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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.
Eldon, Missouri - April 21, 2002**

Place: Community Center
Host: Central District
Date: April 21, 2002
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Barb Turner
Invocation: Leland Browning
Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Shafer
Roll Call: Twenty-eight officers and representatives answered roll call.
Introduction of Guests: Curtis and Roberta Mc Morris

Approval of Minutes: Correction on page three, under 2001 State Festival, Kirkwood County Dancers should be Kirksville Kountry Kousins and the name Harry Cross should read Harry Frost. Correction on page 3, under 2005/2006 Caller and Cuer, the name Jerry and Dorothy Yockee should read Jerry and Dorothy Yockey. No other corrections being made, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Bob and Loretta Welch, Bob gave the report. An amended report for February was given adjusting the ending balance as of January 31st, 2002 to \$21,046.59, and the total funds available to \$38,046.59. Bob then proceeded with the April report. Hometown Banking Beginning Balance 2/1/02 - \$21,046.59; Income - \$4,691.67; Expenses - \$6,054.05; Ending Balance 03/31/02 -\$18,124.69; Balance in CD's - \$17,000.00; Total funds available - \$35,124.69.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Randy and Penny Pratt. Reported that they had attended the NE District Dance in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Entry to the dance was the purchase of a \$1.00 raffle ticket. They sold 75,000 tickets. First prize was a 1991 Pontiac Firebird. The highest selling individual sold more tickets than all of the raffle tickets sold for the Missouri State Festival last year. Oklahoma has a program that was discussed in our committee this morning that is similar to programs some of our clubs have. They have nine districts and call their program Visit Nine. Dancers who visit designated dances in each district purchase a dangle that represents the different districts to hang on their Visit Nine badge. Dancers who visit all nine districts during the year receive a gold bar to hang on their badge. Our committee is discussing this with the idea that it may be a program that can be adapted for use in Missouri.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. The committee met to discuss, draft and finalize proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws that were referred back to the committee at the February 17th meeting.

Membership: Bob and Loretta Welch. The committee is working to determine the actual number of dancers in Missouri. We have four new clubs in the Northwest District: Kountry Knights and Ladies; Prairie Schooners; Ramblers and Double S Squares. There are 116 clubs and 4,391 members in Missouri. Central District – eleven clubs, 424 members; Northeast District - 9 clubs, 329 members; Northwest District - 22 clubs, 699 members; St. Louis District - 18 clubs, 773 members; Southeast District - 4 clubs, 81 members; Southwest District - 36 clubs, 1,526 members, and West Central District - 16 Clubs, 559 members. Each district is asked to provide a club roster of each club in their district.

Promotions: Jim and Edythe Weber. Thanked Bob Welch for updating the Toot Your Horn Article in The Show-Me DOIN's and reminded clubs to start getting their "Toot Your Horn" information together for this year. For the "Show Case of Ideas" table at the National Convention, the committee would like to give away a \$50.00

Wal-Mart gift certificate. One Hundred dollars was requested for supporting the table to include the purchase of the gift certificate. Bettyrae made a motion to amend the committee's request to provide \$100.00 for support of the table in addition to the \$50.00 gift certificate. The amendment and the motion passed.

State pins - Pins will cost approximately 52 cents per pin. They are round, metal, have the Missouri logo with square dancers in the middle with Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. and "Square Dancing is Friendship set to Music." Orders for the pins will take seven to 10 days to fill.

The committee is working on a promotion to encourage clubs to recruit new dancers. For each new dancer, the club would be put into a drawing for \$100.00 that would be held at the State Festival. A club could win only once. Three different clubs would win a prize. The more new dancers recruited, the more chances a club would have to win. Doyle Collins made a motion to refer the promotion back to committee for more clarification. Motion passed.

Site Screening: Randy and Penny Pratt. No report at this time.

Publications: Paul and Joan Critcher. In March some of the labels were not processed correctly and in April there was a problem with the mail. We are looking into doing the labels ourselves. This may require the purchase of hardware and software to support the project. Looking for solutions for the problems.

Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Balance 02/02/02 - \$449.30; Income for February - \$409.20. Income for March - \$311.00. Expenses for February - \$265.20. Expenses for March - \$456.40. Ending Balance - \$447.90. Enrollment in Plan A- 875 members, 24 clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 1,791 members, 62 clubs insured plus 6 minimum clubs with 82 members.

Historians: Ray and Vicky Wittman. No report given.

Blue Birds: Judy Epperson. Beginning balance - \$100.00. Income - \$47.20. Expenses -\$12.11. Ending balance - \$ 13 5.09. Inventory on hand - 207 BlueBirds and 13 sets of braid.

