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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. Liberty, Missouri - June 11, 2006

Place: Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, 2205 Plummer Rd., Liberty, MO
Host: Northwest District
Time: 12:35 PM
Call to Order: President David Shafer
Invocation: Mark Mortensen
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman - (52 people in attendance)

Introduction of Guests: Doreen Little, Northeast District, Little Dixie Squares, and Bob and Paula Bradford (Audit Committee) Northwest District.

Approval of April 23, 2006 minutes: The minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer's Report:** Mary Sue Darwent. Mary Sue reported a beginning balance of \$9,889.49. Income

May/June of \$1,169.84. Expenses May/June of \$4,904.15. Balance on hand June 11 of \$6,155.18.

\$19,104.00 in CD Investments. Total funds available \$25,259.18. **Correspondence:** Secretary Vicki Wittman read a Thank You note from Don and Vi Tenant on receiving a 50th Anniversary plaque.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Jim and Eloise Riley. Jim reported that he received a petition from the Star Promenaders, a new square dance club in Salem, Missouri. They wanted permission to be included in the Central District, instead of the Southeast, since their club is located closer to the clubs in the Central District. The closest Southeast club is 2 hours away. The Central District approved to accept this club. Don Miller made a motion to accept the Star Promenaders into the Central District. Motion came from committee therefore no 2nd was necessary. Motion passed.

Constitution and Bylaws: J. W. England. No report.

Membership: Mary Sue Darwent said the Central District has 10 clubs that have paid dues with 371 members. The Northeast District has 8 clubs with 316 members, Northwest District has 22 clubs with 661 members, St. Louis District has 19 clubs with 955 members, Southeast District has 4 clubs with 92 members, Southwest District has 28 clubs with 1217 members and the West Central District has 14 clubs with 159 members giving the Federation a total of 105 clubs and 3,721 members. Dave Shafer said that when Districts put together their books to submit to the Missouri Federation to please include a list of all clubs and members with addresses and phone numbers.

Promotion: Tony and Cindy Ahart. Tony said that he has promotion pins for sale. "Toot Your Horn" awards have been given out. They have been questioning people as to why square dancing has been decreasing in numbers. The main reason is "lack of time". People are on computers, many are tied up with running their children to their events, families go out to restaurants more or "order in", in general people are too busy. Dave Shafer said that classes are now offered for "social skills", to let children know there is much more to do in the world than sit around computers.

Club Longevity Report: Mary Sue Darwent. No Report.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob stated that the committee and some officers looked at last night's dance site, the South Valley Junior High and the South Valley Middle School which are almost connected. The site looks very promising with 5 dance halls. Further communication is needed to establish cost and to work out details. This site is being considered for the Northwest District 2009 Missouri State Festival in Liberty, Missouri.

USDA report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe gave the following report.

1. The USDA Annual meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The delegates should have received their packets by now. If not, please let Jim or Edythe know. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.
2. It was mentioned last month that the credit card program was going to be discontinued by Bank of America, who purchased MBNA Bank. Your cards will still be good until their regular expiration date, but no royalties will be paid on purchases after July 31, 2006. USDA is working with two different banks on a new credit card program and hopes to have something to present to delegates at the June 21st meeting in San Antonio.
3. Continue to use and support the discount prescription drug card. It will save you money.
4. The long term care program is slowly getting started. There are so many choices when it comes to insurance. Be sure to check the USDA program out if long term care is something you are interested in.

ARTS report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim reported the following:

1. The Travel website is going good. Some have found it lower, some have found it the same, and some have found it slightly higher and that's possible. But if it is close, remember that the ARTS gets a royalty of 40% of the commission when using the site. So let your travel plans give a little back to square dancing. The website address is www.arts-dancetravel.com. When asked to choose an organization you should choose USDA.
2. Magnetic signs are available for \$2.50, which have a toll free number to call about learning to dance. Individuals will be directed to the closest contact to their area using the National Square Dance Directory, USDA Affiliate President's list and the Internet
3. Additional information about the ARTS can be found at www.arts-dance.org

Publications: Bill and Carol Morris. Carol said that many people subscribed at the low price of \$12.00 for 2 years, and the deadline for doing this is passed. They will be setting up a table at many dances to promote the DOIN's.

