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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. Kirkwood, Missouri - August 17, 2003**

**Place:** Kirkwood Community Hall, Kirkwood, MO  
**Host:** St. Louis District  
**Time:** 1:05 p.m.  
**Call to Order:** President Randy Pratt  
**Invocation:** Bettyrae Fluke  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dave Shafer  
**Roll Call:** Secretary, Dave Shafer  
**Introduction of Guests:** Mary Lee Evans, Little Dixie Squares, Northeast District

Approval of June 08, 2003 minutes: Jim Weber made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 08, 2003 meeting as read. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** A thank you letter to the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. received from Bettyrae Fluke was read.

**Treasurer's Report:** J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that a beginning balance on June 01, 2003: \$15,569.65; June income: \$1,662.82; June expenses: \$2,122.32; July income: \$242.23; July expenses: \$1,355.12; Balance on hand July 31, 2003: \$13,997.26; CD Investments: \$17,000.00; Total funds available: \$30,997.26. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that Central District has 11 member clubs with 454 members; Northeast District has 8 member clubs with 323 dancers; Northwest District has 24 member clubs with 807 dancers; St. Louis District has 25 member clubs with 1026 dancers; Southeast District has 4 member clubs with 86 members; Southwest District has 29 clubs with 1198 dancers, and West Central District has 17 member clubs with 482 members. There are 119 clubs and 4376 dancers in the Missouri Federation.

**Boundaries and Relations:** Jim and Eloise Riley. Travel 8 information and cards will be available at the State festival. A kickoff for the program will take place at the dance. Badges with the Missouri dangle will cost \$8.00, but dangles thereafter will be free. During the first year all dances will count toward the badge and dangle. A gold bar will be awarded after visiting each district five times.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Jim and Eloise Riley. No report. State Festival Site Screening: Jim & Eloise Riley. No report.

**Publications:** Dave & Barb Turner. Barb Turner announced that The Show-Me Doin's was awarded 2nd Best Square Dance Publication in the United States out of 90 publications judged. She thanked the Doin's staff.

Barb moved that complimentary copies of The Show-Me Doin's be mailed to: exchange magazine editors or circulation managers; the Missouri Historical Society in Columbia, MO; all commercial annual advertisers in the Doin's as approved by the advertising managers and publications committee, and one complimentary copy mailed to each graduating dancer or dancer couple for whom an address is received by the circulation manager. Motion passed. The publications committee is accepting bids for publishing the DOIN's. Anyone knowing of a publisher/printer who may be interested in bidding on the contract should submit the name and full address of the publisher/printer by September 1st to the Weber's so that bids can be solicited.

**Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame Committee:** Barb and Dave Turner. Nominations were received. A recipient has been chosen and will be announced at the State festival.

**Insurance:** Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Beginning Balance - \$824.87. Income for June 2003 - \$53.30; Income for July 2003 - \$15.40; Expenses for June 2003 - \$159.10; Expenses for July 2003 - \$51.00; Balance on hand, July 31, 2003 - \$683.47. Enrollment in Plan A- 1189 members, 27 Clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 2085 members, 39 Clubs plus 5 minimum clubs (67 - members).

**Historian:** Ray & Vicky Wittman. Vicky Wittman placed photos of the Showcase of Ideas out for everyone's viewing. Each district is asked to identify the oldest club in their district and to gather some history pertaining to that club for viewing at the state festival. Still looking for pictures, newspaper articles and anything else that can be added to the history files.

**Blue Bird:** Judy Epperson. Randy Pratt read the report. Beginning balance June 30, 2003 - \$131.47; Expenses for June and July 2003 - 106.51; Income for June and July 2003 - \$20.49 (3 sets bluebirds and 1 set braids). Ending balance - \$45.45. Judy will be resigning from this position at the October meeting. A new chairman will be appointed at that time.

**License Plate:** Linda Collins. No report.

**Member Services:** Randy and Juanita Boyles. Reimbursements for club advertising need to be submitted by the December meeting.

**Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. Nominations were received. A recipient has been chosen and will be announced at the State Festival.

**Promotions:** Jim & Edythe Weber. There has been no activity with the "Let's Toot Our Horn" program. The criteria are published in each issue of the DOIN's. Don't forget to wear square dance attire on September 5th, Square Dance Day. Wear square dance attire to work, shop, and wherever you go. Pass out flyers, answer questions about square dancing, do demonstrations, promote club lessons, or anything else to make square dancing visible and desirable.

5,000 pins were purchased for \$1,914.00. 1,400 pins were sold (\$561.75). 1,000 pins were given away at the national festival. 2,000 pins are available for the next two national festivals. 600 have been packaged in bags of 25 and may be purchased for \$10.00 per bag.

**USDA Report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. It was announced that Jim and Edythe Weber were elected to be Presidents of the USDA. Jim Weber asked that everyone write letters to their U.S. Congressmen/women to encourage them to sign on as co-sponsors for the Promenade Act (HR 645). This is vital to getting square dancing named as the National Folk Dance. Letters, petitions and other information are available from Bob Welch. Clubs can plan to do this at their dances or other meetings. The U.S. Congress web-site can also be used for this.

