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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. Liberty, Missouri - April 18, 2004

Place: Our Lady of Mercy Country Home
Host: Northwest District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Jim Riley
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Eloise Riley
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman

Introduction of Guests: Bob and Paula Bradford, Vice-President Northwest District, Greg's Gang; Richard Bertels, Central District, Travelers, and Ginny and Rich Groves, St. Louis District, Missouri Promenaders.

Approval of February 15, 2004 minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed, with one exception. On page 3 under Circulation, the Southwest District held its annual *DOIN'S* dance on Sunday, February 1st instead of the 7th.

Treasurer's Report: J. W. & Jan England. J. W. reported a beginning balance on February 1, 2004 of \$16,389.49; February income \$2,747.77; February expenses \$6,601.57; March income \$32.74; March Expenses \$1,436.15; Balance on hand March 31, 2004, \$11,132.28; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$28,132.28. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Secretary Vicki Wittman read the following:

1. A thank you card from Dallas and Nancy Wheeler for all the cards and prayers sent to them.
2. A thank you letter from the College of the Ozarks for the recent donation sent in memory of Luther Hendrix.
3. A thank you card and letter from Pauline Hanebrink and the Saxony Lutheran High School for the recent donation in memory of Clyde Hanebrink.
4. A letter sent to the Secretary of USDA nominating James and Edythe Weber for President of the United Square Dancers of America.
5. An e-mail mentioning Vi-Tenants hip replacement and home address. A card was signed and mailed to her.
6. An e-mail mentioning Chuck and Gerry Guenther's ill health. A card was sent to them.

President Jim Riley announced that he appointed Charles Ball as the permanent chaplain for this year.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Bob and Loretta Welch. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave passed out a page on the "Indemnification of Members of the Board of Directors". This is to be taken home and read thoroughly and then it will be voted on at the June meeting to have this Indemnification added to the Bylaws. Safety is not included in this Indemnification. The Insurance Coordinator, Floyd Herren, has safety check sheets that can be used for identifying safety concerns at dance locations. Please request these from him. Someone asked who the lawyer was that wrote the Indemnification. The lawyer's name is Douglas A. Carter, 2805 S. Ingram Mill Rd., P.O. Box 10009, Springfield, Missouri 65808-0009. His phone number is 417-447-4400 and his fax number is 417-447-4401. Another question was: "Who are the disinterested directors?" Dave stated that since a lawyer wrote this form according to Missouri law, only he would be able to answer this question. Dave said that if the problem of Indemnity occurs, the first thing another lawyer would ask is: "Where is Indemnification in your

Documentation?" Since the Federation does not have insurance, this document is someplace to start. Barb Turner suggested the Federation investigate Directors and Officers (D & O) Insurance. President Jim Riley asked Floyd Herren to do this. Jim Weber said that D & O is necessary and it is separate from Indemnification.

Memberships: 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 21 member clubs with 789 dancers (two new clubs joined the Northwest District - Single Promenaders with 60 members and Swinging Oaks with 31 members) St. Louis District has 22 member clubs with 906 dancers; Southeast District has 4 member clubs with 75 dancers; Southwest District has 30 member clubs and 1230 dancers and West Central District has 13 member clubs with 414 dancers. At present, there is 108 member clubs with 4,076 dancers listed.

Promotions: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae stated the members of the committee are: Bill and Carol Morris, Jim and Edythe Weber, George and Virginia Newton, and Dan Wheeler is the Webmaster. The committee would like to promote the Missouri Flag. The flag was designed and adopted nearly 100 years after achieving statehood on March 22, 1913, by the late Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Watkins Oliver, wife of former State Senator R. B. Oliver. The flag consists of three horizontal stripes of red, white and blue. These represent valor, purity, vigilance and justice. In the center white stripe is the Missouri coat-of-arms, circled by a blue band containing 24 stars, denoting that Missouri was the 24th state. Marvin and Bettyrae have purchased this flag and a very capable handyman fixed the flag on a dowel stick and put it in a stand so the flag can be set on the front table. The committee asked that the Missouri Pledge follow the Pledge of Allegiance. The same rules of respect would be in order for this pledge.

"I pledge allegiance, also, to the State of Missouri and to the ideals for which it stands. United with other states, for the benefit of all, we march forward to a greater America."

The committee will have printed cards with the Missouri Pledge on it, so every board member may have one to follow. All expenses involved will be Marvin and Bettyrae's expenses, and after acceptance by the State Board, Vi Tennant will make a plaque to attach to the base of the Missouri State Flag.

A motion was made by Bettyrae Fluke to have the Missouri Federation Board adopt the Missouri State Flag, use it in their agenda and display it at meetings. The motion was approved.

Jim and Edythe Weber presented the Flukes with 24 completed forms for the 2003 "LET'S TOOT OUR HORN" promotion. There are some first year clubs, some 2-3-4 year clubs and several every year -5 year clubs. The committee believes this is a good promotion and everyone needs to encourage more clubs to achieve this award. The clubs think this is a great honor when they are presented with this award.