Shirley Turner brought it to our attention that the April 23 minutes stated dancers had until June 30 to get the subscription at \$12.00 for 2 years. After discussion, Annette Thornhill said she would accept subscriptions at the low price for 2 more weeks.

Insurance: Dave and Barbara Turner. Dave reported the beginning balance on April 1, 2006 was \$113.36. Income for April was \$ 0 . Expenses for April 2006 were \$ 0 , Income for May was \$77.90, Expenses for May were \$76.00. Ending balance on May 31, 2006 was \$115.26. Jim Weber said that we get ten cents per person on insured dancers. Dave Turner said we don't offer the insurance to make money. It is more of a service to dancers. Mark Mortensen questioned as to whether this insurance is really needed. Jim Weber said "yes, it is needed to protect the dancers and the clubs."

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. Linda stated that she does not have any of the Festival Chairman books. Every Festival Committee is required to make reports and give them to the Festival Chairman to assemble in book or folder form and pass on to the next chairman. After 3 years these old books should be given to the historian.

License Plate: Doyle Collins reported the following. Period April 23, 2006 through June 10, 2006 - Balance forward \$142.61, Income \$125.00, Expenses \$50.00. Balance on hand June 10, 2006 \$217.61.

Blue Bird: Due to absence of Connie Hobbs, JoAnn Miller gave the following report. On Hand as of April 22, 2006 \$379.86. Income: sold 3 sets of bluebirds @ \$4.50 each = \$13.50, sold 1 sets of braid @ 4.50 each = \$4.50. Sent check to State Treasurer for \$300.00. On hand as of June 10, 2006 \$97.86.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. No Report.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported (as of June 11) there are 168 dancers participating and the Dangle total is 1306. Central has 210, Northeast has 135, Northwest has 148, St. Louis has 128, Southeast has 152, Southwest has 175, and West Central has 174. There are 47 dancers who have completed the 1st round, 14 completed the 2nd round and 6 the 3rd round. Ed said that they attended the Kansas State Festival and many people were interested in the program, along with some people from Nebraska.

Square Dancer of the Year: Jim Downey. Jim said the deadline for submitting names and applications is the first day of August. So far, he has only received one application.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said the Nomination form for submitting applicants has now been completed and she has them on hand. Please get them from her. The deadline for submitting names is August 1. The committee will meet at the August meeting to select the honored caller or cuer.

District Presidents Report: Jim Marron. No Report.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim gave report. Please send articles early. Don't wait until the 28th to send them. It seems we are experiencing periodic problems in timely delivery in specific areas of the state. Jefferson City seems to be one. We would like to request your help in trying to eliminate this problem. If you do not get your magazine by the first of the month, please contact someone else in your area to see if they got their magazine. If several in the same area have not, then it is likely that it is a local postal issue. Make a complaint to your local post office. Go in a group if you know that your mail comes from the same post office. Let them know that the Show Me DOIN's is important mail and must be delivered in a timely manner.

We can assure you that our mailer delivers the DOIN's to the Liberty post office on or before the 25th of the month. Liberty then separates the bundles and sends them on their way to your local post offices. This is usually all done within a 48 hour period.

Annette Thornhill is trying to keep a record of who calls in and where they live. If you do not get your magazine on time, please let her know. But then if you do receive it at a later date, please let her know when you do get it. We are trying to track down any problem areas and see what can be done, if these are "repeat offenders." Jim Weber said that another issue of the DOIN's would not be mailed until the 7th day.

Edythe asked that clubs not book special dances at the same time. Please look at the future page ads to keep from doing this. Also, directions to the dances are important, and a contact person's name and number. It was decided that a "pull-out" location section would be printed in the DOIN's once or twice a year. The first one will be with the January 2007 issue. Send her directions to your club dance location. Watch the DOIN's for more information.

