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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. Independence, Missouri - June 12, 2005

Place: Sycamore Hills Elementary School, 15208 E. 39th St., Independence, Mo.
Host: Northwest District
Call to Order: President Jim Weber
Invocation: Barbara Turner
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO. Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Secretary Vicki Wittman (35 members in attendance)

Introduction of Guests: Doreen Little, Northeast District, Kirksville Country Cousins and Dave and Mary Lou Marti, West Central District, Golden Valley Squares

Approval of April 17, 2005 minutes: The minutes were accepted with the following changes:

1. Page 3, under Promotions: Bob Welch stated he is taking 525 old pins and 475 new pins to the Portland National Convention. 2. Page 5, under 2005 State Festival: Carol Morris said, There will be two \$50 cash prizes awarded to (Epaid, pre-registered dancers on Friday night).

Treasurer's Report: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported a beginning balance on April 1, 2005 of \$5,584.98; April income \$3,844.29; April expenses \$4,638.76; May income \$3,034.99; May expenses \$1,354.63; June income \$3.00; June expenses \$1,454.58; Balance on hand June 12, 2005 \$5,019.18; CD Investments \$14,000.00; Total funds available \$19,019.18. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Vicki Wittman. No report.

Committee Reports

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave read the following recommendation from the committee: 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(s). 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 canceled 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/cancelled 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, dinnerware, 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.

Dave Shafer stated the committee recommends that the above be approved. Floyd Herren made the motion to approve. Motion carried.

Membership: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Carolyn said there are some new clubs. In the Southwest District, the Western Grand Squares dance in West Plains, MO and is run by caller Bill Cochran; in the Southeast District, Current River Load the Boat, and in the Northeast District, the Cross Trails Square Dance Club dances in Rutledge. Carolyn reported the Central District has 10 paid clubs, 416 dancers. Northeast District has 9 paid clubs with 281 dancers. Northwest District has 22 paid clubs with 610 dancers. St. Louis District has 22 paid clubs with 978 dancers. Southeast District has 4 paid clubs with 93 dancers. Southwest District has 27 paid clubs with 1033 members. West Central District has 15 paid clubs with 429 dancers. At present there are 108 paid-up clubs with 3840 dancers listed.

Promotions: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae said they have Missouri pins for sale - 20 for \$10.00. They are continuing to give out the, Let's Toot Our Horn awards. Since last state meeting, they have been to the Northeast, Southwest and Northwest Districts. They hope to get to the St. Louis District this summer and the West Central District in July. Bob Welch presented the danglers to the Southeast District. Bettyrae read an article from The Clinton Daily Democrat newspaper about seven Henry County 4-H members attending the State 4-H Congress. Their ages are 14 years and up. The article read as follows: "The three day event features (Elearnshops, in square dancing, parliamentary procedure etc." Mark and Peggy Gentry reported to Bettyrae about Kanakuk Kamps near Lampe. Mark and Peggy were invited by the 240 Counselors (college age people from all over the U.S.) to bring 30 Southwest District dancers to demonstrate and teach the Counselors so they could lead workshops in an open air gym to 10-11 year olds attending the two-week camp. The Counselors were so impressed, they were going back home to their individual states and look up square dance classes. Bettyrae stated that "demonstrations are so important!" Bettyrae invited Tony Ahart to talk about Caller Scholarships. Tony Ahart said that he contacted Jerry Reed, the Executive Director of CALLERLAB. The CALLERLAB Foundation has four or five scholarships. They pay up to 75% of schooling and lodging with a limit of \$200. Hanhurst Records pays full tuition of school, usually around \$250 - \$350. Tony urged everyone to book new callers and mentioned new caller, William Sundwald. He also said it is very important for new callers to advertise.

Jim Weber mentioned that the California Square Dance Council had developed a packet with four CDs with music that would be good for teachers and counselors. The cost is \$49.95 and he will be getting more information on this at the ARTS meeting in Portland.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. - They are going to look at Helias High School in Jefferson City in September for the Northeast District hosting the 2008 Festival.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe reported the USDA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at the Doubletree Hotel (Lloyd Center) in Portland, Oregon at 1:00 PM. Anyone else in Portland at that time is welcome to attend. Be sure to wear your blue shirts.

If your district or club needs USDA Credit Card applications, prescription discount cards or long-term care insurance applications, please let them know. Please have these available at each district meeting and at each dance. Attach one to each membership application when its time for club dues to be paid.

