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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. Jefferson City, Missouri - June 13, 2004

Place: McClung Park
Host: Northeast District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Jim Riley
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Eloise Riley
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Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman
Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of April 18, 2004 minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed, with one exception. On page 1 under Constitution and Bylaws - the last sentence should read "Jim Weber said D & O Insurance, if necessary, is separate from Indemnification."

Treasurer's Report: J. W. & Jan England. J. W. reported a beginning balance on April 1, 2004 of \$11,132.28; April income \$3,968.46; April expenses \$3,168.67; May income \$85.38; May Expenses \$1,486.82; Balance on hand May 31, 2004 \$10,530.63; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$27,530.63. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Secretary Vicki Wittman read the following:

1. Several e-mails were received on the death of the Sprosty Twins father. Since an address was included in one of the e-mails, a Sympathy card was sent on behalf of the Missouri Federation.
2. Orville Stieferman, husband of Wilda, passed away in May. At one time, he was a state officer from the Northeast District and a member of Capital City Squares and Spinning Heels. Enza Row sent a Sympathy card to the family.
3. Vi Tennant had some selective sizes left in the Missouri Royal Blue Tee Shirts and Carol Morris brought them to sell.

Committee Reports

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

Constitution and Bylaws: In the absence of Dave and Dee Shafer, Jim Weber stated that ARTICLE IX. Indemnification of Members of the Board of Directors should be incorporated into the Bylaws. Since this came out of committee, no second is necessary. Motion carried.

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 22 member clubs with 865 dancers. St. Louis District has 22 member clubs with 971 dancers. Southeast District has 4 member clubs with 75 dancers. Southwest District has 30 member clubs with 1230 dancers and West Central District has 15 member clubs with 408 dancers. At present, there is 111 member clubs with 4,302 dancers listed.

Promotions: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke thanked the committee for their work on the Missouri flag. They passed out small cards with the Missouri Pledge of Allegiance on them. Bettyrae stated the committee would like to promote the Missouri Flag. Once again, 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 at their expense. Bob Ziegler made the stand and a very capable handy man fixed the flag on a dowel stick and put it in a stand so the flag can be set on the front table. The flag can be bought at a flag store in Branson.

Marvin and Bettyrae have Missouri State Pins. They are \$10.00 for 25.

Missouri Federation tri-folds are sitting on the stage. Please take them to give to welcome centers, etc.

Marvin and Bettyrae have been working on promoting new square dance classes. Plans are proceeding for lessons in Warsaw. The biggest challenge is getting new dancers around the 40-50 age group. There are six clubs involved - all clubs are welcome. Jerry Routh will teach for four Saturdays starting in September from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The clubs will serve lunch. Clubs will call their members mid-week to get angels to attend. There will be a donation fee of \$5.00 per person per session. If a family, rates will be negotiated. Jim Weber said that at the CALLERLAB convention callers suggested that the new dancers should be charged a fee in advance, or at least half. They are giving this a try - hoping for the best. The new dancers should be encouraged to come to the club dances. About 30 minutes time should be set at the beginning of the dance to give these people a refresher course. It should not be called a workshop. Mark Mortensen said that his club is in their 3rd week of lessons. They dance from 1 to 6 p.m. and the caller was the only person who got tired.

Marvin and Bettyrae are promoting the idea of picking up litter on an assigned area of roadway. It is necessary to get permission from MODOT. There is a film to watch on safety rules and clothing to wear. This idea promotes Community Service and fun among club members, plus a sign along the road with your club name. They presented gloves to Jim and Eloise Riley to send them out to promote this idea in their club.

Bettyrae asked all members to promote the USDA Prescription Card. (USDA gets 25 cents every time it is used) and to promote the USDA Credit Card. The Missouri Federation is getting \$400.00 this year from the usage of the credit card.

The Missouri Federation donated \$500.00 to the ARTS (Alliance for Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance), and is now an Associate Member.

"LET'S TOOT OUR HORN" promotion awards are being given out. Two more to go. The award is fun and it honors the club. Other clubs are encouraged to succeed.

Site Screening: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim stated that the Committee should be looking at sites four years out. He reminded everyone that the committee could be looking at sites as far out as 2008.

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 25th from 10:00 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. They hope to see some of our Missouri dancers at both of these events.

This year a distribution will be made from the credit card proceeds, which have been held in escrow for this purpose. Missouri will receive \$400. The only way we can receive future distributions is if the credit card program grows. We receive royalties for purchases, credits for new card accounts and credits for card renewals. Every square dancer should have a square dancer credit card. We have Credit Card applications in the back for you to take back to your districts.

Make sure you fill out the ARTS survey that is being done in Denver. This survey will give us information we need to hopefully provide information on how we can make square dancing grow again. All the organizations involved in the ARTS are concerned with the dwindling numbers and have one goal in mind - growth of new dancers and retention of those already in the activity. Please make sure you fill out the survey.

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

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance forward April 1, 2004 was \$1,092.66. Income April 2004 \$184.60, Income May 2004 \$-0-, Expenses April 2004 \$285.50, Expenses May 2004 \$-0-, Balance forward May 30, 2004 \$991.76. Enrollment in Plan A - 1003 Members - 23 clubs, Enrollment in Plan B - 1853 Members - 50 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (57 members). Income from Plan A is \$1,103.30, Income from Plan B is \$1,173.75. Expenses Plan A Forrest T. Jones & Co. (1,003 members) \$1,003.00, and Expenses Plan B USDA Insurance Program (1853 + 5 minimum clubs 57 members) \$6,988.45.