Marvin and Bettyrae have a large number of Missouri State Pins that were purchased last year. They are \$10.00 for 25. Some will go to the Nationals for use by the Showcase of Ideas Committee.

Bettyrae thanked Jim and Edythe Weber for correcting, bringing up to date, getting bids on printing and mailing out to the Welcome Centers in Missouri the white tri-fold brochures that show visitors how to contact people for a square dance in the area. Some of these will be put on the Showcase of Idea's table at the National Square Dance Convention.

Marvin and Bettyrae have been working with the Damsite Dancer's Officers and other Square Dance Clubs from the area setting up square dance classes. Their goal is to attract the 40-50 age group in the Warsaw area. These classes will be from 10:00 a.m. until about 5:00 p.m., and run for four Saturdays in September. They have a caller-instructor and a fee will be charged. They have been observing a club in Central District that has had success using this system. Their enthusiasm is contagious. Angels are needed to help and to bring food. Several clubs are involved in this project.

The Damsite Dancer Square Dance Club pick up litter along the state highway and get their name on a sign.

Bettyrae thanked Dan Wheeler for keeping the web-site up to date.

Bettyrae asked all members to please get the USDA Credit Card and also, to think about getting a membership to the Chamber of Commerce in your town. She stated that the Scrip Pharmacy card by USDA is better than the Government Program being started.

Site Screening: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim stated that the Committee should be looking at sites four years out, but at present have only looked at them for two years out.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said that if you are in Denver in June, you are invited, along with the Missouri delegates, to attend the USDA meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom, Doubletree Denver Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado.

USDA will sponsor an After Party in Denver on Friday night, June 25 from 10 p.m. to midnight. The Youth After Party is Thursday night in the Youth Hall for those who have youth going to the National Convention. Due to rules restricting adult dancing in the youth hall, adults are not allowed to dance, but may come and watch.

It is still necessary for you to contact your United States Representatives to ask them to co-sponsor HR645 to make Square Dancing the National Folk Dance. There are still only 28 signed on as co-sponsors, none from Missouri. The final date is December 2004. Time is slipping away to get this passed in the 108th Congress.

Jim and Edythe have Credit Card applications for all members to take back to their districts. Jim urges you to fill out an application. Since Missouri has four votes, the Missouri Federation gets \$400.00.

Along with the USDA report, Edythe wanted to report on the Alliance for Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance (ARTS Dance). This newly formed organization will have a brochure detailing the five W's (what, when, where, why, and who) in the registration packet for those going to the National Convention in Denver. A survey will be done in Denver. Accurate information is necessary in order to try for corporate funding. Jim and Edythe will try to get additional brochures for the Missouri dancers. They think the ARTS will make a difference in how we market our activity and hopefully in the growth of new dancers for our future.

Jim reminded us to use the Scrip Pharmacy card since USDA gets 25 cents every time it is used.

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

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance forward February 1, 2004 was \$314.71. Income February 2004 - \$ 0- Income March 2004 - \$921.55; Expenses February 2004 - \$ 0, Expenses March 2004 -\$143.60, Balance forward March 31, 2004 - \$1,092.66. Enrollment in Plan A - 992 Members - 23 clubs, Enrollment in Plan B - 1807 Members - 49 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (57 members). Income from Plan A is \$1091.20, income from Plan B is \$7,001.25. Expenses Plan A Forrest T. Jones & Co. (992 members) \$992.00 and expenses Plan B USDA Insurance Program (1807 + 5 minimum clubs 57 members) \$6,595.55. President Riley mentioned that over half of the current clubs are not insured.

Historian: Doyle & Linda Collins. Doyle and Linda have picked up all the boxes from Ray and Vicki Wittman and are now in the process of sorting everything out. There are so many boxes that Linda feels that much of the information can be condensed. The cardboard boxes are very old and she made a request to allow her to buy some necessary supplies. Jim Weber made the motion to give Doyle and Linda Collins the authority to buy what is needed to store the historical records. Pat Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed. Pat Miller also mentioned that she knows of a library that might be willing to store our historical records.

License Plate: Doyle & Linda Collins. Balance Forward February 14, 2004 - \$922.61, no February income, March income \$75.00, no February expense, March Expenses \$30.00, Balance on April 18, 2004 \$967.61. Doyle reminded everyone that license plates are due again. You will need an emblem use authorization form. Renewals are \$25.00 for one year and \$50.00 for two years.

Blue Bird: Carol and Stanley Forste. Carol said that she received from the Missouri Federation on February 15, 2004 the following: \$100.00 for operating cash, 104 sets of bluebirds, 110 yards of blue braid and 29 sets of water damaged bluebirds.

Eight sets of bluebirds have been sold (three of these sets were water damaged and used by the Ranger Square Dance Club on umbrellas).

