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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. Lebanon, Missouri - October 23, 2005

Place: Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, 500 E. Elm St., Lebanon, MO
Host: Southwest District
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

(64 members in attendance)

Introduction of Guests: Dave and Mary Lou Marti, Sue Seaton and Lois Shipley from the West Central District, Chuck and Linda Evans from the St. Louis District, Enza Row from Central District and Donna Hermann and Doreen Little from Northeast District.

Approval of August 21, 2005 minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported a beginning balance on August 1, 2005 of \$4,167.13, August income \$1,779.94, August expenses \$2,387.22; September income \$24.00, September expenses \$1,369.09; October income \$67.42, October expenses \$1,429.19. Balance on hand October 31, 2005 \$852.99. CD Investments \$14,000. Total funds available \$14,852.99. Carolyn reminded everyone that club dues are now due. Be sure to fill out the form that is provided listing the number of members of your club.

Correspondence: Edythe Weber read a letter from the Kentuckiana Square Dance Association, Inc. advising they plan to place a bid to host the 59th National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, KY for 2010. They asked that we support their bid by sending a letter of support to Richard and Linda Peterson, President of the National Executive Committee before December 1, 2005. This past week, Jim Weber received word from Art and Wanda Kruse that a bid being prepared for a St. Louis Convention the same year had been dropped. Mark Mortensen made a motion, which was seconded and passed to send a letter of support to the Kentuckiana Association, as requested. Edythe gave the letter to Secretary Vicki Wittman and she will do this.

Committee Reports

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

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

Membership: Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported that Central District has 10 clubs with 416 members, Northeast District has 9 clubs with 281 members, Northwest District has 24 clubs with 667 members, St. Louis District has 22 clubs with 978 members, Southeast District has 4 clubs with 93 members, Southwest District has 30 clubs with 1,117 members and West Central District has 15 clubs with 429 members for a total of 114 clubs and 3,981 members.

Promotion: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae thanked the Southwest District, especially Carol and Bill Morris, for hosting a wonderful festival. She asked that we all support the West Central District for the 2006 festival. She held up the Clinton Daily Democrat newspaper, which had a picture and article with Dave Shafer's picture. He was the American Legion, Department Commander, when he presented the "American Legionnaire of the Year" award to Lyle Cummings. Bettyrae said that the Southwest District put a Missouri pin on all the banners brought to the Festival.

Bettyrae called upon Tony Ahart to speak. Tony mentioned the motion made at the last meeting i.e. "that the state sponsor a free one-fourth page ad for one year in the DOIN's for new Missouri callers."The following proposed guidelines were presented, which are to be submitted to the State Board of the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs.

1. New caller must show proof of successfully completing an acknowledged calling school within the past 12 months.
2. Be a member of an acknowledged caller association: American Callers Association or CALLERLAB.
3. Reside within a district of The Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs and/or be affiliated with a club of the MO. Federation.
4. Show proof of BMI/ASCAP licensing.
5. Provide business card or desired ad layout.

Cindy Ahart said that the page ad should be put in the Caller's District section of the DOIN's. She said the callers have to submit all criteria with the ad to the Board and then the Board submits it to the DOIN's. It was stated by Tony that any callers who completed the guidelines in the year 2005 would qualify. Since the motion came out of committee, no second was needed and the motion carried.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob Welch and the Site Screening Committee met on September 28 at 1:00 P.M. at Helias High School. Bob turned over his report to the Northeast District, the host for 2008. Bob stated that the site screening committee could not actually approve the site until after the District has negotiated with Helias officials on what rooms can be used for the festival.

USD A/ARTS report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe encouraged dancers to apply for the USDA Credit Card, use the prescription discount cards, and remember the long-term care insurance. They will make sure you get a supply if you let them know you need them. Be sure to submit applications for the \$1,000 Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship by February 1, 2006. It is important to remind members that the USDA Credit Card helps to pay some of the expenses of the Handicapable Dancers who attend the conventions. It also funds the Youth Program, the Upsilon Sigma Delta (the Youth Division of the USDA). It has funded the making of the Youth Training Video, the T-shirts for Youth, Frog stickers, Dangles, and Ribbons.

