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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.

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Joann Miller at 12:18 at the Moberly Area Tech Center, Moberly, MO.

Invocation: George Roth

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Connie Hobbs

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Mary Sue Darwent

Roll Call: Tony Ahart, 19 eligible votes, quorum achieved.

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

Minutes of October 17, 2010 meeting: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Sep. 30, 2010, was \$20,386.75. Revenue received in October and November was \$3,000.19. Expenses paid were \$2,816.07. The checking account balance as of November 30, 2010 was \$20,570.87. In addition there are two CD's totaling \$7,000. Total funds on hand equal \$27,570.87. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Dues have been received from 41 clubs. Clubs receiving longevity awards were Silver Dollars (West Central District) – 60 years, Ramblers (Northwest District) – 50 years, Twilight Twirlers (Central District) – 35 years, Meramec Valley Promenaders (St. Louis District) – 35 years, and Maysville Wranglers (Northwest District) – 30 years.

Correspondence: A thank-you note was received from Tom Miller. A get-well card was sent to Bettyrae Fluke and a "thinking of you" card was sent to Dee Shafer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No Report

Constitution and Bylaws: No Report.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. She asked everyone to try to sell more jigsaw puzzles. Eighty puzzles have been sold, but 200 orders are needed. The hidden logo in the Doin's magazine will be a donkey. Those finding it should send in their name and address to be put in a drawing. The person chosen from the drawing will receive a \$10.00 Walmart certificate. Rules for the contest will be in the Doin's. The purpose is to encourage readership of the Doin's.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Everything is going fairly smoothly. She asked that reporters please keep their articles to 150 words or less and be on time.

DOIN'S Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. Financial report: Balance from Oct. 17, 2010, was \$100.00. Total income for Oct. 17 to Dec. 11, 2010, was \$2,248.00, total expenses were none. A disbursement was made to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs for \$2, 248.00. Balance as of Dec 12, 2010, was \$100.00.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting: Balance as of Oct. 17, 2010, was \$100.00. From Oct. 17 through Dec. 12, 2010, total revenue was \$1,183.00, expenses were \$19.90, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,063.10. Balance as of Dec. 12, 2010, was \$100.00.

Promotion & Recruiting: No Report.

State Festival Site Screening: No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Turner reporting. Balance as of Oct 1, 2010, was \$195.94. Income from Oct.1, 2010, through Nov. 30, 2010, was \$580.50. Expenses were \$727.79. Balance as of Nov. 30, 2010, was \$48.65. Fifty six insurance packets were mailed to clubs. Dave reminded us that forms must be signed by a club officer verifying that their roster includes 100% of the members. Applications for insurance cannot be processed without the signed form.

Member Services: No report.

Travel Missouri: No Report

Blue Bird Coordinator: No Report

Historian: No Report.

License Plate: No Report

USDA: Jim Weber reporting. The Winter meeting of the USDA will be Jan 21, 2011, at Virginia Beach, VA. The application deadline for the \$1000 USDA Youth Scholarship is February 1, 2011. Information can be found online at www.usda.org. Click on programs, then youth. There is a new discount prescription drug plan. If you used the old Pharmalink card you need to get a new card by going to www.usda.org and clicking on programs, then discount scrip cards. Follow the link to print new cards. You can also find the cost of your medications by entering your zip code and name of the medication.

ARTS: Jim Weber reporting. There have been good reports on the website www.you2candance.com. If you are a caller, please check your listing to make sure it is correct.

It is listed by the town you live in, your name, phone, email, and website if you have one. Caller changes should be sent to info@you2candance.com. Clubs are listed by town, so please check this information as well. Jim Weber is the contact person to make changes in club listings or send email to info@you2candance.com.

Ad Hoc State Festival Guidelines: Report moved to Unfinished Business.

Ad Hoc – Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. Gene and Martha Wilson, Dave and Dee Shafer, and Sharon Crisel presented a workshop in November at the MOAHPERD convention. There

were about 20 participants who all seemed to enjoy the workshop. There are still some square dance curriculum guides and DVD's left if any teachers need them.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. The hosting districts for the 2011 State Federation meetings were decided and will be presented during New Business.

2010 State Festival: Vicki Wittman reporting for the St. Louis District. Total attendance was 610. All but 3 t-shirts, which were donated to a benefit dance, were sold. Net proceeds were \$10,535.55. A \$200.00 grant is still to be received from the ARTS.

2011 State Festival Committee: Bob Turner reporting. The festival will be hosted by the Southeast District. It will be held on Oct 21, 22 & 23 in Poplar Bluff at the Black River Coliseum. The caller will be Lottie Ainsworth, and the cuer Jim Couey. The colors are gold, purple & green. Shirts, blankets and flyers are available. Motel and campground information will be available by the February meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave Shafer (Bid Chairman) reported that the 2015 National Convention Bid Committee met in Kansas City in November and toured the convention center. They found that the facilities will meet all requirements. Dave moved that the Missouri Federation with the Heart of America go through the bid process to host the 2015 National Convention. The motion passed. Jim Weber moved that Dave and Dee Shafer be the Proposed General Chairman. The motion passed. Dave and Dee Shafer are the approved Proposed General Chairman from the Heart of America Federation as well. (The Proposed General Chairman becomes the General Chairman upon the awarding of the bid by the NEC.)

