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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. Springfield, Missouri - February 15, 2004

Place: Northview Center, Springfield
Host: Southwest District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Jim Riley at 1:00 PM
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Riley
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman

Introduction of Guests: Mark and Peggy Gentry, Swinging Stars, Southwest District; Alice Morlan and Ruben Putz, Bills & Jills, Southwest District; and Mary Sue Darwent, Northeast District

Approval of December 14, 2003 minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed. Correspondence: Secretary Vicki Wittman read the following:

1. Thank You Sympathy Card from Randy Boyles and the Gene Pitts Family.
2. A letter from Jim and Phyllis Monroe addressed to Presidents Jim & Eloise Riley. The letter was the final report of the Indemnification Committee.
3. A letter from Jim and Phyllis Monroe addressed to Presidents Jim and Eloise Riley inviting the Federation to be the honorary host for the Harvest Moon Square & Round Dance Festival at Shepherd of the Hills the 3rd & 4th weekend of September.

President: Jim Riley announced that the Final Report on Indemnification has been accepted; the Committee has been relieved of its duties, and the subject will be turned over to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

President Jim Riley announced: "There is an Officer's Meeting before the main meeting to organize in a concrete way how to discuss matters."

Treasurer's Report: J. W. & Jan England. J.W. reported a beginning balance on January 1, 2004 of \$17,133.44. January income \$1,262.00; January expenses \$2,005.95; February income \$246.15; February Expenses \$1,867.79; Balance on hand February 15, 2004, \$14,767.85; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available: \$31,767.85. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership: J.W. & Jan England. Central District has 10 member clubs with 423 dancers; Northeast District has 8 member clubs with 330 dancers; Northwest District has 19 member clubs with 698 dancers; St. Louis District has 11 member clubs and dancers were not listed; Southeast District has 4 member clubs with 75 dancers; Southwest District has 31 member clubs and 1230 dancers and West Central District has 14 member clubs and did not list the number of dancers. At present, there are 97 member clubs with 2,756 dancers listed.

Note: It is almost impossible to come up with an actual membership count because of many members belonging to more than one club. Also, members do not want to give addresses for fear of getting on mailing lists. However, Demographics want actual figures. Accuracy is important if applying for corporate funding. This subject has been tabled until a definite decision is made.

Boundaries and Relations: No report. The committee is: Bob and Loretta Welch, Chairman, Mark and Peggy Gentry and Gene and Barb Holtgrewe.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. No Report.

Promotions: With the absence of Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke, Edythe Weber gave the following report.

A page has been put in the Doin's to remind dancers that the Missouri pin can be purchased by dancers for their use either at the club level or as an individual dancer. Marvin and Bettyrae plan to put an ad in the Doin's for March, May and June.

Since the last meeting, Jim and Edythe received the following seven (7) applications for the "2003 Let's Toot Our Horns". For dangles - Trail Blazers - Southwest District; Millstone Wheelers - Central District; City Squares - Southwest District; Puxico Country Squares - Southeast District; Mountaineers - Southwest District; Ozark Whirlers - Central District; Solo Swingers - Southwest District; and Travelers - Central District. For badges - Spinnin' Wheels - West Central District - first year completion. This makes a total of 24 clubs that have completed the program for 2003. The names of all the clubs that have completed for 2003 will be printed in the April 2004 issue of the Doin's. Start keeping tract for the 2004 program.

The "Welcome to Missouri" flyer has been printed and mailed to 7 Missouri Welcome Centers. District presidents should take some of these flyers back to your local clubs - possibly make them available to your Chambers of Commerce or anywhere that travelers stop in your area.

Site Screening: No Report. The Site Screening Committee is: Chairman: 1st V.P. Jim & Edythe Weber; Co-Chairman: 2nd V.P. Bob and Loretta Welch; Dallas and Nancy Wheeler from the NE District and Past President: Randy and Penny Pratt from the Central District.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber attended the Winter meeting in Paducah, KY Jan. 22-24. It was a busy weekend, with a tour of the city of Paducah, a dance in Metropolis, IL with the Super City Squares, and much business to be handled to get ready for the June Board of Directors meeting in Denver, CO on Wednesday, June 23rd.

USDA has 56 affiliates with approx. 85,000 dancers at this time. However, this does not include the dancers that take advantage of USDA Education materials, subscribe to USDA NEWS, or participate in the square dancers credit card or discount prescription drug programs. We estimate that USDA reaches in the neighborhood of 300,000 dancers with our many programs.

There will be a distribution from the credit card account to the affiliates at the June 23rd Board meeting. Again, it will be \$100 per vote - Missouri will receive \$400. We encourage dancers and anyone else who wants to, to apply for the square dancers credit card.