Publications: Dave and Barbara Turner. Barb stated that a member club has requested the placement of an ad honoring its, 35th Anniversary on the front cover of the Doin's. Since there was no written policy addressing this issue, the publications committee met to discuss this issue. After discussion it was determined that no paid advertising should ever be placed on the Doin's front cover. We appreciate the club's desire to prominently announce its, special day, but it will have to be in the inside of the magazine. The back cover of the Doin's, inside and out, is also reserved for state business, but the inside front cover is available for advertising business purposes. Again, we greatly appreciate the advertising that clubs present to the Doin 's, but we feel the front cover should continue to be reserved for the editor's discretion.

Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Floyd reported the balance forwarded on April 1, 2005 was \$577.14. Income April \$75.60. Income May \$100.00. Expenses April \$115.75. Expenses May \$96.00. Balance forward May 31, 2005 \$540.99. Plan A has 503 members ^12 clubs. Plan B has 1145 members ^ 25 clubs insured + 0 minimum clubs (0 members). Income Plan A \$553.30. Income Plan B \$4,465.50. Expenses Plan A Forrest T. Jones & CO. \$503.00. Expenses Plan B USDA Insurance Program (1145 members + 0 Minimum Clubs " 0 members) \$4,351.00. Jim Weber said that if there are 108 clubs then many clubs are not insured. Please encourage all clubs to get the liability insurance. 100% of club members must be insured. If a person belongs to more than one club, they only need to pay for the insurance once.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. No report.

License Plate: Linda and Doyle Collins. No report.

Blue Bird: Carol Morris gave the report in the absence of Stanley and Carol Forste. This report was also sent to Lonnie Echternacht, Auditor. On hand as of April 28, 2005 \$325.86 cash; (71 sets of bluebirds and 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds). Expenditures: 4 bolts of 37 yards each of braid style No. 6259 color royal from National Braid Mfg. Corp. @ \$.45 per yard \$66.60; C.O.D. and shipping charges (UPS) \$12.78 for a total of \$79.38. Income: 2 sets of bluebirds @\$4.50 * \$9.00 and 1 set of blue braid @ \$4.50 = \$4.50 for a total of \$13.50. On hand as of June 12, 2005: \$259.98 cash (69 sets of bluebirds, 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds and 137 yards of blue braid (3 bolts of 37 yards and 1 bolt of 26 yards). Due to the rise in price of braid, the Federation may want to consider raising the charge for a set of braid. The 148 yards at a total cost of \$79.38 would be 54 cents per yard or \$5.94 for an 11 yard set of braid.

With Carol's rehabilitation and Stanley being the caregiver, Carol and Stanley have submit their resignation as Bluebird Committee Chairman. Forste's have recommended a possible replacement for this position. Weber's will contact the recommended people and discuss the position with them and report back at the August meeting.

Dave Shafer suggested the water-damaged bluebirds be discarded and eliminated from future reports.

Secretary Vicki will send a thank you letter to the Forste's for their years of service.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed said that he received a list of expenses from a district for the promotion of square dancing with only totals, but no substantiation. After several exchanges of letters, a revised list with receipts, etc. was received on April 29, 2005. Program guidelines call for information to be to the Member Services Committee by Jan. 31, 2005. The subject was brought before the full committee and the consensus and vote was to not accept submittal due to extreme late submittal and nonconformance with program guidelines. A letter will be prepared stating these facts and sent to the district.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Reported that while at the Southeast District dance, they had received a huge yellow rock with the names of the clubs where the yellow rock had been. This rock started out in Arkansas. They passed it on to Eleanor Stover who will take it to Portland, OR.

Square Dancer of the Year: Mary Sue Darwent said she has not received any nominations yet. Deadline is Aug. 1. She gave the Square Dancer of the Year notebook to Bob Welch to take to the National Convention.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Eloise Riley. Several districts said they will be submitting names. Deadline is August 1st.

District Presidents Report: Jim Marron reported the committee discussed ways of awarding recognition to clubs for certain periods of years. Jim Riley made a motion to award a plaque for 25 and 50 years, and a certificate for 25 years and every 5 years after that. The motion was seconded. Sherryl Schofield brought up the fact that these plaques were usually placed in a box and handed down to each president of the club. There is no place to hang or display them at most dance locations. Jim Riley said he would reconsider his motion to award certificates only. Discussion ensued and it was decided a badge of some sort to hang on the club banner would be much better.

Dave Shafer made a motion to table this discussion and send it back to committee. Motion failed.

