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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. Poplar Bluff, Missouri - February 20, 2005

Place: 5th and 6th Grade Center, 3297 Oak Grove Rd., Poplar Bluff, MO
Date: 20 February 2005
Host: Southeast District
Call to Order: President Edythe Weber
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO. Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Acting Secretary, David Shafer (50 members in attendance)
Introduction of Guests: Ken and Barb Felts, David and Brenda Knapp

Approval of December 12, 2004 minutes: The minutes were accepted with the following changes: Page 3, under 2005 Festival, change Jim to Bill Morris. Page 3, under Other New Business: 6th line down: Change Arkansas to read Arizona.

Treasurer's Report: JW & Jan England. J.W. reported a beginning balance on December 01, 2004 of \$11,895.46; December income \$4,038.84; December expenses \$1,932.32; January income \$112.21; January expenses \$1449.25; February income \$6.00; February expenses \$1,640.17; Balance on hand February 18, 2005 \$11,030.77; CD investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$28,030.77. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Edythe Weber reported that as associate members of the Alliance for Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance, we received a copy of the annual report giving a brief but concise detailing of the accomplishments of 2004, as well as the opportunities and challenges that are faced in the future. This report is available to everyone at www.arts-dance.org

Committee Reports

President Edythe Weber asked each committee chairman to introduce the members of their committees for 2005. Then, Edythe Weber asked for the Board of Director's approval of the committees. Dave Shafer moved that the committees be accepted as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mark Mortensen asked the Board of Directors to consider in the future appointment of committees, the involvement of other federation dancers than just those on the board itself. This will get other dancers involved and teach them the purpose of operations of the Board of Directors.

Boundaries and Relations: J.W. and Jan England. No report. **Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave and Dee Shafer: No report

Membership: J.W. and Jan England. Central District has 11 paid clubs, 327 dancers. Northeast District has 8 paid clubs with 320 dancers. Northwest District has 22 paid clubs with 178 dancers. St. Louis District has 21 paid clubs with 950 dancers. Southeast District has 3 paid clubs with 93 dancers. Southwest District has 30 paid clubs with 544 members. West Central District has 17 paid clubs with 89 dancers. At present there are 115 clubs, 112 paid-up clubs with 2501 dancers listed.

Promotions: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. While returning from Florida on Interstate 55, we stopped at the welcome center near Portageville, Mo. We became excited when we discovered our Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. brochure in the front row shining out at us. The white and blue color combination makes them very noticeable in the display. The workers at the visitor center shared our excitement and told us our brochure is picked up by visitors. One dear lady working there was drinking from a cup from Clinton, MO. She received it from a relative who visited Clinton. We took pictures and hope to have them for the next state meeting for the historian's scrapbook. We owe Jim and Edythe Weber a big "Thank You" for getting the 2005 brochures printed and mailed to the welcome centers.

The following clubs have submitted their "Let's Toot Our Horn" applications. Central District: Travelers - 5 years. Levis & Laces - 6 years. Duck 'N Dive - 6 years. Ozark Whirlers - 6 years. Millstone Wheelers - 5 years. Northeast District: Tiger Squares - 4 years. Kirksville Country Cousins - 6 years. Capital City Squares - 6 years. Tanglefoot Squares - 4 years. Little Dixie Squares - 5 years. Northwest District: Ramblers - 2 years. Southeast District: Puxico County Squares - 5 years. Bluff City Twirlers - 4 years. Southwest District: Mountaineers Square Dance Club - 3 years. Cassville Swing 'N' Stars - 4 years. Pommenaders - 6 years. Rangers - 4 years. Ridge Rockers, Pea Ridge, AR - 1st* year. Solo Swingers - 6 years. St. Louis District: Jefferson County Squares - 2 years. West Central District: Damsite Dancers - 6 years. Golden Valley Squares - 6 years. Spinnin' Wheels - 2 years. Congratulations to these 24 clubs for completing this award. We plan to attend as many district dances as possible to present the awards.

