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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 - August 15, 2004**

**Place:** Truman State Park  
**Host:** West Central District  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Call to Order:** President Jim Riley  
**Invocation:** Charles Ball  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Eloise Riley MO.  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Bettyrae Fluke  
**Roll Call:** Secretary, Vicki Wittman (76 members in attendance)

**Introduction of Guests:** Pat and Ken Moore, Puxico Country Squares, Judy and Hardy Pottinger, Duck & Dive, Dave and Mary Lou Marti, Golden Valley Squares, Al and Donna Patton, Golden Valley Squares, Terry and Cheryl Close, Pat and Ted Swift, Terrell and Mary Lee McConnell, Jim and Mary Ann Wills, and Bernice and Dorothy Marcotte from Damsite Dancers.

**Approval of June 13, 2004 minutes:** The minutes were accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. W. & Jan England. J. W. reported a beginning balance on June 1, 2004 of \$10,530.63; June income \$2,012.79; June expenses \$4,476.61; July income \$68.51; July Expenses \$1,350.60; Balance on hand July 31, 2004 \$6,784.72; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$23,784.72. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. J. W. stated that since the checking account balance was getting low, he might have to cash in one of the CD's that was expiring in October.

**Correspondence:** Secretary Vicki Wittman read the following:

Two letters were received from John and Alitia Becker, Vice President of the Plains Region of the United Square Dancers of America thanking the Missouri Federation for attending the Board of Directors Meeting in Denver, Colorado on June 23. They mentioned the programs now offered by USDA, i.e. General Liability and Accident Medical insurance coverage, a competitive credit card, a prescription discount card, a quarterly news magazine, and a long term care insurance. A distribution of proceeds from the Credit Card Program was made to affiliate members at the rate of \$100 per voting right. The Missouri Federation received \$400.00 and photos were taken of the Missouri delegation receiving the check. One letter said that since the Beckers were also the Youth Advisors for USDA, they enclosed a photo of them presenting the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship in Denver at the National Convention to the mother of the scholarship recipient, Paul Connelly of Lower Waterford, Vermont. Next year the scholarship amount will be \$1,000.00 instead of \$500.00. They also enclosed the revised application forms for the scholarship.

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave and Dee Shafer. No report.

**Membership:** J.W. & Jan England. Central District has ten member clubs with 423 dancers. Northeast District has nine member clubs with 340 dancers. Northwest District has 21 member clubs with 845 dancers. St. Louis District has 22 member clubs with 971 dancers. Southeast District has four member clubs with 85 dancers. Southwest District has 30 member clubs with 1234 dancers and West Central District has 15 member clubs with 451 dancers. At present, there is 111 member clubs with 4,349 dancers listed.

**Promotions:** Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae stated they filled out the National Square Dance Directory form for 2005, and sent in an article about the 2005 State Festival, along with a \$20 check for the charge. Damsite Dancers will be hosting a session of four lessons, Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2. Jerry Routh will be their instructor. The donation is \$5.00/person per lesson. All clubs are invited to participate, and they will get their students back. She displayed a picture of the Damsite Dancers sign along the road for picking up trash and encourages other clubs to consider this project. She passed around a brochure about MODOC on roadside signs. Missouri pins are for sale for \$10.00 for 25 pins. Bettyrae encourages clubs to be a part of the "Let's Toot Our Horn" project and to use the USD A credit card, along with considering membership in your local Chamber of Commerce. Please use the Pharmacy Script cards, as these are better than the Government Program.

**Site Screening:** Jim and Edythe Weber. No report.

**Denver, Colorado National Square Dance Convention Report:** Bob Welch thanked Jim Weber for doing an excellent job as President of the USDA. He said that no awards were given out for the best display at the Showcase of Ideas, because the National Executive Committee said there was to be no competition. There were 1,167 tickets deposited in the gift award box. Mickey Green from Chester, South Carolina won the \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Wal-Mart and Ted Stottlemeier from Broken Bow, Nebraska won the \$25.00 certificate. Bob thanked the Stovers for the carousel display and thanked everyone who helped him set up the showcase. He was enthused about the scholarship picture. J. W. England said it was an honor to be at the USDA meeting. All dancers should back the programs offered. He said the USDA will send back names of companies from which to choose from when you apply for the Long Term Care Insurance. Dave Shafer also felt it was an honor to be at the USDA meeting. The Missouri delegation helped to move the meeting forward. He urged everyone to contact their Representative to get square dancing approved as the National Folk Dance. Jim Riley was enthused about all the people in attendance. It seemed like a large crowd, and he had trouble thinking that some people reported square dancing was on a downward trend. Jim Weber said that 8,550 attended the convention, but that 3,000 more were spectators. He suggested that we get names and addresses of people who come to watch dancing at festivals, so that they can be contacted when classes begin.

