 - St. Louis District, March 30 - Central District and West Central District, April 27 - Northeast District, May 18, Southwest District, June 15 - Southeast District, September 21 - Northwest District, and November 30 - West Central District. Barb also stated that district presidents or delegates who wanted a copy of the map could get one.

**Constitution and Bylaws: Bob and Shirley Turner.** At the last meeting the Constitution and Bylaws committee proposed the following amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc: that the present Article 7 Committees, Section 5 Presidential Appoints be moved to Section 6, and that the following be inserted in the Constitution and Bylaws under Article 7 Committees as Section 5 Square Dancer of the Year Selection Committee. The Square Dancer of the Year Committee shall consist of all the district presidents. The committee will select a member to act as chairman. This proposal was tabled. Dave Shafer made a motion to take the proposal off the table, seconded and carried. Motion from committee passed. The committee also proposed the following amendment to the Standing Rules of the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc. - That the previously adopted (April 2001 and June 2001) document "Selection of the Square Dancer of the Year" be amended as follows and inserted in the Standing Rules as Article IX, and that present Articles IX, X, XI, and XII be renumbered to Articles X, XI, XII, XIII, respectively. Motion from committee carried. Changes in the application criteria are as follows - (1) Each recipient will receive an official "Square Dancer of the Year club badge that will be similar to his or her club

badge. This badge will include the recipient's name, club name, name of the federation, name of the award, and the year of the award. (2) The nominee must be nominated by the district president of which the nominee's club is a member and supported by at least two presidents of affiliate clubs (or representatives to the district if the club has no president) from the nominating district. Motion from committee to approve these changes carried as presented.

Bob stated that the Standard Operating Procedures were completed. Copies would be available from the secretary.

**Membership:** Jim and Eloise Riley. 2001 membership is completed. There are 121 clubs representing 4,320 dancers. They are now beginning to receive 2002 dues. A form was sent to districts to complete with all necessary information. They will have an update at the December meeting. Northwest District and Southwest District each have new clubs already for 2002.

**Site Screening:** Randy and Penny Pratt. He stated that the West Central District Site Selection Committee toured the Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg on August 15. This was to evaluate suitability for the State Festival in 2006. The facility, Central Missouri State College, has several options for combining buildings on the campus to adequately handle the state dance. These include two gymnasiums and one dance studio. There would be three dance hall sites available on the campus whatever combination would be selected. The Missouri Federation Site Screening Committee toured and approved the facility on September 29, 2001. The cost of the facilities will be \$2,295.00 if the contract is locked in this year. Any rooms used for hospitality and shops will be free. The facility may be undergoing some renovation in 2004-2005, and both the West Central and State Site Selection committees will be kept informed on this situation as updates occur. In order to secure this site however, the West Central District proposed changing the date for the 2006 state dance to the second weekend, October 13-15, 2006. If the college facilities do not work out, they have other options for sites that were not available the third weekend, but would be available the second weekend as well. Leland Browning made the motion to set the weekend of October 13-15 for the state dance in 2006. Motion seconded and carried. This will also allow the Caller/Cuer Committee to select a caller available for those dates. **PROMOTIONS** - Randy and Penny Pratt. It is time to revise the tourist information tri-fold. Look the current tri-fold over and have changes to Randy by the December meeting. He would like to make the changes and it will be printed for distribution in January. Randy also stated that at this time there are five clubs qualified for the Let's Toot Your Horn. They are the Travelers, Ozark Whirlers, Pommenaders, Damsite Dancers, and Bluff City Twirlers.

**License Plates:** Mark Mortensen stated that there was no update at this time. **PUBLICATIONS** - Jim and Phyllis Monroe. Jim reported that they had completed updating job descriptions for all the Doin's staff and the publications committee. Jim reminded clubs to stick to the 150 word maximum. The publications committee also invited district presidents to send in a message that would be printed directly under the district heading. Jim recommended the implementation of a Board of Directors handbook, a joint project of the publications committee and the secretary. An updated, current Handbook would be given to each new president and/or delegate. The format would be such that it would not have to be totally reprinted when changes were necessary, but new corrected pages would be issued and inserted into the handbook. The secretary would be responsible for maintaining current information for the handbook. Discussion followed. The motion from committee to establish a Board of Directors Handbook carried. Jim stated that there would be some cost in the initial set-up of the Handbook, with periodic expenses for printing updates after that. **INSURANCE** - Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Balance 8/1/01 - \$355.59. Income for August \$54.00; No Income for September; Expenses for August \$51.00; Expenses for September \$227.19. Ending Balance 9/30/01 - \$131.40. Enrollment in Plan A - 1,289 members - 33 clubs; Plan B - 2,630 members - 64 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (53 members). **BLUEBIRD** - Judy Epperson. Opening balance of \$100.00. Income from three sets of birds - \$13.50. Expenses of \$15.67. Balance left of \$97.83.

**Historian:** Vicky and Ray Wittman. They have received boxes from John and Lois Bess. If anyone has pictures of the 2001 State Dance please send them to the Wittmans.

