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Missouri State Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
December 9, 2007 Puxico School, Puxico, MO

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by 1st Vice President Bob Turner.

Invocation: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance: Tony Ahart

Pledge to the Missouri Flag: Don Miller

Roll call was taken by Edythe Weber, substitute secretary. It was determined that in order to conduct official voting business at this meeting, 16 votes were needed. Roll call was answered by 17, making the quorum needed to conduct business.

Minutes of the October 21, 2007 meeting: Dave Shafer made the motion to approve as printed. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report: Beginning checking account balance 10/20/07 \$2,042.83; income \$2,020.48, expenses \$2,860.86, ending balance in checking account 12/8/07 \$1,352.45. \$7,000 remains in CD's. Total available \$8,352.45. Report filed for audit.

An update was given on the health of Paula Bradford, NW District president (recovering from lung cancer surgery), Sherryl Schofield from WC District (recovering from thyroid surgery), Doyle Collins, SW District & Historian (pneumonia), Jan England (clot in leg), and Marty Altman, St. Louis District. It was also announced that Marty Altman and Carolyn McKeone have married. Cards will be sent.

Committee Reports:

Boundaries and Relations - Don & Joann Miller: No report

Constitution and By-laws - Ray & Vicki Wittman: Copies of the two pages with the approved changes to the Standing Rules made at the October meeting were made available. She will make these available again at the February 2008 meeting for those not getting them at this meeting.

License Plate - J.W. & Jan England: No report

Membership - Chuck & Linda Evans: Linda reported that only 59 clubs have paid dues for 2008. Dues were due October 1st. Clubs receiving longevity awards for January and February 2008 were Western Twirlers (SW Dist) for 60 years, Beaux & Belles (NE Dist) for 55 years, Trick Trackers (WC Dist) 45 years, and Damsite Dancers (WC Dist) for 25 years.

Promotions - Tony Ahart: Tony reminded us that the Toot Your Horn completion information for 2007 is due to Tony by January 31, 2008. Ten clubs have submitted their completion so far. The list of clubs completing will be printed in the March/ April issue of the Doin's. Tony also brought up the visitor's bureau trifolds. Discussion followed on whether to print for 2008 or not. It was decided to postpone a decision on this until the February 2008 meeting. Suggestions were to cut back on the amounts printed and sent to the visitors bureaus and/or make it a two-year publication.

Site Screening - Bob & Shirley Turner: Bob indicated that the NW District still has not selected a site for the 2009 State Festival. If they select a site that the committee has already screened and approved, no further visits are necessary.

USDA Report - Jim & Edythe Weber: Bob Turner asked how dancers can get the USDA publications without going to a National convention. Jim answered that you can place an order online at www.usda.org or you can print out a paper order form from the same website and place an order by mail.

ARTS Report - Jim & Edythe Weber: Jim discussed the ARTS Dance Across America benefit dances on February 29, 2008. There are three in the state - one in the St. Louis area sponsored by the Missouri Promenaders, one in SW District sponsored by the Kountry Kuzins, and one in the WC District to be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds at Warrensburg co-sponsored by the WC and NW Districts plus the Heart of America Federation. It is hoped that all dancers can dance to God Bless America at approximately the same time across the United States.

Publications - Bill & Carol Morris: Carol reported on the Doin's Dance. Number attending - 311 (Central - 32, NE - 43, NW - 62, St. Louis - 16, SE - 12, SW - 71, WC - 52, 29 - other), 54 renewals, 10 new subscriptions, \$499.25 donation income, \$52.09 expenses, the cost of \$53 for the donuts was donated, \$447.16 profit. This is a little less than \$1.50 per dancer. During the publications committee meeting prior to this meeting, the committee discussed the low donation ratio per dancer attendance. It is felt that many come Sunday morning thinking that the Doin's Dance is part of the entire festival, included in their registration, with free coffee and donuts before heading home or attending the State Board meeting. This is not the intention. The Doin's Dance is supposed to be a donation dance for additional fundraising efforts for the Doin's, as well as a time to renew subscriptions. Carol made a motion coming from the Publications Committee that the 2008 Sunday Doin's Dance have a \$3 posted entrance donation per adult dancer, \$1 per youth. Motion carried. There are remaining supplies left over to use next year, so supply cost should not be as much.

Insurance - Dave Turner: Dave reported beginning balance Oct. 1, 2007 of \$165.29, no income, expenses \$142.02, ending balance Oct. 31, 2007 of \$23.27. Income in November was \$748.65, expenses of \$708.00 to USDA, with an ending balance Nov. 30 of \$63.92. Insurance applications have been coming in slowly in December. Clubs are not insured until Dave has your paperwork in hand by January 1st.

Historian - Doyle & Linda Collins: No report

Bluebird - Connie & Kenny Hobbs: No reported

Member Services - Ed & Sherryl Schofield: No report. Bob Turner did remind us that the deadline is January 31st. At this time it is recommended that districts take applications until January 31st and at the February 2008 meeting we can determine if the Federation can afford to fund the program.

Travel Missouri - Ed & Sherryl Schofield: No report.