We will continue to report on successful lessons being completed. We encourage clubs to adopt a roadside clean up area and have their club name on a MODOT sign along the highway. We have Missouri State Pins for sale, 25 pins for \$10.00. We will have the 56th Anniversary plaque ready for the Ozark Whirlers as soon as we get all of the information. There are 725 Missouri State pins left. We need 1,000 for the National Convention. The pins we purchased in 2003 cost \$1,914.00. To order the same number of pins again will cost \$2,241.00. That is 46 cents per pin. The new pins will be white with blue square dancers, red lettering and a gold border. The committee made a motion to purchase the new pins. The motion passed.

Don Miller added that the "Ozark Jubilee" will be coming back to television and that the Rangers have been asked to perform for the shows. This will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Oasis Convention Center near the North Town Mall starting February 24, 2005 and will eventually move into the convention center downtown.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob Welch reported that the committee membership is not complete. Bob Welch made a recommendation that we look four to five years out for selecting future state dance sites. Dance sites for 2005 (Lebanon), 2006 (Sedalia) and 2007 (Lebanon) have been approved.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. The bill to designate Square Dance as the National Fold Dance of America, also known as the Promenade Act, will have to be reintroduced in the 109th Congress. The plan this time is to introduce the bill into the House and Senate at the same time. What is needed is for every dancer to contact their U.S. Representative and Senator and ask them to co-sponsor the square dance bill. U.S. Representatives Marion Barry of Arkansas and Jim Saxton of New Jersey have been asked to introduce the bill into the House. U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas has been asked to introduce the bill into the Senate. But they need supporters. Just as it took 3 years to get Square Dancing designated the State Folk Dance of Missouri, it will probably take that long to get it passed at the National level. Contact your Senators and Representatives and "Make a Lot of Noise."

Keep promoting the USD A Credit card program. In order to receive another distribution sooner than 3-4 years apart, we need more card-carrying members. Are you one?

The Prescription discount program is continuing to grow. There were a few problems in the past because the original cards didn't have the code number needed for the pharmacies to access the program. In other cases the pharmacist were not entering the appropriate code. There are two different cards in use and both give beneficial discounts. However, the company would like USDA to only promote the newest card for future use. The new card uses PharmaCare as its' provider. If you have an old card and are satisfied with the discounts you are getting, please continue to use it. If you would like to check the discounts of the newer card, please call us at (816) 781-3598. Mark Mortensen asked who to contact if there are problems associated with the use of the pharmacy cards. Edythe stated that they should call the 800 number on the card or call the USDA coordinator Bill Appel at (918) 478-9113.

Introduction of the newest USDA program on Long Term Health Care is continuing.

USDA for youth is being promoted by use of a green frog sticker worn on club badges. The green frog signifies that the wearer is youth friendly and will dance with youth in a square. Please let your youth know what the green frog signifies. Be youth friendly, wear a green frog on your club badge. Green frog stickers were passed out to take back to the clubs.

Publications: Dave and Barb Turner. No report.

Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Balance forward December 1, 2004 was \$368.97. Income December \$2,520.00. Income January \$1,425.00. Expenses December \$2,092.60. Expenses January \$1,661.03. Balance forward January 31, 2005 \$560.64. Plan A has 410 members - 9 clubs. Plan B has 975 members - 22 clubs insured + 0 minimum clubs (0 members). Income Plan A \$410.00. Income Plan B \$3,802.50. Expenses Plan A Forrest T. Jones & CO. \$410.00. Expenses Plan B USDA Insurance Program (975 members + 0 Minimum Clubs - 0 members) \$3,705.00.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collin. No report.

Blue Bird: Carol and Stanley Forste. No report.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Expenses for promotion of square and round dancing for the year of 2004 were received from the following districts in the amounts noted: Central \$1,245.00. Northeast \$2,439.00. Northwest \$200.00. St. Louis \$17,670.00. Southeast \$1,265.61. Southwest \$15,679.80. West Central \$1,169.27. Total expenditures turned in \$39,668.00. Each district will receive reimbursement as follows: Central - \$622.50. Northeast - \$1,000.00. Northwest - \$100.00. St. Louis - \$1,000.00. Southeast - \$632.00. Southwest - \$1,000.00. West Central - \$584.63. Total reimbursements - \$4,939.93.