Ed Schofield then made a motion to award a badge that can be pinned on a club banner to clubs beginning with the 25th year and every 5 years thereafter. The motion was seconded and passed. It was decided these could be given out at District Dances.

A discussion then ensued on recognizing callers/cuers. Some felt that the callers awards should be taken care of at the district level, but President Jim Weber wanted to recognize callers at a state level. Only two districts said that they had some form of caller/cuer recognition at this time. Jim Weber said that caller/cuer recognition should go back to committee and decide how and when to award the callers/cuers. This is a separate recognition from the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said that club article writers need to send early and make sure they have your articles in by the 28th of each month. Mailed or e-mailed articles received on the 31st or 1st of the next month will not be printed. Please keep the article to around 150 words. Again, Edythe and Jim do not want payment for advertising ^all advertising payments should go to Dave Shafer.

Circulation: Barb Turner gave the report in the absence of Charles and Dorthy Ball. Balance on hand 3/31/05, \$2,669.59. April income \$720.00 April expenses \$2,600.00. Income for May \$556.49. Expenses for May

\$18.50. Balance on May 31, 2005 \$1,327.58 Check to Missouri Federation \$1,000.00. Petty cash on hand \$27.73. Total subscriptions mailed for June issue 725.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave reported the following: Balance brought forward April 17, 2005 \$100.00. Revenue from subscriptions \$-0-. Revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer Listings \$559.00. Expenses \$7.70. Check #228 to Missouri Federation \$551.30. Balance carried forward June 12, \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

2005 State Festival: Paul Critcher and Carol Morris. Carol Morris said that two \$50.00 cash prizes will be awarded to paid pre-registered dancers. Remember that the raffle tickets sell for \$1.00 but one half of that money remains with the club selling the tickets. The emphasis at the festival will be on the youth. There will be a scavenger hunt. Registrations are slow coming in. Please take an Ad Form and send in your ad. Sylvester Strongbox is missing at the present time. Door prizes are needed please bring to the August meeting. The Welch,s have been busy selling festival items.

National Square Dance Convention - Portland, OR: Only four couples will be allowed to march in the mini parade on Saturday evening. It was decided that Bob and Loretta Welch and Tom and Pat Miller would march representing the Missouri Federation. Ray and Vicki Wittman would march representing the St. Louis District. Jim Weber would contact the president of the Heart of America Federation and discuss this situation with them and find out what their pleasure would be in having a representative in the parade. Everyone is welcome to march in the outdoor parade on Friday.

Audit Committee Report: Floyd and Carolyn Herren will mail the insurance books to Mary Sue Darwent who will take them to Lonnie for audit.

2008 Caller/Cuer Nominees: Barbara and Dave Turner. Barb Turner received answers from the following: callers: Lanny Weakland (from Omaha, NE) \$800.00, Tom Roper (from Harlingen, TX) \$800.00 and Bob Rollins (from Broken Arrow, OK) \$150.00 if the dance is in Lebanon, \$200 if the dance is in Jefferson City. Bettyrae Fluke made a motion to invite Bob Rollins for \$200.00 to call at the 2008 festival. It was seconded and motion passed.

Dave Shafer verified that Bob Rollins is an excellent caller.

The only cuer response was from Patty and Ray Wheelington (Texarkana, AR) \$200.00. Dave Shafer made a motion to accept the Wheelingtons as the cuer for 2008. It was seconded and passed.

2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees: Randy and Penny Pratt. The Pratts will be at the next meeting to handle this business.

New Business

No new business was brought up, but the following comment and reports were made.

Cindy Ahart stated that the West Central District is sponsoring an ad for new callers in the Doin's. The Southwest District has cookbooks for sale for \$10.00 see Mark and Peggy Gentry. Jim Weber said the best way to support the Wichita, KS National Convention is to register.

Computer coordinator Dan Wheeler was introduced. www.SquareDance.4t.com is the link to all Missouri Square Dance Web Sites. Also see: www.SquareDanceMissouri.com

Calendar Of Events

The West Central District Dance will be on July 16 at Lexington United Methodist Church (Hwy. 13 South) hosted by River City Squares (a Mexican Fiesta).

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by the Northeast District on Aug. 21. A dance will be on Aug. 20 at Brookfield, MO. hosted by the Tanglefoot Squares.

Recognition of Hosts

Thanks to Jim and Loretta Matron and the Santa Fe Trailers from the Northwest District.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

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