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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

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(Subject to Board Approval)

Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Higginsville, Missouri - April 17, 2005

Place: John Knox Village, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginsville, Missouri
Host: West Central District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Jim Weber
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO. Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman (44 members in attendance)
Introduction of Guests: Mary Pitts, Fishin' River Squares, Northwest District

Approval of February 20, 2005 minutes: The minutes were accepted with the following changes:

1. Page 1, under Treasurer's Report: Floyd and Carolyn Herren are Chairman and made the report. 2. Page 1, under Membership: Floyd and Carolyn Herren are Chairman and made the report. 3. Page 2, at end of second paragraph: The sentence should read: The committee made a motion to purchase the new pins and they would be sold twenty pins for \$10.00. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Acting Treasurer, J.W. England reported a beginning balance on Feb. 1, 2005 of \$12,664.94; February income \$2,965.71; February expenses \$2,241.00; March income \$3.03; March expenses \$1,496.97; April income \$-0-; April expenses \$1,738.76; Balance on hand April 17, 2005 \$3,846.22; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$20,846.22. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. J. W. suggested cashing in, if necessary, a small CD coming due shortly. Correction to the Dec. 30, 2004 treasurer's report: On page 1, \$13.76 was paid to the St. Louis League of Clubs for copies.

Correspondence: Vicki Wittman stated that Sympathy Cards were sent to Nancy Wheeler on the death of her husband, Dallas, and to Millie Crabtree on the death of her husband, Tom. A letter, addressed to Jim and Edythe Weber, from the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance was read which thanked the Missouri Federation for its' Associate Membership status and contribution of \$100.00. It was noted that the address of George and Virginia Newton on the 2005 Roster has changed. It should read: 27441 Karris Park Avenue. The City and Zip Code remain the same.

President Jim and Edythe Weber presented Jim and Eloise Riley with a plaque and gavel and a lifetime Membership Card for their service as President in 2004.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: J.W. and Jan England. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Acting Chairman, Barbara Turner, gave the following report. It will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. **Article X.** Appointive Committees **Section 4.** Standing Committees

Currently reads: Paragraph K. Member Services Committee (all district presidents and chaired by presidential appointment. **Change:** Add closing parenthesis at end of statement.

Member Services Committee submitted the following recommendation to CHANGE Paragraph K to read: Paragraph K. Member Services Committee (all district presidents and chaired by presidential appointment). 1) Promotion of square dancing program. 2) The intent of this program is to assist individual clubs by partial reimbursement of financial losses incurred in the promotion of square dancing. 3) 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 expenditures for "promotion of square dancing". 4) Expense claims are to be documented by copies of canceled checks, receipts, etc.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the following change to the constitution and bylaws of The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Paragraph K. Member Services Committee (all district presidents and chaired by presidential appointment). 1) The purpose of this committee is to encourage clubs to promote square dance programs by reducing financial hardships incurred by the clubs as a result of their promotion^). 2) Partial reimbursement to clubs of expenses incurred as a direct result of promoting square dancing will be: a) Provided to clubs through their district in an amount to be determined annually by the Board of Directors, not to exceed 50 cents on the dollar, b) Based on reimbursement periods that coincide with the calendar year, c) Only for those expenses directly related to promoting square dancing, d) Limited only to those expenses that exceed any income received from the promotional event(s), such as fees charged to students and angels attending lessons, money from outside sources, etc. 3) Partial reimbursement to clubs of expenses incurred as a direct result of promoting square dancing will be provided through the districts to each club that provides the following documentation: a) Original receipts or copies of cancelled checks for expenses incurred, such as caller fees paid for the conduct of lessons or exhibitions, hall rental for lessons, advertising, temporary name tags, etc. Each receipt/canceled check submitted in support of submitted claims must indicate what expense it is for. (The Member Services Committee will consider each receipt individually), b) Copies of advertisements, flyers, news articles, etc., for which reimbursement is requested, c) Items not related directly to promoting square dance programs (such as refreshments, dinner-ware, napkins, cups, etc.) will not be considered for reimbursement. 4.) Clubs through their respective districts will submit requests for reimbursement so that they reach the Member Services Committee no later than the 1st day of February each year.