**USDA Report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim said it was a really good feeling to see so many Missouri blue shirts sitting up front supporting him as president. He stated that the USDA has added more pharmacies for the Script cards (about 45,000 now). The USDA makes 25 cents for every prescription filled using the Script card. Packets were given out to the District Presidents. Since square dancers live longer, long-term health care is important. If you fill out the brochure to get a quote, even though you do not take it, USDA gets \$100.00. Be sure to nominate someone for the Youth Scholarship (high school Seniors and Freshman in college are eligible). The scholarship is now for \$1,000.00. Since the Missouri Federation made a donation to ARTS (Alliance for Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance), we are now on the honor roll. Many dancers at the National Convention filled these out. The survey has been approved for state festivals and Jim wanted permission to pass the survey out at the state October festival. Although another motion was made and passed at the August meeting, this had already been done at the June meeting (see the motion under 2004 State Festival - June 13, 2004). Edythe said that California has been given \$1,000.00 from the ARTS to be used to work with the California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAH-PERD) organization to prepare materials to be used in school to teach square dancing. These materials might also be available in public libraries.

**Publications:** Barb and Dave Turner. Barb stated that Form 3510 must be submitted to the government with a check for \$40.00. It is the "Known Office of Publication", which required a publication address. Jim Downy made the motion and Floyd Herren seconded. Motion was approved to send the check and completed form.

**Insurance:** Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance forward July 1, 2004 was \$292.71. Income July \$-0-, Income August \$-0-, Expenses July \$-0-, Expenses August \$-0-, Balance forward July 31, 2004 \$292.71. D & O (Directors and Officers) insurance quotes are now dropped due to high cost (\$6004700) and lack of interest.

**Historian:** Doyle & Linda Collins. Barb Turner gave a newspaper article to the historian concerning an oriental couple who brought their Chinese grandma to a square dance. She square danced with the West County Spinners (St. Louis District) for six months and did not speak a word of English. However, she was able to complete all but the directional calls.

**License Plate:** Doyle & Linda Collins. Balance Forward June 12, 2004, \$982.61, July income \$75.00, July expenses \$30.00; Balance on Aug. 15, 2004 \$1,027.61. Doyle reminded everyone that license plates are due every year. 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. There was no report in June due to the absence of the Forstes, but they wish to make a correction to the April Report. 143 yards of blue braid, instead of 110 yards was received from the Missouri Federation, and 99 yards of blue braid, instead of 55 yards was on hand April 19, 2004. On hand as of April 18, \$154.86 cash, 98 sets of bluebirds, 99 yards (9 sets) of blue braid and 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds. Received payment for one set of bluebirds and one set of blue braid previously sold. Five sets of bluebirds have been sold. One set of blue braid (11 yards) have been sold. Income: 6 sets of bluebirds @ \$4.50 - \$27.00 and 2 sets of braid (33yards) @ \$4.50 - \$9.00; Total Income \$36.00. On hand as of June 13 \$190.86 cash, 92 sets of bluebirds, 8 sets (88 yards) of blue braid and 26 sets of damaged bluebirds.

Stanley reported cash on hand as of June 13 was \$190.86. 92 sets of bluebirds, 88 yards (8 sets) of blue braid, 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds. Two sets of bluebirds and two sets of blue braid (22 yards) have been sold. Income for two sets of bluebirds @ \$4.50 = \$9.00 and two sets of braid (22 yards) @ \$4.50 - \$9.00. Total income \$18.00. On hand as of August 15, 2004 \$208.86 cash, 90 sets of bluebirds, 6 sets (66 yards) of blue braid, and 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds.

**Member Services:** Ed and Sheryl Schofield. (See the Travel Missouri Report)

**Travel Missouri Report:** Ed reported that as of Aug. 15, 2004, there were 102 bars sold and 436 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. There are seven dancers who have completed all eight dangles. Jim and Phyllis Monroe, Tony and Cindy Ahart, Don and JoAnn Miller and Shirley Turner. There are ten people with seven dangles, 13 with six dangles, 14 with five dangles and 22 have bars with no dangles.