Several national square dance organizations came together to form the ARTS (Alliance for Rounds, Traditional and Squares). Its purpose is to promote square dancing and keeping it alive. Money is needed to help them get started. Clubs can add 10, 15 or 25 cents to door donations and then mail the money to the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Treasurer with the money identified for the Alliance. Barb Turner moved that \$500.00 be donated to the Alliance of Square Dancing to help them get started. Motion carried.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Jim & Edythe Weber. A few letters are being received after the deadline. If possible, send the club articles by e-mail. Don't forget to put the club's name at the top of the article. Include the name of the club contact and their phone number. The person submitting the article should also put their name and phone number on the article. Use the new form for listing lessons in the Doin s. District presidents have these forms. New guidelines stipulate that lessons may be listed in the Dance Calendar for the 3 to 4 lessons that new dancers are being accepted. After than the lessons will be listed in the LESSONS Section. The Kountry Kuzins have a change of caller for September 13th, Nadiene Burford had surgery, so Dan Egley will be calling that dance. Levis and Laces is having a location problem, so call the listed contact person to find out where they are dancing in September.

**Circulation:** Charles & Dorothy Ball. Beginning balance 05/30/03 - \$1,152.18. June income - \$121.72. June expenses - \$700.00. Balance 6/30/03 - \$573.90. July income - \$168.76. July expenses - \$ 25.00. Balance 07/31/03 - \$717.66. Check to Missouri Federation - \$600.00. Petty Cash on hand 07/31/03: \$15.24.

**Advertising:** Dave & Dee Shafer. Report period: 06/08/03 - 08/17/03. Balance brought forward 06/08/03 - \$100.00. Income during the period - \$589.00. Expenses - \$105.78. Check to the Missouri Federation - \$483.22. Ending Balance on 08/17/03 - \$100.00.

## Unfinished Business

**2003 State Festival:** Bob & Shirley Turner. Everyone is encouraged to send in pre-registrations and save money. There are 369 pre-registered dancers. Central District has 21 couples and 6 singles; West Central District has 22 couples; Northeast District has 21 couples and 8 singles; Southeast District has 24 couples and 4 singles; Northwest District has 21 couples and 4 single; Southwest District has 33 couples and 5 singles and St. Louis District has 16 couples. Pre-registrations from Kansas (1), Arkansas (2), Illinois (1), Iowa (1), USD A (2) and Heart of America (4). Southeast Sadie went to the Nationals and is once more visiting clubs in Missouri. All clubs should bring their club banners to hang at the festival. The State book is being worked on and will be going to print soon. Advertisers are still needed for the book. Sounding of all of the halls with the exception of one is being done. John Stuart and Ronnie Gray have volunteered to help with those halls. One caller is still needed to put together the sound in one hall. Door prizes are being collected and are appreciated. Volunteers are needed to man the 3 of the 5 working booths. A queen size quilt with blocks depicting the covers of the past 30 State Festival Books is nearing completion and will be raffled off at the festival. Fashion show entrants are still needed. There are still several items that can be purchased. There has been \$6,168.00 worth of items sold, and there are still between 100 and 120 items left. Our promotional board and items have traveled into several other states and lots of flyers were distributed.

**2007 Caller/Cuer:** Bill and Carol Morris. Letters to callers and cuers were mailed, and responses from 2 cuers were received. John and Karen Herr from Colorado responded, but would not quote a price stating that the dance is too far in the future for an accurate bid. Pat and Joe Hilton from Ballwin, MO bid \$400.00. Bettyrae Fluke moved that Pat and Joe Hilton be awarded the 2007 cuer contract. The motion passed. Seven callers responded. Tom Roper bid \$750.00 plus lodging. Shane Greer bid \$650.00 plus lodging. Jerry Junck bid \$900.00. Texas Po Boys bid \$2,750.00 plus lodging and airfare. Tim Marriner bid \$1,200.00. Tim Tyl bid \$698.37. Joe Saltell bid \$1,200.00. The board of directors decided to consider only the two lowest bids. The board of directors voted to approve a contract with Tim Tyl.

**2003 National Convention:** Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob Welch thanked everyone who helped set up the Showcase of Ideas display at the National Festival. 1,441 people stopped and registered for the two Walmart \$50.00 gift certificates. One gift certificate was presented to Carol Lasalla from Minnesota and the other was mailed to Mary Dunn in California. Bob returned \$150.00 of the \$200.00 allocated for the Missouri display. 1,000 pins were given out over three days. "Education is the Key" was the theme for the Showcase of Ideas. Our display was awarded Best in Show (1st Place). Youth dancers who belong to a Missouri affiliated club should submit an application for the USDA scholarship to Bob Welch.

**Job Descriptions:** Randy Pratt asked that all job descriptions be reviewed and that updated copies be provided to the Secretary for updating books and files.

**Club Badge Display:** The Club badge display has not been completed. If your club or a club in your district is not represented in the display, please encourage them to submit a badge for the display.

## New Business

**Indemnification:** Jim Monroe and Jim Weber were named to an Indemnification Adhoc Committee to research the need for including an indemnification clause in our Bylaws. Dave Shafer moved that \$500.00 be provided to allow this committee to consult with a corporate attorney. The motion carried.

**2004 State Festival:** Carolyn Herren moved that the Board of Directors advance \$2,500.00 to the 2004 State Festival Committee to get them started. The motion carried.

**Shepherd of the Hills Harvest Moon Festival:** Jim Monroe talked about the Shepard of the Hills Harvest Moon Square and Round Dance Festival that will take place 19 an 20 and 26 and 27 September 2003. Dancers in dance attire and wearing their badges will be admitted free. Callers include Lanny Weakland, Ronnie Gray, Gary Mahnken and John Stuart. Cuers include John and Betty Stanley, Marge and Bill Sherrill, Pat and Joe Hilton and Barb and Steve Skorupan.

## **Calendar Of Events**

Next State Board Meeting: October 19, 2003, Cowan Community Center, Lebanon, MO, Southeast District.

Recognition of Hosts: West County Spinners. St. Louis District.

Jim Weber made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave & Dee Shafer Secretary

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