Membership: Acting Chairman, J.W. England stated the following: Cent. Dist. has 10 paid clubs, 416 dancers. NE Dist. has 8 paid clubs with 267 dancers. NW Dist. has 20 paid clubs with 610 dancers. St. Louis Dist. has 22 paid clubs with 978 dancers. SE Dist. has 3 paid clubs with 93 dancers. SW Dist. has 27 paid clubs with 1033 members. WC Dist. has 15 paid clubs with 429 dancers. At present there are 105 clubs, 105 paid-up clubs with 3826 dancers listed.

Promotions: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Photos were passed around showing the Missouri Federation tri-folds displayed at the Welcome Center on 1-55 south of Cape Girardeau. Bettyrae also passed around photos of a lady drinking from a Clinton, Missouri cup. The photos are to be given to the Historian. She said that some new dance classes were successful and some were not. Please tell someone on the committee if your class was successful and how you managed to make it a success. Please remember MODOT signs. If your club picks up garbage along a section of the highway, MODOT will put your club name on a sign. Don't forget the Prescription Cards. Tell your friends about them. Promote a "Teddy Bear" Dance in your district. One club gives Teddy Bears to "emergency services" (ambulances, fire stations, etc.) to give to children who are sick or hurt. Send an article to the newspaper when your club does these special things.

Tony Ahart said it is important to promote new callers. \$300 - \$400 can really help them get started. There are Scholarship funds available from CALLERLAB. The Northeast District is starting a Dallas Wheeler Memorial Fund for callers. Memorials for Tom Crabtree are going to callers. Buy bumper stickers that say, "I love Square Dancing."

Bob Welch is taking 725 of last years' Missouri pins to the Portland National Convention to give out at the Showcase of Ideas. He will get 275 of the new pins to also give out. The new Missouri State Pins are for sale, 20 pins for \$10.00.

Promotions is an active working committee. They promote all phases of square dancing, but need suggestions.

President Jim Weber said he attended a CALLERLAB meeting and a survey done by a professional marketing firm was discussed. The 1st question asked was if they took square dance lessons. Fifteen million people in the U.S. took square dance lessons and joined clubs. The 2nd question asked was if they were still dancing. If not, when did they leave? The survey showed that 80% of the people who took lessons left after four years. In another two years, another 10% were gone. The real question is: Do we have a promotion problem in getting new dancers or a retention problem? Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob Welch reported that the committee is now in place. Co-Chair, Dave and Dee Shafer, Pat and Annette Schulte, Northeast District, and Bob and Paula Bradford, Northwest District. They have a school in Jefferson City, Northeast District, to look at for the 2008 Festival.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe stated the National Folk Dance Chairmen, Mark and Bessie Grumbine, are trying to get a Folk Dance Coordinator in each state. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a good central contact for this job, please contact Jim and he will get that person's name to Mark and Bessie. If you want to know more, please contact us. Please consider doing this - you will be supplied with cards and forms.

Keep promoting the USDA Credit card program. In order to receive another distribution sooner than 3-4 years apart, we need more card-carrying members. Do you have one? The Prescription discount program is continuing to grow. If you know someone who does not have a prescription drug program with their work, or are unemployed and not on welfare, please give them a card. They do not have to be dancers to get this discount, just someone in need.

The Long-Term Health Care program is slowly being introduced. It takes a while for a new program to get rolling, so if you are interested in long term care, check out the discount price for being a square dancer and compare the premiums to others you have received.

Publications: Dave and Barb Turner. No report.

Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Acting Insurance Chairman, Ray Wittman gave report. Balance forward Feb. 1, 2005 was \$560.64. Income February \$337.90. Income March \$251.80. Expenses February \$329.80. Expenses March \$243.40. Balance forward March 31, 2005 \$577.14. Plan A has 474 members -12 clubs. Plan B has 1109 members - 25 clubs insured + 0 minimum clubs (0 members). Income Plan A \$521.40. Income Plan B \$4,325.10. Expenses Plan A Forrest T. Jones & CO. \$474.00. Expenses Plan B USDA Insurance Program (1109 members + 0 Minimum Clubs - 0 members) \$4,214.20.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. No report.