Floyd is still searching for an insurance company who handles D & O (Directors and Officers) insurance.

Historian: Doyle & Linda Collins. Linda is still sorting papers.

License Plate: Doyle & Linda Collins. Balance Forward April 1, 2004 \$967.61, April income \$25.00, April expenses \$10.00; no May income; no May expense, Balance on June 12, 2004 \$982.61. 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. No report due to their absence.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. 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, but they do accept early submittal. Jim Weber asked Ed to submit an article for the Doin 's.

Travel Missouri Report: Ed & Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported that as of June 13, 2004 there were 87 bars sold and 317 dangles given out. Dangles will not be given out for attendance at the State Festival unless they have the cards showing the dancers were at the festival.

They have two couples who have completed all eight dangles. Jim and Phyllis Monroe of the Southwest District were the first, followed by Tony and Cindy Ahart of the Southwest District. Tony and Cindy sent a note with their final attendance card and he would like to share part of it with you. They said..."We have really enjoyed traveling to the other districts and have made many new friends and acquaintances. We are looking forward to completing this achievement again."

Jim Riley stated that he had correspondence from the Lotawana-Sailors, who have asked to join the Missouri Federation. He asked Ed to follow up on this. Ed will do so. This club is in Jackson County, but closer to clubs in the West Central District.

Jim Weber stated that USDA has a program entitled "USA Travel Program," which promotes dancing and traveling throughout the United States, and the USA West Square Dance Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2006.

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 1st. They have received one nomination.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Randy and Penny Pratt. No report due to their absence.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe stated that as clubs make up their new year dance schedules, please get a copy to Jim and her so they can put it in the computer. This helps them tremendously.

Start early advertising your lessons in the Doin 's. Please use the Lesson Form we have made. If you don't have it, e-mail or call and we will get it to you. Accurate and complete information makes the Doin s the most useful square dance magazine available.

Reminder - put the club name in the subject line of e-mails.

Encourage your dancers in each club to subscribe to the Doin s. Just a suggestion, but for the first year make it a club present to your new graduates. Once they get used to using it, and see how informative and helpful it is, they are sure to continue with their own subscription.

Don't be one of those dancers that just goes where they are told to on visits.

Circulation: Charles and Dorothy Ball. Balance on hand April 1, 2004 \$3,022.72, April Income \$432.00, April Expenses \$2,725.00 (Ck.#619 for \$2,700.00 to Missouri Federation), May Income \$331.85, May Expenses \$56.65, Balance May 31, 2004 \$1,004.92, (Gave check for \$900.00 to Mo. Fed. in June), Petty Cash on hand \$3.64. 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. Due to absence of Dave & Dee, report was mailed in. Balance forward \$100.00. Revenue \$499.00; Expenses \$31.49. Check #207 on June 13 for \$367.51 was given to Missouri Federation. Balance on hand \$100.00. Dave and Dee will be gone the last two weeks of July and August, therefore it is important to get your ads in early. Jim Weber mentioned that we should be thinking about our Christmas ad for the Doin s.

Unfinished Business

2004 State Festival: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. All committee positions have been filled. Linda and John Renaud from West County Spinners are the Program Book Chairman. They are looking for ads from your clubs, plus a reminder for all District Presidents to send in their pictures and the pictures of their officers and delegates. These are due in August. Be sure your club caller or cuer has sent in his or her name to call at the state festival. If you need more booster ribbons or raffle tickets, please call Floyd or Carolyn. There is still a good supply of sweatshirts, hats, bags and tee shirts for sale.

Please get your reservation in early for your Motel Room. Mark Mortenson mentioned that there are 16 motels just 20 minutes away.

Jim Weber asked if the ARTS survey form that is being submitted to all dancers at the National Convention could be given to all attendees at the State Festival. Carolyn said that there will be no "goody bags" this year, but the forms could be given out with the Program Book. Bettyrae Fluke made this motion and Carol Morris seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Audit Committee: Mark & Rosalee Mortensen. All books, with the exception of the Insurance books, have been audited and found to be in correct form. Floyd Herren will submit the Insurance Books to Mark in July.

Other New Business: Barb Turner received word from the Yockeys, who were to be cuers for the 2005 state festival, that they had to cancel. She searched into her old records, and found that Gene and Gena McMurtry from St. Louis had submitted the second lowest bid. She contacted them and they are willing to cue for \$350.00 plus a room. It was agreed they should be sent a contract for 2005.

Calendar Of Events

President Jim Riley announced that because of new ownership, the "Harvest Moon Festival" held at Shepherd of the Hills (normally in September) would be cancelled this year.

The Southwest District is hosting the 2005 annual state dance and Carol Morris asked that they be given \$2,500.00 as "start-up" money. Barb Turner made this motion and Ed Schofield seconded. The motion passed. The Southwest District is still considering what location will be used for the annual festival.

Barb Turner stated that the rotation of the districts holding the annual dances is not in the proper order due to St. Louis switching with the Southeast district for 2004. President Riley stated the new schedule will be as follows: 2004 St. Louis; 2005 Southwest District; 2006 West Central District on the 2nd weekend; 2007 Central District; 2008 Northeast District; 2009 Northwest District; 2010 St. Louis, 2011 Southeast District.

President Riley announced that Bob and Shirley Turner were celebrating their 34th Anniversary today.

Bob Sachse introduced the Northeast Districts Hosts.

Next State Board Meeting: West Central District will host on August 15 at Warsaw, Missouri.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Lois Bess said it was the shortest meeting she ever attended.

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