Jo Ann Miller appointed Bill Morris and Connie Hobbs as the Audit Committee for 2010.

Bob Turner, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for State Festival Guidelines, reported the following conclusions from the surveys completed by Missouri square dancers:

1. **FEATURED CALLER AND FEATURED CUER:**

The Federation Board should continue to hire a well-known national caller and well-known national cuer for each annual festival.

2. **FESTIVAL DATE:**

The Federation's constitution already designates the best time of the year to hold the annual festival.

3. **FESTIVAL SCHEDULE:**

The present Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning format for the festival works well.

4. **FESTIVAL SITE:**

The present policy of allowing the hosting district, after the Site Committee's approval, to select the festival site subject to the Federation Board's approval should be continued, as the site has normally been divided somewhat equally during the seven-year cycle between a central location and a rotation in cities around the State.

5. **FESTIVAL HOSTS:**

Each district should continue to volunteer to host the festival; however, the district must obtain the approval of the Federation Board for all the district's recommendations prior to implementing them.

6. FESTIVAL BOOKLET:

The issue of providing a festival booklet was evenly divided in the surveys between the following three options: complete booklet with advertising, small booklet with no advertising, and no booklet at all.

7. FESTIVAL ATTIRE:

The issue of attire for the State Festival was varied. The best compromise seems to be to allow casual dress for morning and afternoon activities on Saturday and Sunday, and request or require, square dance attire for the evening dances on Friday and Saturday.

Bob Turner moved to reaffirm that the Missouri Federation Board of Directors shall have the final decision in all matters concerning the Federation Festival. Motion passed.

Bob Turner moved that survey conclusions #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 above be passed on to the Constitution Committee. The Constitution Committee will then prepare the changes to the Constitution and By Laws and/or Standing Rules where necessary to reflect the above conclusions. Motion passed. (Any such changes will then be presented by the Constitution and By Laws Committee as a new motion to be voted on by the Board of Directors.)

Bob Turner moved that the proposed change that, at a minimum, a small souvenir festival booklet must be provided for each festival, be sent to the Constitution Committee. The Constitution Committee will then prepare the changes to the Constitution and By Laws and/or Standing Rules where necessary. Motion passed. (Any such changes will then be presented by the Constitution and By Laws Committee as a new motion to be voted on by the Board of Directors.)

Bob Turner moved that the Constitution Committee write changes to the Constitution and By Laws and/or Standing Rules so that the "Timeline for Submitting Festival Activities" (below) is incorporated into the Constitution and By Laws and/or Standing Rules. Motion passed. (Any such changes will then be presented by the Constitution and By Laws Committee as a new motion to be voted on by the Board of Directors.)

TIMELINE FOR SUBMITTING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

36 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

The Federation Board should select the featured national caller and featured national cuer.

The Federation Board should select the district to host the festival.

20 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

The hosting district should start giving festival updates to the Federation Board.

18 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

The hosting district should request \$2500 start-up funds from the Federation Board.

The hosting district should recommend a theme and colors for the Federation Board's approval.

The hosting district should recommend admission prices to the festival for the Federation Board's approval.

16 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

The hosting district should recommend the festival site for the Federation Board's approval.

14 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

The hosting district should recommend any additions to the festival booklet to the Federation Board for its approval.

12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

After 9:00 PM Saturday of the current festival, the next hosting district may begin promotion of their upcoming festival.

6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

The hosting district should assemble festival packets for each club and each district president with information about the upcoming festival and distribute the packets to each district president for dissemination to the clubs in their district.

4 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL DATE:

No changes shall be made in the festival unless an emergency issue arises and the Federation Board or Federation Executive Committee approves of the change.

Bob Turner moved the Constitution Committee write changes to the Constitution and By Laws and/or Standing Rules to reflect that the hosting district shall keep 10% of the profit. Motion passed. (Any such changes will then be presented by the Constitution and By Laws Committee as a new motion to be voted on by the Board of Directors.)

NEW BUSINESS

The following slate of officers for the year 2011 was presented by the Nominating Committee:

President – Tom and Pat Miller

1st Vice President – Tony and Carolyn Ahart

2nd Vice President – Dave and Mary Lou Marti

3rd Vice President – Larry and Sharon Crisel

Secretary – Ron and Marie Selfors

Treasurer – Carl and Cindy Boone

Having no nominations from the floor, Jim Weber moved to accept the above slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Jo Ann and Don Miller thanked everyone for their support and released their committees.

The new officers were recognized and the gavel was turned over to President Tom Miller.

Jim Weber moved that the Ad Hoc Committee for Youth and Children Dance be added to the Standing Rules as a permanent committee. Motion passed.

Bob Turner announced that we have received signed contracts from Dean Dederman (caller) and John and Karen Herr (cuer) for the 2014 State Festival.

The hosts for the 2011 Federation Board Meetings are as follows: February – Central Dist., April – Northeast Dist., June – West Central Dist., August – Southwest Dist., October – Southeast Dist., and December – Northwest Dist.

Northeast District Hosts were recognized.

The next meeting will be held at noon Sunday, February 20, 2011, at the Fairground Building, 8th and Maple, in Eldon, MO.

The meeting was adjourned 2:48 PM.