Four sets of blue braid (44) yards have been sold.

One set of bluebirds and one set of blue braid (11 yards) have been mailed, but have not received payment yet.

Income for 8 sets of bluebirds and 4 sets of braid @ \$4.50 each equals a total of \$54.00, Expenses for postage was \$3.14. On hand as of April 19, 2004 is \$150.86 cash, 98 bluebird sets, 55 yards of blue braid and 26 water damaged bluebird sets. Carol reminded everyone to buy or make a bluebird parasol to use in the parade at the National Convention. You can buy one today for just \$5.00. Find out what club members are going to the National Convention and urge them to buy and carry a parasol if they do not have the state dress. On another note - always wear the state dress on Friday night at the annual state festival.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed stated that a late payment, because of late submittal due to illness and surgery, of \$405.28 was given to the West Central District for new dance class expenses. Also, \$1,000.00 was paid to the Northeast District today for new dance class expenses. Please have clubs in your district be aware of costs, and save receipts and be ready to turn in expenses for new dance classes on or before the end of the year. All expenses should be turned in by December 31, 2004.

Travel Missouri Report: Ed reported that as of February 15, 2004 there were 44 bars sold and 48 dangles given out. As of April 18, there were 56 bars sold and 213 dangles given out. Travel Missouri information flyers are included in the state dance information packets. Current color of cards and tri-folds are green and have our address on the back. Please get rid of the yellow color cards. A *DOIN'S* article was prepared and will be running alternately with the license plate and state dress information. Dangles can be put on Travel Missouri badges twice.

Dancer of the Year Award: Don and Joann Miller. Packets have been sent out to the districts. The deadline for nominating a dancer is August 1.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Randy and Penny Pratt. President Jim Riley said that he has received requests mentioning that many good callers are near retirement, and since we only honor one per year, these callers will never get honored. This information has been put in the committee hands and they will work to solve this problem, perhaps giving recognition certificates to some of the deserving callers or cuers.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe reported that everything is going okay on the *DOIN'S*. When sending your article in by e-mail, please put your club name in the subject line. President Riley said that many dancers rely on the *DOIN'S* when they travel around Missouri, so please be sure your club information is up to date.

Circulation: Charles and Dorothy Ball. Balance on hand February 1, 2004 \$1,691.51, February Income \$1,724.13, February Expenses \$1,500.00 (Ck.#618 to Missouri Federation), March Income \$1,107.08, March Expenses \$-0-, Balance March 31, 2004 \$3,022.72. (Check #619 for \$2,700.00 given to Missouri Federation in April), Petty Cash on hand \$5.74. There are 732 subscriptions. Some months 25 subscriptions are not renewed. Be sure to send in your new dancer names so that one issue of the *DOIN'S* can be sent to them free. Charles and Dorothy have moved a short distance from their last home. Their new address is: 23 Wilhelm Dr., Versailles, MO 65084. Phone number and rest of information is still the same.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance forward \$100.00. Revenue \$1,141.00; Expenses \$46.25. Check #202 on April 18 for \$1,094.75 was given to Missouri Federation. Balance on hand \$100.00. Remember to send in your ad before you go to the National Convention in June. Dave and Dee will be gone the last two weeks of June, July and August, therefore it is important to get your ads in early.

Unfinished Business

2004 State Festival: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. All committee positions have been filled. Packets were given to all districts today and the District Presidents or Representatives are to distribute them to the clubs in their area. Floyd and Carolyn have registrations and ads already coming in. The callers and cuers have been sent an invitation to call or cue and most of them have responded. If you need more booster ribbons or raffle tickets, please call them.

New Business

Audit Committee: Mark & Rosa Lee Mortensen. No report.

Other New Business:

Barb Turner passed out ballots for the Caller and Cuer for the 2008 State Dance. One ballot per voting member. Please vote for five callers and five cuers. Barb later announced that letters would be sent to the following five callers: Lanny Weakland, Joe Saltel, Bob Rollins, Tom Roper and Tony Oxendine. Letters would also be sent to the following four cuers, since the 1st and 2nd tied, and the 3rd and 4th tied. They are: Joe and Pat Hilton, Patti and Ray Wheelington, Hank and Judy Scherrer and Larry and Adrienne Nelson.

President Riley announced the year and district who will be having the next state festivals.

2004 St. Louis; 2005 Southwest District; 2006 West Central District; 2007 Central District; 2008 Northeast District; 2009 Northwest District; 2010 Southeast District.

Don Harper introduced the Northwest Districts Hosts.

Calendar Of Events

Next State Board Meeting: June 13, Central District. The Saturday night dance held on June 12 will be at McClung Park, 1115 Chestnut Street, Jefferson City, Missouri from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Jerry Junck will be the caller. Everyone is invited. The state meeting will be held at the same place on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki & Ray Wittman, Secretary
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.,