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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES FOR OCT 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Joann Miller at 12:03 at the Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon, MO.

Invocation: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Bettyrae Fluke

Roll Call: Tony Ahart, 33 eligible votes, quorum achieved.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Joann Miller welcomed 9 guests.

Minutes of August 15, 2010 meeting: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of August 1, 2010, was \$16,645.10. Revenue received in August and September was \$4,021.43. Expenses paid were \$279.78. The checking account balance as of September 30, 2010 was \$20,386.75. In addition there are two CD's totaling \$7,000. Total funds on hand equal \$27,386.75. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: At present, there are 90 clubs with dues paid and 3099 members of the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs. Carl asked that district officers send rosters of all clubs with dues for the coming year, so he can make an accurate list of statewide membership.

Correspondence: A get-well card was sent to Tom Miller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No Report

Constitution and Bylaws: Eleanor Stover reporting. Several additions to Article 10 Section H "Hall of Fame Selection Committee" of the Standing Rules were recommended by the committee. Both of these items had been previously approved by the Board, but were never entered into the standing rules. The first was "The committee shall keep current longevity of all state callers and cuers, present all the awards to district presidents for presentation." The second was "25 and 50-year plaques, certificates for callers/cuers beginning with 30 years, in 5 year increments thereafter." This was approved by the Board.

Also recommended by the committee was the addition of the words "All reimbursements are subject to funding" as #6 in Article 10, Section J "Member Services Committee." This was approved by the Board.

Eleanor also stated that the committee would try to have complete corrected copies of the entire Constitution and By-Laws, and Standing Rules by the February Board meeting.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. The Federation received roughly \$495.00 from donations for the Doin's Dance. Fifty nine puzzles have been sold, but 200 orders are needed. They are still working on the logo search for the Doin's magazine.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. **November 25th** (Thanksgiving) is the deadline for the January/February issue. All clubs' 2011 dance schedules are due, and if your club has a new location, please submit it. Please be early.

DOIN'S Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. The **DOIN'S** now has 29 free and 483 paid subscriptions. Financial report: Balance from August 15, 2010, was \$100.00. Total income for August 15 to October 17, 2010, was \$555.00, total expenses were \$39.00. A disbursement was made to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs for \$516.00. Balance as of Oct. 17, 2010, was \$100.00.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting: Balance as of August 15, 2010, was \$100.00. From August 15 through October 15, 2010, total revenue was \$746.00, expenses were \$4.90, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$641.10. Balance as of Oct. 15, 2010, was \$100.00. Dave needs a schedule of callers for the clubs that have ¼ or ½ page ads. Again we were reminded that more puzzle orders are needed to reach the required minimum of 200 orders. Dave has responded to the request from the National Convention in Detroit for information about the Missouri Showcase of Ideas.

Promotion & Recruiting: Marty Altman reporting. There were 3 panelists and over 40 attendees at the Recruiting Workshop held Saturday, Oct. 16th. Overall, it was successful.

State Festival Site Screening: No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Turner reporting. Balance as of August 1, 2010, was \$204.44. Income from August 1, 2010, through September 30, 2010, was \$9.00. Expenses were \$17.50. Balance as of September 30, 2010, was \$195.94. Insurance packages will be in the mail by the end of October.

Member Services: No report.

Travel Missouri: Ed Schofield reporting. We have 4 new members in the Travel Missouri Program and a total of 2044 dangles for visitations have been given out.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie Hobbs reporting. Beginning balance as of August 15, 2010, was \$169.46. Two sets of Bluebirds and 1 set of braids have been sold for \$15.00, making the current balance \$184.46.

Historian: No Report.

License Plate: J.W. England reporting. There were no renewals and no applications in the last 2 months, leaving a balance as of September 30, 2010, of \$51.20.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The application deadline for the \$1000 USDA Youth Scholarship is February 1, 2011. Information can be found online at <http://www.usda.org/youth>. The application form must be signed by the Missouri Federation President.

ARTS: Jim Weber reporting. A successful ARTS seminar was held Saturday, October 16th, with 23 people attending. This attendance qualified the Missouri Federation for a \$200.00 grant for this year's State Festival. Also, Arts presented information about the web site You2candance.com at the recruiting workshop. The web site is another tool to help us get new members. All Missouri square dance clubs are listed under "Find a Club" on You2candance.com. Please check your listing to make sure it is correct.

Ad Hoc State Festival Guidelines: Bob Turner reporting. A report containing conclusions from the surveys completed by Missouri Square Dancers and Committee Recommendations has been prepared and will be sent to all Board members.

Ad Hoc – Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the MOAHPERD Convention at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Gene Wilson will present a workshop on square dancing to Missouri physical education instructors and recreation leaders. Written curriculum guides and other information about square dancing will be put into the convention packets of about 1000 attendees.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Vicki Wittman reporting. Discussion centered around this year's State Festival, the problem of clubs folding, and raiding and retrieving rules.

2010 State Festival: Vicki Wittman reporting for the St. Louis District. Attendance at this year's State Festival was 533 dancers plus 75 callers/cuers and partners, for a total of 608. Approximately \$12,101.00 was taken in for registration fees. There were a few minor problems, but overall the Festival was very successful.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee: Eleanor Stover reporting. Stan Brooke was the 2010 inductee into the Missouri Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame.

2010 Square Dancer of the year: Edythe Weber reporting. John and Eleanor Stover were awarded Square Dancer of the Year for 2010.

Caller/Cuer for State Festival 2014: Bob Turner reporting. The Board voted to extend contracts to Dean Dederman (caller) and John & Karen Herr (cuer) for the 2014 State Festival.

Bettyrae Fluke extended her thanks to all dancers who have treated her so kindly over the past year.

2011 State Festival Committee: Bob Turner reporting. The slogan for the 2011 State Festival is "Strut Your Stuff in Poplar Bluff." The caller will be Lottie Ainsworth, and the cuer Jim Couey. Shirts are now available. One hundred and five registrations have been received so far.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee for next year's officers has candidates for all positions, except secretary. They are as follows:

President: Tom & Pat Miller (Northwest District)

1st Vice President: Tony & Carolyn Ahart (Southwest District)

2nd Vice President: Dave & Mary Lou Marti (West Central District)

3rd Vice President: Larry & Sharon Crisel (Southeast District)

Treasurer: Carl & Cindy Boone (Northwest District)

NEW BUSINESS

The possibility of the Missouri Federation, along with the Heart of America Federation, hosting the 2015 National Square Dance Convention in Kansas City was discussed. Representatives of the Heart of America Federation were in attendance, as well as Karen Fleher, a member of the National Square Dance Executive Committee. Karen described the bidding process that would have to take place to sponsor a national convention. The majority of those attending the meeting agreed that co-sponsorship of a national convention is feasible and they would like to pursue the co-sponsorship of a convention. It was agreed that each district president would approach the clubs in their district to solicit support for a National Square Dance Convention in Missouri. Then by November 6, 2010, or earlier, the district presidents are to report their findings to JoAnn Miller, President of the Missouri Federation.

RECOGNITION OF HOSTS

St. Louis District hosts were recognized and thanked for a great festival.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Sunday, December 12, 2010, in Moberly, Missouri, at the Moberly Area Tech Center, at 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.