At the meeting, the Youth Advisor reported that she did not have any applications for the youth scholarship. However, in an e-mail from Alitia on February 3rd, she has eight (8) applications. This year's job will be very difficult. This is the first year there has been more than one applicant. There is one applicant from Missouri. (The scholarship has been raised from \$500 to \$1,000 beginning in 2005.)

At this time, we only have 28 US Representatives as co-sponsors for HR 645 to make Square Dancing the National Folk Dance. None of these 28 are from Missouri. We still have until December 2004. Time is slipping away to get this passed in the 108th Congress. (We need over 400 co-sponsors.)

The Alliance for Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance (ARTS-Dance) will be meeting in Portland in March. Since this organization is relatively new and many do not know about it, a brochure detailing the five W's (what, when, where, why, and who) will be printed for the National Convention in Denver. There will also be a survey being done in Denver, so make sure you participate in that. (The SURVEY needs accurate information in order to try for corporate funding.)

USDA will sponsor an After Party in Denver. Details later.

Publications: Barb and Dave Turner. No report other than "everything is running smoothly."

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance forward December 1, 2003 was \$1078.21. Income December 2003 - \$5196.20; Income January 2004 - \$959.50; Expenses December 2003 - \$5475.85, Expenses January 2004 - \$1443.35, Balance forward January 31, 2004 - \$314.71. Enrollment in Plan A - 921 Members - 22 clubs, Enrollment in Plan B - 1590 Members - 46 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (57 members). Income from Plan A is \$1013.10, income from Plan B is \$6187.50. Expenses Plan A (921 members) \$921.00 and expenses Plan B (1590 + 57 members) \$6028.50.

Historian: Doyle & Linda Collins. No report.

License Plate: Doyle & Linda Collins. Balance Forward October 17, 2003 -\$892.61, no income or expenses from October 17 through December 13, 2003. December & January Income \$75.00; January & February Expenses \$45.00; Balance as of February 14, 2004 - \$922.61.

Blue Bird: Carol and Stanley Forste. She is going to put an Ad in the DOIN'S to let people know that they can contact her about the Blue Birds. This will be worked out with the DOIN'S Ad Manager.

Member Services: Randy & Juanita Boyles. Randy thanked all the districts for participating and having new dancer classes. The following monies will be given to the districts: Southwest District had expenses of \$15,918 - they will receive \$1,000; St. Louis District had expenses of \$7,484 - they will receive \$1,000; Northwest District had expenses of \$212 - they will receive \$106; Southeast District had expenses of \$672 - they will receive \$336; Central District had expenses of \$2,105.50 - they will receive \$1,000; West Central District had expenses of \$101.57 - they will receive \$50.79. Total expenses were \$26,493.69 and money distributed was \$3,492.79. It was announced by President Riley that due to family obligations, Randy and Juanita Boyles asked to be relieved of the duties of the Member Services Committee. President Riley regretfully accepted the Boyles' resignation and has asked Ed and Sherry Schofield to head this committee.

Dancer of the Year Award: Don and Joann Miller were selected as Chairman. No Report.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Randy Pratt passed out ballots to select the committee members. Only one member from each district can be on the committee. Following were elected: Randy and Penny Pratt as Chairman; Jim and Edythe Weber as Co-Chairman; Dallas & Nancy Wheeler, Bob and Shirley Turner and J. W. and Jan England.

It was moved by Randy Pratt that the ballots be destroyed.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim stated that since the December meeting, the contract with Cass County has been renewed. Copies were provided to the members of the Publications Committee. We have been working with Cass County mailing department for several months trying to get them to barcode our labels. Bar coding was on the February issue. Bar coding the labels is saving us approximately \$30 per issue in postage.

Edythe said that when clubs change writers, please pass on the information packet so that the new person does not have to "learn by doing". This makes the transition from the previous to new writer go smoothly, both at their end and at ours. Using the correct forms really helps in making sure your dates and dance information is entered into the computer correctly. Contact Jim and Edythe if you need the forms. Forms are available in hard copy and electronic form. It is really a pleasure working with all the volunteers for that job.

Several items that help us tremendously:

1. E-mails - put the club name in the subject line.
2. Please DO NOT cut the calendar listings into those little slips like you used to do - operative words - USED TO DO. Send only whole pieces of paper please.
3. Send in your club's dance schedule for the whole year. Then you do not have to send a calendar listing every month.

We see club names that we never get an article or calendar listing for the whole year. Please - encourage clubs to use the DOIN'S - articles and calendar listings are FREE.

Circulation: Charles & Dorothy Ball. Balance on hand November 30, 2003 was \$2,880.73; December income was \$786.30, December expenses were \$2,553.12 (\$2500 of these expenses was check #616 given to Missouri Federation); January income was \$577.60, January expenses were \$577.60. Balance on February 1, 2004 was \$ 1,691.51. Check #618 given to Missouri Federation for \$ 1,500. Petty Cash on hand \$7.84.

