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Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Springfield, Missouri - April 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Turner, at the Franciscan Villa, 620 W. Scott, Springfield, MO, at 12 noon.

Invocation: Ray Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag: John Robbins

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Bettyrae Fluke

Roll Call: Chuck Evans reported there were 54 members present. A quorum was present.

Introduction and Welcome of Guests: No visitors or guests were present.

Minutes of the February 17, 2008 meeting: There was a correction from the floor concerning The Doin's Editor's Report to change "even numbered months to odd numbered months." A motion was made by Dave Shafer to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Winnie Weitkamp reported. The balance on hand March 31, 2008, was \$9935.67, plus \$7,000 in CD's. The report was filed for audit.

Membership: Winnie Weitkamp reported. We have 3,993 members and 104 clubs.

Club Longevity: Winnie Weitkamp reported for the months of May and June. The Southwest District has two clubs receiving 25-year pins and letters of congratulations. They are Solo Swingers and Buffalo Bills and Jills. The West Central District has one club, The Hoot-N-Hollers, receiving a 30-year pin and a letter of congratulations. The St Louis District has one club, Jefferson County Squares, receiving a 25-year pin and a letter of congratulations.

Correspondence: Chuck Evans read a letter from the Secretary of USDA requesting a list of delegates and alternates from the Missouri Federation to the annual USDA meeting. Also requested was a letter and resume for any nominations for officers to the USDA to be sent in by May 1, 2008.

Bob Turner appointed the delegates and alternate delegates to the annual USDA meeting on June 25, 2008, as follows: Delegates: Bob and Shirley Turner, Tom and Pat Miller, Dave and Dee Shafer, and John and Eleanor Stover; Alternate Delegates: J.W. and Jan England and Don and Joann Miller. Bob also reported the letter of nomination had already been sent in to USDA nominating Jim and Edythe Weber for Treasurer

Presentation of 2008 Committees: Bob Turner passed out copies of a list of the 2008 committees, chairpersons and members. The list of 2008 Committees is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Committee Reports

Audit: Ed & Sheryl Schofield reported. Ed reported that the audits of The Doin's Advertising, the license plate, and the treasurer are complete. The 2007 Festival audit was a work in progress. They hope to have all audits done by the next meeting, except for insurance, which is not due until August.

Boundaries and Relations: Don and Joann Miller reported. Joann read a request from Dan Haliburton to move a new club, the Alton Flutter Wheels, from the Southeast District to the Southwest District. A motion was made from the committee to accept the request. Motion carried.

Constitution and Bylaws: John and Eleanor Stover reported. Eleanor presented the second reading of a proposed change to Article III of the Constitution dealing with membership. The committee suggests to move the current Section 4 to Section 5 and to insert as new Section 4 the following: "Membership is open to all square dancers regardless of sex, race, creed, color, age, national origin or physical abilities. The Federation is an equal opportunity organization and will not participate in discrimination."

Jim Weber said there was no meeting notice about a constitution change sent out prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Jim Weber to waive prior meeting notice. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion by Eleanor Stover was made from committee to approve the proposed changes to Article III of the Constitution. Motion carried.

The President asked if anyone had the master copy of the Federation Handbook. It was reported that the master copy was passed down on a computer disc in the materials for the secretary. The secretary will check on this.

Doin's Report

Publications: Carol Morris reported. She made a motion from committee recommending all present listings for "Special Dances" to remain the same and that all club articles for The Doin's be reduced from 150 words to 100 words, with a Special Interests page to be used. The motion from the committee was approved and carried.

Doin's Editor Report: Edythe Weber reported the deadline for articles and advertising to be received by The Doin's editor and advertising is the 25th of the odd numbered months. Articles received after the 25th will not be printed. Every effort will be made to make sure the dance date is listed in the dance calendar.

The list of clubs that have not submitted a full year schedule is printed in the Editors' Notes of the May/June issue. "A" Fun Club and Wheel-Around Squares' schedules were received after the magazine had already gone to print.

For those sending E-mail articles, please put the club name first in the subject line. All forms for sending articles and lessons are available on the web at <http://www.squaredancingmissouri.com/Missouri/index.htm>. Click on the tab for Federation Information and then Show-Me Doin's.