License Plates: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. Barb Turner read Mark's report in his absence. House Bill 1397 passed. Senate Bill 1093 is number 68 on the list. Twenty license plate bills have been consolidated into one substitute bill. Jim Weber said he had checked the legislative Web site Saturday night and it appeared the combined bill may have been placed on a consent agenda which requires no vote.

Member Services: Bill and Carol Morris. There is \$1,000.00 for each district to use. Shirley Turner reported that their club has started doing its lessons one hour before the regular dance every other week and having success with the program. We have been invited to the Governor's Conference on Tourism. We are now on the state tourism list and in the official state vacation planner.

Dancer of the Year Award: By Dave and Barb Turner. Shirley and Bob Turner were elected committee chairman. Shirley Turner reported that the committee would be using the same form as last year and forms will be mailed to each district president during the upcoming week. August 1st is the deadline for having the applications to the committee.

Doin's Report

Editors: Bob and Loretta Welch. The January issue had eight pages missing from some of the issues. Cass County Publishing gave us a 50-percent discount off the next issue. Addressing the labeling problems and getting the *Doin*'s to the subscribers.

Circulation: Charles and Dorthy Ball. Dorthy reported a beginning balance on hand 01/31/02 - \$2,320.48. February income - \$2,405.65. February expenses -\$2,000.00. Balance on hand 02/28/02 - \$2,726.13. March income - \$449.55. March expenses - \$89.78. Balance on hand 03/31/02 - \$3,087.90. Check to Missouri State Federation on 04/21/02 - \$2,500.00. Balance on hand - 04/21/02 - \$587.90. There were 868 subscriptions mailed in March and 839 in April. The number of subscribers by district is: Central - 145 issues; Northeast - 161 issues; Northwest - 17 issues; Southeast - 24 issues; Southwest - 252 issues; St. Louis - 34 issues, and West Central - 100 issues.

Clubs that are 100% *Doin* s clubs that have not received their *Doin*'s dangles need to contact us so we can update your badges. 100% *Doin*'s clubs will be recognized at the future state festivals.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave reported balance on hand 02/17/02 -\$100.00. Income during the period - \$598.00. Expenses - \$8.50. Check to Missouri Federation for \$589.50. Ending balance - \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

2002 State Festival: Jim and Edythe Weber reported that 2002 State Festival packets had been distributed. The committee had met April 14th. They toured the high school. Sound chairman Jim Jefferies and several other callers were present. Registrations are slow in coming. Several bids have been received for printing the book. Ninety-one letters inviting callers to call at the state dance were mailed. Sixty letters were returned with 41 planning to attend. Door prizes have been requested from Northwest District clubs, and all district presidents have been asked to provide one nice door prize from their districts. All forms can be printed from the Web page. Special events, such as a scavenger hunt for youths will take place at the dance.

Prizes will be awarded those who complete the scavenger hunt forms. Booster ribbon receipts are coming in to Karen and Bert. A number of caller-run clubs are contributing a lot of help in planning this year's dance. District presidents were reminded about deadlines and to encourage preregistration. Everyone who requested a room at the headquarters hotel got a room, but they need to confirm their reservations with a credit card. Information is on our Web page: sss.squardance.4t.com-festival.

2005/2006 Caller/Cuer: Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke At the October board meeting last year, the dates of the festival were changed to 13, 14 and 15 October 2006. Flyers pertaining to the Texas Po Boys were circulated. Many callers and cuers did not respond to last year's letters. Ballots were passed out for the board of directors to use in selecting the 2005/2006 Caller and Cuer. Ballots were completed and collected.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. The video used for teaching young dancers has been completed for schools. A total of five tapes will be given to the state delegates at the Nationals this year. The tape is not copyrighted and can be duplicated. A total of 500 tapes were made and more can be made by USDA at \$4.00 each or we can get as many as we want copied at whatever the local cost is. The tape runs for four hours.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave presented recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, VII, VIII, IX, X, AND XI and standing Rules Articles X, XII AND XIII. The recommendations were referred back to committee for further consideration.

Barb Turner reminded everyone that April is Caller and Cuer Appreciation Month. Hopefully everyone did something for their callers and cuers. All clubs are reminded to send in the club rosters to the treasurer as soon as possible. At least, submit the number of members and a point of contact.

New Business

2002 Caller/Cuer Committee Hall of Fame: Bill and Carol Morris. No report at this time.

National Festival: Everyone is welcome to attend the USDA meeting at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Missouri sits on the front row.

Next State Board Meeting: June 9, 2002, will be hosted by the West Central District, Golden Valley Squares will host a dance on Saturday evening, in Clinton, Missouri

Adjournment: Jim Monroe made a motion to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave & Dee Shafer Secretary
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.