Circulation: Annette and Terry Thornhill. Annette stated the beginning balance 4/28/06 .was \$444.98 (Please note that this is a greater amount than is usually carried forward in the account. I am catching up with the bank statements and moving reports from the 1st to the 31st of each month rather than from the 11th to the 10th. Therefore this report reflects and reconciles the bank statement.) Income 5/31/06 \$1,320.00. Expenses 5/31/06 \$47.20. Net Worth \$1,717.78. Check #1012 was sent to the Missouri Federation for \$1,617.78. Ending balance 5/31/06 \$100.00. Petty Cash \$6.00. 701 DOIN's were sent in June and 692 DOIN's were sent in July.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave gave the following report. Balance brought forward June 11, 2006, \$100.00. Income was \$1,555.00, Expenses \$250.95. Check to the Missouri Federation for \$1,204.05 leaving a balance on hand as of June 11,2006 of \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

2006 State Festival: Dave and Mary Lou Marti. Dave stated there are 303 advance registrations for the October State Festival. We will be using the Madison Center and the Armory Building. There are vinyl and smooth concrete floors - all on the same level. Buildings are connected. Camping is right outside the door. Booster names will be on a Bulletin Board. There was a discussion of whether all booster names

would be listed or only the 100% clubs. 80 letters were sent to callers and 50 responded. Bring flyers for the "Goody Bag" to the next meeting. September 1st is the deadline for submitting flyers. Dave wants memorial pages also.

2007 State Festival: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. Mark said the festival would be in Lebanon. He said everyone should look at the Constitution and Bylaws to find out how to submit callers and cuers names. Dues paying clubs have the right to name a club caller even if he/she is a national caller, but must ask the caller/cuer if they will accept this title. Each club should designate one or two club callers and these callers will be asked to call at the State Festival. Mark said they have a T-Shirt design and will have a quilt raffle.

Audit Committee: Bob and Paula Bradford. No report.

2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees. Barbara and Dave Turner. No report.

2010 Caller/Cuer Nominees: Jim and Eloise Riley. Jim reported the committee is very close to selecting a caller/cuer.

The Festival Guidelines have been misplaced, therefore President Dave Shafer appointed a committee to set up new guidelines. The committee members are: Mortensens, Rileys, Webers, Bob & Shirley Turner and the Collins. It was mentioned that the past three Chairman of the Festival should be invited to meetings.

Dave stated that only four couples would march in the San Antonio parade. There will be one couple from Heart of America, one from St. Louis and two couples from the Missouri Federation.

Since the two-month phase-in period is now over, Dave appointed J. W. and Jan England as Chairman of the License Plate Committee.

New Business

Dave reported there will be an Education Seminar for the Missouri Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD) at Lodge of the Four Seasons on November 11. There will be a one-hour workshop on how to teach students. The plan is to have teachers teach square dancing in the school districts. California has a complete book with a CD and instructions on every call. It is necessary to get a release from them to sell this book. Perhaps a grant from ARTS could cover any expenses. This will be discussed further.

It was mentioned that square dancers are in an ALEVE commercial.

Calendar Of Events

July 15 Twilight Twirlers (Southeast District) at St. Roberts, MO will host a ham and barbeque beef dinner and dance from 3-5 PM. There will be a clogging demo at 7:00 PM. Contact Mark Mortensen for more info. Ad will be in the DOIN's.

Special Fundraiser Dance by the Southwest District on July 30 from 2-4:30 PM at Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage, Springfield, MO. Bake Sale, Cake Walk and Silent Auction. For info, call: Don and Jo Ann at 417-881-7178.

The next state meeting will be in on August 20, 2006 hosted by the St. Louis District. The meeting will start at 12:00 PM.

Recognition of Hosts:

Thanks to the Northwest District for hosting the June dance and meeting. Hosts for the dance were B'n'R Squares with Lynn Nelson being the MC. Hospitality chair were Pat and Tom Miller. Thanks to all members of the B'n'R Squares club who donated food and gifts and also to the officers of the Northwest District

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki & Ray Wittman, Secretary
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