License Plate: Linda and Doyle Collins. Balance forward Dec. 12, 2004, \$707.61. Income for Dec. 12 thru Feb. 19, 2005 - \$100.00. Expenses for Dec. 12 thru Feb. 19 - \$40.00. Balance on hand Feb. 19, 2005 \$767.61. Balance forward on Feb. 19 \$767.61. Income for Feb. 20 thru April 16 - \$50.00. Expenses for Feb. 20 thru April 16 - \$20.00. Balance on hand April 16, 2005 \$797.61.

Blue Bird: Carol and Stanley Forste. No report.

Member Services: Ed and Sherry Schofield. (See report under Constitution and ByLaws). Bettyrae Fluke made a motion to continue to fund \$1,000 to each district for the year 2005. Motion passed.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. A total of 757 visitations have been made, plus 10 pending. 27 dancers have completed the first set, 25 dancers have completed their second set and 5 dancers are working on their third set of dangles. A breakdown of dangles given out by district: State Dance Dangles - 138 people participating, plus 7 pending. Cent. Dist. - 108. NE Dist. - 89. NW Dist. - 70. St. Louis Dist. -

67. SE Dist. - 80. SW Dist. - 107. WC Dist. -90.

Square Dancer of the Year: Mary Sue Darwent said all districts should have received packets.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Eloise Riley. Ballots were passed out to choose four members for the committee. Instructions were to choose one from each district, but not from the NE Dist. since the Rileys are from that district. Aug. 1 is the cut-off date for submitting caller/cuers names for the Hall of Fame. Jim Riley feels that the rules for the Hall of Fame are explicitly defined and should not be changed.

District Presidents Report: Bob Turner yielded to Ed Schofield. Ed stated there was a discussion on how to change a club name. This came up because one club had the city name in their club name and then moved to a different city. Resolution: The district would accept a modified/revised application for membership. Then it is necessary to notify the Missouri Federation, the Doin's Editor, the Insurance Coordinator, and others as necessary.

The NW Dist. fast trac lessons were discussed and ideas were given to the Promotions Committee. Ed requested that a cheat sheet and short write-up be given to the committee. He felt the group was very useful because of the exchange of ideas.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said they continue to receive several club articles after the deadline of the 28th of the month. Send early (especially if you are mailing your article). When you send your e-mail article, use your club name in the subject line. Please send all advertising and payment to Dave Shafer. Most

everyone seems to have the new e-mail address, doins@kc.rr.com

Circulation: Charles and Dorthy Ball. Balance on hand 1/31/05, \$1,751.57. February income \$1,526.58. February expenses \$1,775.00. Income for March \$1,166.44. Expenses for March \$-0-. Balance on March 31, 2005 \$2,669.59. Check to Missouri Federation \$2,600.00. Petty cash on hand \$27.73. Total subscriptions mailed for May issue 725. There were 12 new subscriptions and 12 final subscriptions. 100 postcards were sent out as reminders.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Edythe Weber gave report. Balance brought forward Feb. 21, 2005 \$100.00. Revenue from subscriptions \$-0-. Revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer Listings \$1,098.50. Expenses \$11.33. Check #225 to Missouri Federation \$1,087.17. Balance carried forward April 17 \$100.00. Edythe again emphasized the importance of sending advertising to the Shafer's, not to them.

Jim Weber asked Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke to come forward. They will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 21. Everyone sang "Happy Anniversary" and Bettyrae told a little about their life. Everyone was invited to eat the beautiful anniversary cake.

Unfinished Business

The ballots for the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame committee members were counted and the following will serve on the committee. Chairman Jim & Eloise Riley, Past Recipient Gary Mahnken, J. W. & Jan England - WC Dist., John & Eleanor Stover - Cent. Dist., Mark & Peggy Gentry - SW Dist. and Bob & Shirley Turner - SW Dist.