The Member Services Committee met and is referring to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee the following change. Member Services - Promotion of Square Dancing Program. The intent of this program is to assist individual clubs by partial reimbursement of financial losses incurred in the promotion of square dancing. Reimbursement is to be for expenses other than refreshments that are over and beyond any income from the promotional events, such as lessons, and any other expenditure for "promotion of square dancing." Expense claims are to be documented by copies of cancelled checks, receipts, etc.

It is the recommendation of this committee that this program be continued.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Scholfield. A total of 638 visitations have been made. There are 7 new participants. 24 dancers have completed the first set. 22 dancers have completed their second set and 2 dancers are working on their third set of dangles. A breakdown of dangles given out by district: State Dance Dangles -116. Central District - 100. Northeast District - 75. Northwest District - 61. St. Louis District - 57. Southeast District- 64. Southwest District - 90. West Central District - 80. About three and a half percent of the square dancers in Missouri are participating.

Square Dancer of the Year: Mary Sue Darwent has been named the chair of this committee made up of the district presidents. No report.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Eloise Riley. No report.

District Presidents Report: Bob and Shirley Turner: Bob Turner reported that the district presidents want to continue to meet, but do not want to become a standing committee.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe apologized to the Rangers for the problem with getting their dance city wrong in front of their monthly news letter in the DOIN's. The change has been made and will be correct in the March DOIN's.

We have 2005 club schedules for all but 16 clubs. If you are not sure if your club has sent us one, please call or e-mail to find out.

Eleanor Stover has sent us an article about the Ozark Whirlers 50^m Anniversary. We would like to use the Ozark Whirlers badge as the cover on the April issue if we can get a good picture or copy.

Circulation: Charles and Dorthy Ball. Balance on hand November 11, 2004, \$2,392.56. December income \$830.88. December expenses \$2,313.70. Income for

January 2005 \$864.58. Expenses for January \$22.75. Balance on January 31, 2005 \$1,751.57. Check to Missouri Federation \$1,750.00. Petty cash on hand \$36.83. Total subscriptions mailed for March 750. Total free DOIN's mailed 51. Renewals 95. New subscriptions for March issue 16. Springfield DOIN's dance had a total of 63 renewals, 8 new subscriptions. 16 students and 11 callers. Thank you to the Southwest District.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Balance brought forward December 13, 2004 \$100.00. Revenue from subscriptions \$12.00. Revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer Listings \$1,150.00. Expenses \$22.83. Check #222 to Missouri Federation \$1,139.17. Balance carried forward \$100.00

Unfinished Business

2005 State Festival: Paul Critcher and Carol Morris. Carol Morris challenged everyone wear their 2005 State Shirt to the April meeting. State Dance information packets are ready and district presidents should pick them up to take back for distribution to the clubs. If your district packet does not contain enough packets for every club, please pick up additional club packets before you leave today. Sylvester Strongbox is reportedly at the Levis & Laces in Lebanon.

Audit Committee Report: Lonnie Echternacht. Presented by Mary Sue Darwent. The auditing committee completed a careful review of the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. 2004 financial records for the License Plate Fund and the Show-Me DOIN's Circulation manager funds. Both sets of records were presented in an organized fashion and contained an itemized summary listing, by categories for the year. The records appropriately reflect the transactions that were made. Both Doyle and Linda Collins (License Plate Fund) and Charles and Dorthy Ball (Show-Me DOIN's Circulation) are commended for the thorough job of maintaining a systematic paper trail of all income and expenditure transactions.

New Business

National Square Dance Convention - Portland, OR: Appointment of USDA Delegates to Portland Meeting.

Edythe stated that the 2005 convention committee has received the Missouri publications for their display. Bob Welch was asked to take charge of the "Showcase of Ideas" display for Missouri. Delegates to attend the USDA meeting on Wednesday prior to the convention were selected and are: Bob and Loretta Welch, JW and Jan England, John and Eleanor Stover, and Pat and Tom Miller. Everyone is encouraged to attend the USDA meeting wearing their Missouri Blue Shirt.

Calendar Of Events

West Central District will host the next State Board Meeting on April 17, 2005. **Recognition of Hosts**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave & Dee Shafer Acting Secretaries
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.