Doin's Circulation: Annette Thornhill reported. Total copies Mailed: 531. Paid Subscriptions: 505. Total Free Doin's: 26. Advertisers 8; Exchanges 4; Students 0; Other 14 (1 to Weber, 1 to Historian, 6 to Shafer, 6 to Thornhill) Renewals this period: 46. New Subscriptions this period: 8. Central District Dance: 13. Decrease from last period: 104. Total Income this period: \$1,338.00. Total expenses this period: \$26.70. Balance carried forward: \$100.00. A check was issued to the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. for \$1,211.13.

Doin's Advertising: Dave Shafer reported for the period of February 17, 2008~April 20, 2008. Balance at beginning of period: \$100.00. Income this period: \$648.00. Expenses this period: \$19.60. A check was issued to the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. for \$628.40. Balance carried forward: \$100.00

Promotions: Tony Ahart reported that the committee discussed the Let's Toot Our Horn qualifications. The motion from the committee recommended that the two lists of qualifications be combined and that any 6 be required to successfully complete the Let's Toot Our Horn. Motion carried.

State Festival Site Screening: No Report

State Festival Featured Caller/Cuer: Dave Shafer reported. Dave passed out ballots and asked that each board member choose five favorite callers and cuers. This will give the committee some direction in choosing a featured caller and cuer for the 2012 State Festival.

Square Dancer of the Year: Jan Anslinger reported. Packets for district presidents were passed out with qualifications for Square Dancer of the Year, and the district presidents were asked to get nominations from their districts.

Insurance: Dave Turner reported for the period of February 1, 2008-March 31, 2008. Balance February 1, 2008: \$350.17. Income for February 2008: \$1,428.50. Expenses for February 2008: \$1,344.00. Balance for February 29, 2008: \$434.67. Income for March 2008: \$229.50. Expenses for March 2008: \$212.00. Balance March 31, 2008: \$452.17. Dave Turner requested that all questions concerning insurance be directed to him and that people not contact the USDA about insurance.

Member Services: Ed Schofield reported that because of lack of funding the Federation would not reimburse clubs for lessons in 2009 for 2008. The committee asked for any suggestions for getting new dancers. They will work up a memory-assist sheet to be sent out to district presidents.

Bluebird: No Report **Historian:** No Report

License Plate: J.W. England reported. Balance February 17, 2008: \$46.20. Income for February 2008: \$25.00. Rebate in February 2008: \$10.00. Income for March 2008: \$75.00. Rebate in March 2008: \$30.00. Income for

April 2008: \$50.00. Rebate for April 2008: \$20.00. A check was issued to the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. for \$100.00. Balance on hand as of April 20, 2008: \$36.20

Travel Missouri: Ed Schofield reported.

Total dangles issued 1603 as of 4/20/08	Total dancers participating:	188
Central District: 233	Sets completed:	1 st 50
Northeast District: 185		2 nd 31
Northwest District: 173		3 rd 19
St Louis District: 175		4 th 12
Southwest District: 214		
West Central District: 200	Missouri Festival dangles:	342

USDA: Edythe Weber reported. The annual USDA Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, June 25 in the Convention Center in Mary Jane Teall Theater in Wichita. Anyone can attend the meeting. The USDA After Party will be Friday evening, June 27, and there will be a Youth After Party on Thursday, June 26. Watch for flyers around the convention halls and also check the program book. Remember to distribute the information about the discount prescription card, long-term care, and the new on-line shopping mall.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reported. Three "Dance Across America" dances were held on February 29 in the state—one in the St Louis District, one in Warrensburg in the West Central District, and one in Springfield in the Southwest District. Edythe had received \$100 from the St Louis District, and \$60.00 from Springfield. No check had been received from Warrensburg, but Jan Anslinger came forward to present the check to ARTS for \$1,113.00 from a combined dance between West Central District, Northwest District, and Heart of America. Jan reported they also gave 175 teddy bears to the Highway Patrol in Lee's Summit. Edythe also reported that she had received approximately \$6,000.00 nationwide for "Dance Across America" from a total of 17 dances held.

Edythe reported the dancer's travel website is receiving bookings almost on a daily basis. Thanks to those who are using it. For those who have not tried it yet, please check it out at www.arts-dancetravel.com. For those going to the Nationals in Wichita, Kansas, ARTS will be hosting several seminars about ARTS and marketing square dancing.