**Research & Funding:** Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae said that one district said that clubs were hesitant to ask for the money. St. Louis has a lesson project going. Their expenses for the hall will be sent in for reimbursement. West Central has clubs that are submitting expenses. Southwest District has a new club, the Show Me Fun-timers that will have expenses for advertising and rent, which falls under the category of education and promotion. Northeast District has three clubs that have expenses for advertising lessons, mailings and posters. Central District will have several clubs with advertising expenses. Southeast District had an exhibition dance at their fall festival with expenses to turn in. The final date to turn in expenses is the February 2002 meeting because that is when this committee winds up their work.

**Dancer of the Year Award:** Bob and Shirley Turner. Bob thanked the committee that worked on this award. Thanks to Dave Shafer for getting things started. Bob displayed the plaque, which will have all the award recipients' names on it in upcoming years.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob asked that articles not be mailed, e-mailed or sent to Cass County Publishing Company. Also Bob stated that the Doin's Dance had great attendance. Bob again reminded people that if they do not meet the deadline of the first of the month, their messages will not be printed in the Doin's.

**Circulation:** Dorothy and Charles Ball. Dorothy stated that they had received 59 renewals and 17 new subscriptions at the Doin's Dance Sunday morning. Balance on hand 8/1/01 - \$1,064.12. Income for August, \$612.00; Income for September, \$509.56. Expenses for August, \$1,000 transferred to Missouri Federation. Expenses for September, 19.75. Balance 9/30/01 - \$1,141.93. Balance in Petty Cash - \$27.72. ADVERTISING - Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave reported balance on hand 8/19/01 -\$100.00. Income for September and October, 2001 - \$825.00; Expenses \$78.70. Check to Missouri Federation for \$746.30. Balance on hand 10/21/01 - \$100.00. Dave also pushed Christmas advertising or holiday greeting ads. Dave stated that this was an inexpensive way to say Merry Christmas to all your square dance friends that subscribe to the Doin's. Deadline is October 28 for the December issue.

## Unfinished Business

Bill thanked Jim and Phyllis Monroe for the coffee and donuts for the Doin's Dance this morning.

**2001 State Festival:** Leland and Mary Moyer. Bill thanked Leland and Mary for a great dance this weekend. Leland thanked his committee. Leland said he was pleased with the approximately 860 dancers in Lebanon. Leland thanked the callers, all his committee and helpers. Dave Mauzey, treasurer, will try to have a dance report at the December meeting. As with any large event such as this, there were complaints and things that you would do differently if you had to do it over. But all in all, this was a successful dance. Leland thanked Dave Shafer for getting the color guard. The after party was a great success.

**2002 State Festival:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim reported that he has received a confirmation from Liberty High School for October 18-20. We have made contact with the chamber of commerce and hotels in the area. The flyers we had this weekend did not have hotel information on them because some have not confirmed prices yet. We have several key committee positions filled. Our treasurers, Don and Margrit Adams, were here this weekend helping with preregistration. Randy and Juanita Boyles, T-shirts, have worked hard getting the shirts ready to sell this weekend. Jim issued an invitation to all dancers to come to Liberty for the 2002 State Dance.

**2005 Caller/Cuer:** Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae thanked the committee. She commented that all the callers nominated were very qualified. Those callers not selected should reapply next year. Contracts have been received from callers Big and Little Enis and cuers Jerry and Dot Yockey. Copies were sent to the president and secretary and kept two copies for their files.

**USDA Report:** Lyle and Jean Beck. The presidents of United Square Dancers of America were present for the weekend dance and came up to give a report on USDA. Lyle commented about the support that the Missouri affiliation offers USDA. That support is greatly appreciated. Lyle talked about the prescription drug program. If you have success stories, we want to hear them. If you have problems, we want to know that too.

A suggestion from the South Carolina affiliate that USDA coordinate an effort for all affiliates to combine donations from benefit dances to the American Red Cross. USDA will continue to accept donations on this behalf from affiliates until the first of the year. At that time, the USDA treasurer will send one check. Affiliates are under no obligation to participate. This is just another option or opportunity. No monies will be held for administrative fees. Jean Beck stepped forward to compliment the group for the productivity and teamwork and leadership ability. Jean reminded us of the quote, "Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

## **New Business**

**2002 Nominations Committee:** Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae reported that the nominating committee could not reach a majority. Bettyrae reported that the nominating committee selection for the slate of officers for 2002 is Presidents Dave and Barb Turner, 1st Vice Presidents Randy and Penny Pratt, 2nd Vice Presidents Jim and Eloise Riley, 3rd Vice Presidents Jim and Edythe Weber, Secretaries Dean and Betty Osbourne, and Treasurers Jim and Phyllis Monroe.

Carol Morris reported that the Branson Shooting Stars would be hosting their last dance on December 6.

Evelyn Nussbaum announced that the Semo Red Rockers would be folding after the first of the year.

Milli Crabtree thanked everyone for the honor that she and Tom received as recipients of the Square Dancers of the Year Award. She said that they had attended all state festivals since 1978. This was the most memorable one.

## **Calendar Of Events**

**Next State Board Meeting:** December 9th, 2001, hosted by the Southeast District. Bob Turner announced that the meeting will be in Cape Girardeau. Bob Turner said that the Roll-A-Ways dance December 8th and are having their annual Christmas Festival. Bob Welch made the motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

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