District President's Report: Bob Turner reported that the merger of the Greater St. Louis League of Square Dance Clubs and the Great St. Louis Folk and Square Dance Federation is officially complete in the St. Louis area. The newly merged organization will be known as the St. Louis Metro Square and Round Dance Association after April 15, 2008. Jim Weber reminded District presidents to keep their email lists updated.

Doin's Editor - Jim & Edythe Weber: Edythe reported continued success with the conversion to the bi-monthly magazine. However, the November 25th deadline must have been overshadowed by Thanksgiving. Many clubs were late with their articles. Clubs need to make sure they have submitted a full year schedule to the Webers. If in doubt, call, email or just send again. The January issue will also have the updated Dance Location Listings.

Doin's Circulation - Terry & Annette Thornhill: In their absence, Shirley Turner read a report sent via email to them from Thornhills. Beginning balance 10/21/07 of \$100, income \$2,149.25, expenses \$52.09, check to the Missouri Federation \$1,997.16, ending balance 12/9/07 of \$100. For the Jan/Feb 2008 issue there will be 614 mailed (589 paid subscriptions and 25 free or exchange.)

Doin's Advertising - Dave & Dee Shafer: Dave reported beginning balance 10/21/07 of \$100, income \$868.00, expenses \$54.60, check to the Missouri Federation \$713.40, ending balance 12/9/07 of \$100. One ad was accidently left out of the Nov/ Dec 2007 issue. Apologies were made and money refunded.

Unfinished Business

2007 State Festival - Mark & Rosalee Mortensen: Bob Turner reported that Mark called him to tell him that he would not be at this meeting. A check for \$12,000 will be sent to the Englands for the Federation and there is another \$500-600 still in the bank to cover a few more expenses and checks that are still out. He anticipates having everything closed by the February 2008 meeting.

Youth Ad Hoc Committee Report - Sharon Crisel: Sharon reported on the trip to the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Convention in November at the Lake of the Ozarks. They had a 1/2 page ad in their program book, but their workshop session was during the lunch hour. Those teachers participating were very enthused and had good comments about the hands-on workshop. One of the

participants is a Contra caller and one is a college professor who teaches square dancing to college students. Attendees were given the USDA booklet "Take the Youthful Step to the Future", a CD on instructing youth, a list of Internet sites, and a list of the Missouri callers. Sharon asked district presidents to try to find out how many youth dancers they have in their districts.

New Business

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Dave Shafer reported on a perpetual plaque for the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. The old display is a heavy, large wooden display box. Enlarging it is not an option as it is becoming too cumbersome to carry. A new perpetual plaque would be easier to display and very portable. It would be able to have the names of anywhere from 20-50 names on one plaque. The 3-ring binder with pictures and biographies of the recipients would accompany it for display. Dave has one estimate of \$155 at this time. Another source might be able to make a nice walnut plaque and all we would have to add is the engraved plates. Dave will check some other sources and will report again at the February meeting.

2008 State Festival: George & Clea Roth, NE District presidents elect, reported that the district is working hard. Terry & Annette Thornhill and Jim & Eloise Riley are co-chairing the festival. Flyers are available and advertising is starting in the Doin's in January.

Bob Turner passed out a draft copy of a proposed budget for the Missouri Federation for 2008. He stressed that this was only a draft and cannot be completed until the actual 2007 income and expenses are available. He thanked the treasurer, Chuck and Linda Evans, and Presidents J.W. and Jan England for their input and work on this budget. He asked for additional input into the development of this budget and said that more work will be forthcoming on it. (Copy available upon request from Bob Turner.)

Dave Shafer reported that he has already been contacted by the National Square Dance Convention Showcase of Ideas in Wichita, KS and has 4 tables reserved for our Missouri display. Shafers have been asked to coordinate the display for 2008.

Bob said that the Federation had received a notice from ARTS that the Associate membership dues of \$100 were due. Dave Shafer made the motion to pay these dues. Seconded and carried.

Bob Turner reported the following as the recommended schedule of meetings for 2008 from the District presidents: February 17 - WC, April 20 - SW, June 8 - NW, August 17 - St. Louis, October 19 - NE hosting following the State Festival, and December 13 - SE.

Election of Officers: Edythe Weber read the slate as recommended by the Nominating committee at the October meeting - Bob & Shirley Turner - President, John & Eleanor Stover - 1st Vice President, Don & Joann Miller - 2nd Vice President, Tom & Pat Miller - 3rd Vice President, Chuck & Linda Evans - Secretary; Winnie Weitkamp & Darrell Gerster - Treasurer. Bob Turner opened the election to nominations from the floor. Hearing none, motion was made by Dave Shafer to elect the recommended slate of officers by acclamation. Motion seconded and passed.

Southeast District was congratulated on hosting meeting. Several members from the Puxico Country Squares were recognized for their help over the weekend.

Upcoming Events: Dave Turner's 80th birthday next week (mentioned by Barb); SW District Doin's Dance, February 10, Northview Center, Springfield; Sweetheart Dance, February 10, St. Louis; Spring Fling, April 12, Lebanon; ARTS Benefit Dance (mentioned previously in the minutes).

Bob Turner released the 2007 committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Next meeting - February 17, 2008 hosted by the WC District.

Respectfully submitted,

Edythe Weber as substitute secretary