Jim stated that he and Edythe went to Orlando, FL for two days of exciting meetings with ARTS. ARTS is working on a grant addressing childhood obesity. They want to get square dancing taught in every school. Materials and callers would be supplied. Jim is setting up a Square Dance Travel Web Site. It is www.arts-dance-travel.com. 40% of the travel commissions will come back to square dancing. Cruises, hotels, tours etc. can be booked through this web site saving users money. Jim also said that several organizations are implementing the "add-a-buck" program on their registration forms.

Publications: Barb and Dave Turner. Barb stated there were 15 squares on the floor for the DOIN's dance this A.M. She thanked the callers who participated and thanked the Southwest District for the use of their coffeepots and for supplying the condiments.

Insurance: Dave and Barbara Turner. Dave said they received a transfer of funds from Carolyn Herren (the former insurance chairman) of \$273.69 and opened an account at the Bank of America in Ballwin. September income \$58.50, September expenses \$180.50, October income -0-, October expenses \$87.98. Balance on hand as of October 23, 2005 \$63.71. A total of 102 packets were mailed.

When asked why the difference in the number of packets mailed and the number of clubs listed in the membership report, Barb stated that some clubs, especially in the Northwest or West Central Districts, carry their insurance through the Heart of America Federation. For 2005 only 52 clubs carried the insurance through the Missouri Federation. All members of a club must take the insurance in order to get liability insurance. Some Federations make clubs show proof of insurance coverage if not taken through the Federation. Members of clubs that do not carry liability insurance can also be sued.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. Linda mentioned that she went through the minutes and festival reports for the years 1962-1980. A long time ago the festivals used to have a raffle on large items, like a car - of course that was when 2000 dancers used to attend the festival.

License Plate: Linda and Doyle Collins. No Report. Doyle was out of town helping to restore electricity to towns hit by the hurricanes.

Blue Bird: Connie and Kenny Hobbs. Connie stated that as of June 12, 2005, cash on hand was \$325.86. There were 69 sets of bluebirds and 137 yards of blue braid. Income was \$22.50 for 2 sets of bluebirds @ 4.50 each, and 3 sets of blue braid at 4.50 each. Cash on hand as of October 22 \$348.36 with 67 sets of bluebirds and 104 yards of braid on hand.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. No Report.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported (as of October 22) there are 145 dancers participating and the Dangle total is 707. Central has 145, Northeast has 110, Northwest has 101, St. Louis has 85, Southeast has 104, Southwest has 122, and West Central has 119. There are 34 dancers who have completed the 1st round, 17 completed the 2nd round and 4 the 3rd round.

Square Dancer of the Year: Mary Sue Darwent. Lois and Ivan Buckman were given the award during the opening ceremonies at Saturday evenings dance.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Eloise Riley. Van Greenwood was given the award during the opening ceremonies at Saturday evenings dance.

District Presidents Report: Mark Gentry made a motion to move the Missouri Federation meeting from the 3rd weekend to the 4th weekend in April 2006 due to the 3rd weekend being Easter Sunday. MOTION PASSED.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe stated:

1. Club articles must be received by the 28th. Anything received after that date will not get into the current DOIN's.
1. Keep articles to a minimum of 150 words.
2. Yearly schedules are needed - as soon as you have the dates for the 2006 dance year, please send the information.
3. If there is a change in location, time, caller or cuer, let us know when you send the article. Highlight the change, or a note at the bottom saying "note change in 'location' this time only."
4. If you want your club lessons listed in the lesson's page, and the first three in the dance calendar, then send us the information on the form. We will be happy to furnish you the form if you do not have it.

Please remember to tell the person who books callers for your club dances that the 2006 state festival is the 2nd weekend, instead of the 3rd - October 13-15, 2006.