2005 State Festival: Paul Critcher and Carol Morris. Carol thanked everyone for wearing the state T- shirts. 257 have registered to date. June 15 is the deadline for booster ribbons. Raffle tickets for the money drawings are \$1.00 each, but the club retains 50 cents. 55 quilt blocks are in the beautiful quilt to be raffled. There is also a raffle for the matching watches and the bed and breakfast weekend. There will be two \$50 cash prizes awarded to pre-registered dancers on Friday night. Must be in attendance to win. The Ad forms for the Program Book have been distributed.

National Square Dance Convention - Portland, OR -

Carol Morris made a motion to give Bob Welch \$200 for purchasing items for the Showcase of Ideas at the national convention in Portland. Wal-Mart certificates are given away at the showcase. Motion was seconded and passed.

J. W. England made a motion to pay the national convention registration fees for Bob and Loretta Welch. Motion was seconded and passed.

Audit Committee Report: Lonnie Echemacht. Mary Sue Darwent took books to Lonnie. Edythe Weber read the following report. Date: April 8, 2005

SUBJECT: Audit Committee Report of Missouri Federation Treasurers' Financial Records, The Show-Me Doin's's Advertising Fund, and 2004 Convention Account The auditing committee has completed a careful review of the above listed books. All three sets of records were presented in an organized fashion, contained itemized summary listings for the year, and had appropriate back-up documentation. J. W. and Jan England (Missouri Federation Treasurers), David and Dee Shafer (The Show-Me Doin's Advertising Fund), and Jack and Karalee Shannon (2004 Convention Account) are commended for maintaining detailed records that clearly indicate the income and expenditure transactions made. Edythe stated that the Blue Bird Account and the Insurance Account still needs to be audited.

New Business

Ed Schofield made a motion to give \$2,500 to the 2006 State Festival Committee (West Central District) for start-up operating expenses. Motion was seconded and passed. Jim Weber said that we should recognize callers/cuers/clubs for their longevity in square dancing. Barbara Turner made a motion to award a plaque to the Rafter Rockers Square Dance Club (St. Louis District) for having their 50th Anniversary Dance on May 28th. Motion was seconded and passed. Rafter Rockers have been a member of the Missouri Federation for approximately 15 years.

A motion was made by Phyllis Brockhaus to award a Certificate to the Crosstrailers from Independence, Missouri who have been dancing for 55 years. They did not belong to the Federation on their 50th Anniversary. Motion was seconded and passed. Jim Weber appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to come up with

some ideas for rewarding clubs who have danced for a certain number of years i.e. 25/30/40 etc. However, it is important that the Missouri Federation be notified so that they can present these awards/certificates. Jim and Eloise Riley presented a plaque to the Ozark Whirlers in Eldon, Missouri on April 16 for their 50th Anniversary. The dance was a real celebration with 160 dancers in attendance.

2008 & 2009 Callers & Cuers for State Festivals: Barb Turner. There was a discussion about paying local Missouri cuers but not local Missouri callers. A motion was made by Doyle Collins that if the committee could not get a national cuer, then we have to resort to local Missouri cuers. Motion was seconded and passed.

In the absence of Randy Pratt, Barb Turner passed out a page of callers and cuers to be voted on for 2009. Additional names were added to the list. Everyone was instructed to vote for five on the list. The top five will be sent letters asking them to bid on the 2009 Festival. She also stated that letters have been sent to five callers and cuers for the 2008 Festival. All responses have not been received.

Calendar Of Events

.Northeast District Dance is April 23 at Moberly Municipal Auditorium. Damsite Dancers Hog Roast is May 14 at Warsaw Middle School. Southwest District Dance May 21 with Steve Hoffman & Gerry Tevlin at Springfield. Southeast District Dance is June 4 with Mark Turner & Donna Barks at Puxico School. Northwest District Dance is June 11 at Sycamore Hills Elementary School in Independence followed by the next State Board Meeting on June 12, 2005 at Independence, Missouri. Recognition of Hosts

Thanks to Ed and Sherryl Schofield and the Spinnin' Wheels Square Dance Club. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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