**Square Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. They have selected a Square Dancer of the Year.

**Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame:** Randy and Penny Pratt. Three nominations have been submitted to date. District presidents have until Sept. 1 to submit additional applications.

**District President's Report:** Bob Turner stated the schedule for the 2005 **State Meetings:** Southeast District, February 20, 2005; West Central District, April 17, 2005; Northwest District, June, 2005; Northeast District, August, 2005; Southwest District, October, Lebanon MO; Central District, December, 2005.

Bob Turner suggested that we dispense with the meal after the meetings, since the \$150.00 given to the district for meeting expenses does not cover the cost. This subject will be discussed further at the October meeting.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said that she needs your club dance dates for 2005. If she has the year's schedule, then you only need to send changes during the year. She also needs your district dance dates for 2005. Jim said "Please do not send in the little strips of paper that were formerly used. These get lost quickly...use a full sheet of paper."

**Circulation:** Charles and Dorothy Ball. Balance on hand June 1, 2004, \$1,004.92, June Income \$732.03, June Expenses \$900.00 (Ck.#623 for \$900.00 to Missouri Federation), July Income \$336.00, July Expenses \$-0-, Balance July 31, 2004 \$1,172.95, Petty Cash on hand \$2.94. Total subscriptions mail for September Issue 738. Please notify Charles and Dorothy when there is a change of address, because it costs 70 cents an issue to resend. They also need the names of the 100% clubs that subscribe to the *Doin s*.

**Advertising:** Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance brought forward \$100.00. Revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer Listings \$806.00. Expenses \$10.04. Check #211 on Aug. 15 payable to Missouri Federation \$695.96. Balance Forward on Aug. 15 \$100.00.

## Unfinished Business

**2004 State Festival:** Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Carolyn asked everyone: Are you registered? Does your club or business have an ad in the Festival book? They are delaying the final date for a couple more weeks. How about a nice black shirt with the 1904 Ferris wheel on it? There was one big problem - Dan Wheeler alerted Floyd saying he talked to Dan Nordbye and Dan did not know he was supposed to call for the festival! After numerous e-mails, Dan agreed to call since he had nothing scheduled for Oct. 16. The original contract has still not been located, but a copy of it (not signed) has been found in the file. The secretary said there are signed contracts in the file for 2005, 2006 and 2007, but 2004 was missing. The Missouri Federation Festival Committee received a \$100.00 check from the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club (St. Louis District). They raffled off a quilt at the St. Louis Federation Picnic and made \$600.00. They donated \$100.00 each to six different events. Carolyn asked if anyone has seen "Louie" the traveling hot dog. Someone raised their hand

and said their club had it. Jim Weber asked if the ARTS survey form that was submitted to all dancers at the National Convention could be given to all attendees at the State Festival. Since there will be no "goody bags" this year, the forms could be given out with the Program Book. Bettyrae Fluke made this motion and Carol Morris seconded. Motion passed. Carol Forste is going to have heart surgery in the next few weeks and asked to be relieved of her duties as chairman of the sewing seminar. Someone mentioned that Stanley and Carol Forste were in the fashion show at the Denver National Convention. It was mentioned that the vendors do not have to exit the hall on Saturday night. They may pack up and leave on Sunday.

## **New Business**

**Audit Committee:** Mark & Rosalee Mortensen. Although they could not attend, the Mortensen's submitted the following report: The Audit Committee has met and has successfully completed the audit of all of the financial records of the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs for the year 2003. All records were found to be in order.

### **Other New Business:**

The Southwest District is hosting the 2005 annual state dance and Carol Morris asked that they be given permission to raffle off a quilt, a weekend Bed & Breakfast in Springfield, and a ladies and man's watch. Since there was no opposition, they received permission.

Floyd Herren mentioned that some of the St. Louis new dance classes have home-schooled children participating.

Sherryl Schofield introduced the West Central District hosts. The following clubs contributed food: Golden Valley, Damsite Dancers, Peppy Promenaders, Spinnin' Wheels and Holden On's.

## **Calendar Of Events**

West Central District Dance - Oct. 30 from 7-10 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 2901 Hoover Drive (Old Skating Rink,) Trenton, Mo.

Southwest District is having a dance on Nov. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Northview Center, 301 E. Tamage, Springfield, Mo.

Next State Board Meeting: St. Louis District will host at Lebanon, Mo. on Oct. 17, 2004.

President Jim Riley announced the meeting will begin at noon on Sunday instead of the usual 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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