Circulation: Annette and Terry Thornhill. Annette gave the following report, which was prepared by Dorothy Ball (retiring Circulation Chairman). Balance as of 7-31-05 \$1,487.16, August Income \$187.08, August expense \$1,350.00 (transferred to MO. Federation), September income \$1,068.00, September expense \$61.06; October income \$231.83, October expense \$1,463.01 (transferred to MO. Federation). Balance on Hand October 23, 2005 \$-0-. Petty Cash of \$15.83 was put into the checking account. 709 labels were sent for the November issue of the DOIN'S. Annette reminded everyone how important it was to send a change of address to them. There are four 100% DOIN'S clubs: Beaux & Bells, Macon, MO.; Golden Valley Squares, Clinton, MO.; Ozark Whirlers, Eldon, MO.; and Tiger Squares, Columbia, MO.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave gave the following report. Balance brought forward August 22, 2005, \$100.00. Income was \$718.50, Expenses \$27.46. Ck. #237 to MO Federation for \$591.04 leaving a balance on hand as of October 23, 2005 of \$100.00. Dave reminded everyone to get their Christmas ads in today, because they are due the 28th of this month. He also needs club ads by that date.

Unfinished Business

2005 State Festival: Carol and Bill Morris. Carol rewarded Sherryl Schofield with a huge nightshirt for tracking down "Sylvester Strongbox". The Daily Record in Lebanon had a big article on the festival. She thanked everyone, especially Bob Welch (for selling souvenirs), and the Millers and Downeys for all their help. A check for \$8,000.00 was turned over to the MO. Federation Treasurer. The attendance was 894, but some youth dancers did not sign in. Last year the attendance was 955. Jim Weber thanked the whole Southwest District for hosting a great festival.

Audit Committee: Lonnie Echternacht. The audit of the insurance account of Floyd Herren was completed with all records in order.

2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees: Barbara and Dave Turner. Barb stated that some letters have been sent, but she could not find addresses for some of the cuers names on the list, therefore the work is still in progress.

Caller Ad Hoc Committee Report: Mark Gentry stated that the certificates to be given out to callers and cuers in recognition of long time calling will cost \$2.00 each. The 8" x 10" plaques for 25 years will cost about \$8.00 each and the 50-year plaques will cost about \$22.50 each. These will be presented to the districts at the first of the year, and they will be responsible for giving them out. Mark said that 25-year plaques will be retroactive. They have a wood background with printing on the silver plate.

New Business

2006 State Festival: Dave and Mary Lou Marti. Dave said the theme for the 2006 festival will be "Dancing on the Katy Trail". It will be held at the Sedalia Fairgrounds. There are four dance halls (the main hall is enormous). Bobby Newman will call even though he stated he was retiring. Camping for 1200 is right there on the fairgrounds with full hookup. The colors are denim and red bandana. The dates are October 13, 14, 15. Red shirts with black lettering, train engineer hats, and several other items are being sold as souvenirs.

2007 State Festival: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. Mark said that the 2007 festival will be held in Lebanon on October 19, 20 & 21.

Nominating Committee for 2006 Officers: Barbara and Dave Turner. Barb presented the following slate of officers: President: Bob & Loretta Welch, 1st Vice-President: Dave & Dee Shafer, 2nd Vice-President: J.W. & Jan England, 3rd Vice-President: Carolyn Herren, Treasurer: Randy & Juanita Boyles, and Secretary: Vicki & Ray Wittman. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the December 11th meeting.

Other New Business:

Dave Shafer made a suggestion to charge a reduced fee for the State Festival for children in order to keep the youth dancing. He recommended letting children under 12 yr. of age in free and ages 12 to 18 pay 1/2 price. Dave Marti said the 2006 festival is going to do this. Barb Turner thought that a maximum family limit should be also be considered.

Jim Weber thanked DOIN's Circulation Chairman, Dorthy and Charles Ball, for all their work in the past. Dorthy asked that all canceled checks, deposit slips and registers from her account that had been presented for audit be shredded, as well as old subscription records, keeping the audit reports. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Calendar Of Events

The next state meeting will be in on December 11, 2005 hosted by the Central District.

Recognition of Hosts:

Thanks to the Southwest District for hosting the October meeting, namely the following people: Tony and Cindy Ahart, Wayne and Joann Cole, Jim and Linda Downy, Connie and Kenny Hobbs and Don and Joann Miller,

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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