State Festival 2008: Annette Thornhill reported. The committee has passed out festival packets to all district presidents to be given to the clubs. Letters were included in the packets with a list of callers and cuers needing address corrections. The ribbon is to be given at the time of registration and wearing it will allow entry to all festival dance halls. If a ribbon is lost, it can be replaced at the registration desk. There will be separate halls for square and round dancing. Two gyms will be used for square dancing and the cafeteria will be used for round dancing.

Jim Riley reported. Jim thanked and congratulated the committee for all they have done in his absence. Jim challenged the Board and delegates to get at least one-quarter to one-third of the state dancers to register for the festival. A motion was made from the committee to try a silent auction this year. Motion carried. Jim asked for nice auction items to be gathered for the auction.

Ad Hoc Youth and Children: No Report

Ad Hoc Information: Jim Weber reported. This will now be known as the E-mail Tree. Jim reported one e-mail was sent with approval of the president. He emphasized that every e-mail had to be approved by the board president, so for any e-mail that needs to be sent to the membership, send it to both Jim and the president at the same time.

District Presidents' Report: Sharon White reported. The group discussed Member Services and ways to try to improve it, and The Square Dancer of the Year was discussed. The Southwest District is selling tickets for a quilt to be raffled off. Some of the district directories are still a work in progress.

Unfinished Business

Selection of Hall of Fame Committee: J.W. England reported. Voting for the selection of the Hall of Fame Committee was by secret ballot. J. W. and Jan England are chairmen of this committee. After voting and a three-way tie, the additional committee members selected were: Larry and Sharon Crisel (Southeast District), John and Eleanor Stover (Central District), Tony Ahart (Southwest District), and Marilyn Graham (Northeast District).

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Plaque: Dave Shafer reported. Dave said it will cost \$125.00 for the new plaque, plus \$0.10 per letter and \$5.00 for the brass plate. Dave proposed either using a picture album with proclamations and citations, or to continue with the old foldout by adding the newest recipient and removing the

oldest each year. A motion was made by Jim Weber to continue with the workbook album, to purchase the proposed plaque, and to discontinue the foldout. The motion was seconded and carried.

Proposed Budget for 2008: J.W. England reported. The proposed budget for 2008 was reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Weber to accept the proposed budget for 2008, with any budgeted item that exceeds the budget amount to be approved by the President. The motion was seconded and carried.

Presentation to Immediate Past President: Bob Turner presented J.W. and Jan England with a plaque and gavel in appreciation for serving as President of The Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. for 2007. A lifetime membership card from the Missouri Federation was also presented to J.W. and Jan England.

Consider Bid for Laptop Computer: Bob Turner reported there is no bid on the laptop computer. Bob suggested that the laptop computer might be useful to some other office or committee of the Federation and asked that he be contacted with any requests.

Other Unfinished Business: None

New Business

NSDC Request: Edythe Weber asked for volunteer help for the Education Program from anyone attending the National Convention in Wichita. Volunteers are still needed for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Contact Jim or Edythe Weber by June 10th.

Carol Morris made a presentation to Dave Turner for his 80th birthday. He was presented the book The Last Convertible. Dave then related the story about the convertible he received and wrecked on his birthday.

Calendar Of Events

The next Federation Board Meeting will be on June 8, 2008, in the Southeast District at the Odd Fellows Hall in Poplar Bluff.

The Missouri State Festival for 2009 will probably be in Liberty, Mo. at the Liberty High School.

April 26th, Northeast District Dance in Moberly

May 2nd, Lanny Weaklend at Missouri Promenaders, St. Louis District

May 10th, 50th Anniversary Dance in Chillicothe for J.W. and Jan England

May 15th, Southwest District Dance at The Ozark Technical College

May 24th, 40th Anniversary Dance for Don and Joann Miller in the North view Center, 301 E. Talmage, in Springfield, MO

May 31st, West Central District Dance in Grundy County Senior Center, 2901 Hoover Drive, Trenton

June 7th, Southeast District Dance at the 5th and 6th Grade Center, 3297 Oak Grove Road Poplar Bluff

June 13th, Pulaski County Fair FREE Dance in the St. Robert Community Center

June 14th, Northwest District Dance at The Antioch Community Church, 4805 N.E.

Antioch Road, in Kansas City, MO

July 12th, Pig Roast in Warsaw

Recognition of Hosts: Sharon White introduced the host club, The Solo Swingers, from the Southwest District and thanked the members for their help.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Shafer. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 3 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck & Linda Evans Secretary
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.