The Southwest District held its' annual DOIN'S Dance on Sunday afternoon, February 7th. We want to say a big "Thank You" to the District for a good dance. In spite of the weather and the Super Bowl there was a good attendance. We got 16 new subscriptions and 62 renewals for a total of 79. They had 7 callers in attendance.

February was a busy month for renewals and new student subscriptions. Friday night 814 labels were sent for subscriptions. For March a total of 54 students received one copy of the DOIN'S free. Those clubs submitting were Damsite Dancers, Little Dixie Squares, Ridge Rockers and Rangers.

We appreciate the Twilight Twirlers for giving their new members a subscription to the DOIN'S.

There are 195 subscriptions due in March and April. Please help me remind everyone to renew their DOIN'S.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance forward \$100.00. Revenue \$1,082.00; Expenses \$55.73. Check #198 on February 15 for \$926.27 was given to Missouri Federation. Balance on hand \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

At this time President Jim & Eloise Riley presented the 2003 Gavel Plaque to Past President Randy & Penny Pratt with their Membership Card. They were thanked for a job well done.

Indemnification: The President announced that the final report by the committee has been accepted. The committee is now relieved of its' duties, and the subject of Indemnification will be turned over to the Constitution and Bylaw's Committee to be worded correctly and written into the Bylaws.

2003 State Festival: Bob & Shirley Turner. Bob thanked everyone who helped and who attended. There were 850 dancers and 50 callers. Financial Report showed a Profit of \$9,163.62. Income was approximately \$26,000 and Expenses were approximately \$17,000.

2004 State Festival: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. They stated they are still getting the committee together. They have been busy going to dances to sell the tee shirts, etc.. At the St. Louis District Sweetheart Dance the committee sold over \$600 in wares. Floyd is working on the flyer again and putting the camping sites on it. They are going to Lebanon on February 25th to solicit ads and contributions for the State Dance. Packets for the District Presidents will be passed out at the next meeting in April.

Filling of Blue Bird Coordinator Position: Carol Forste has graciously volunteered. Her address is: 2737 N. Washington, Springfield, MO 65803 and her phone number is 417-869-7889.

Other Unfinished Business: Barb Turner stated that we should change the ByLaws to read that the Missouri Federation now pays \$150 to the club hosting the meetings instead of \$125.

A motion was made by Dallas Wheeler to continue giving districts (who in turn share the money with the clubs presenting expenses for new dancer classes) a maximum of \$1,000 in reimbursement. Carol Morris seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Audit Committee: The Audit committee of Mark & Rosa Lee Mortensen, Chairman; Jan Vaughn, Member and Judy and Hardy Pottinger, Members, met and the following books were audited: Doin's Subscription, Doin's Advertising, Treasurer, License Plate, and State Dance 2003. All were found to be in order. The remainder of the books, Blue Bird and the Insurance, will be audited and a final report will be submitted.

A motion was made by Dave Shafer to have the Missouri Federation write a letter to USD A to nominate Jim & Edythe Weber for President for a 2nd term. It was seconded by Jim Downey and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded by Floyd Herren that the Harvest Moon Festival at the Shepherd of the Hills is the responsibility of the Southwest District. The Missouri Federation will not approve the letter received from Jim and Phyllis Monroe, because the Missouri Federation is not entering into this sponsorship. The motion passed. Jim Weber stated that since the Southwest District is a part of the Missouri Federation, there is nothing wrong in putting the Missouri Federation name on the flyer. The Missouri Federation does not have to give approval or sponsor the event as it is an activity of the Southwest District.

Bob Turner brought up the subject of sound at the Annual Dance. President Jim Riley stated that the Missouri Federation does not want to get into sound at the annual dance. It is the job of the Festival Committee to handle this. Insurance is usually purchased by callers through Callerlab. The Missouri Federation will not be buying any equipment.

Travel MO Badges: Ed and Sherryl Schofield stated that 44 bars have been sold and 48 dangles. All yellow or green cards are to be sent to them in order to receive your dangle.

USDA: Jim & Eloise Riley, J.W. & Jan England, Dave & Dee Shafer and Bob & Loretta Welch will be the delegates at the USDA meeting at the 53rd NSDC in Denver. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and if you do, please wear the royal blue Missouri Federation polo shirt and sit in the front row.

Death: Eloise Riley's mother passed away on Christmas Day and Barb Skorupan's (cuer) daughter also passed away recently.

Don Miller introduced the Southwest Districts Hosts.

Calendar Of Events

Next State Board Meeting: April 18, Northwest District. Don Harper, Northwest District president, announced that the Northwest District Dance would be held on April 17, the night prior to the meeting. He invited everyone to come.

Floyd Herren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki & Ray Wittman, Secretary
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