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

MINUTES FOR April 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Ahart at 12:08 pm at the St. Robert Community Center, Historic Route 66, St. Robert, MO.

Agenda Change: There were no agenda changes.

Invocation: Ed Schofield

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Ed Schofield

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Roll Call: Ron Selfors: 29 voting positions present, full quorum achieved. 50 directors were present.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Tony Ahart welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of Feb 19, 2011 meeting: The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Feb 1, 2012 was \$18,837.00. Revenue received in Feb and Mar was \$5,786.70. Expenses paid were \$10,244.80. The checking account balance as of Mar 31, 2012 was \$14,378.90. Within expenses was \$10,000.00 that went to purchase a fourth certificate of deposit (CD). There are now four CD's totaling \$32,000. Total funds on hand are \$46,378.90. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 73 of 73 clubs on the rolls. 2,650 members are reported.

No longevity awards were announced.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. Letter was provided to West Central District authorizing them to open a checking account to support the 2013 state festival. Get well cards were circulated for signing for JW England, Loretta Marron, and Sharon White. A sympathy card was circulated for Loretta Welsh.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: There will be a report next meeting.

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Publications: Edythe Weber reporting. 73 reminder post cards were sent. There were 66 renewals. The post cards will soon be replaced with emails for those who have email addresses. The Wal-Mart cards used to reward logo finders are bought at 50% face value.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Next publication deadline is May 25, start of Memorial Day weekend. Please be on time or early.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. For the May-Jun issue, there were 536 magazine subscriptions, of which 513 are paid subscriptions. Balance as of Feb 20, 2012, was \$100.00. From Feb 20 through Apr 15, 2012, total revenue was \$1,335.00, expenses were \$32.00, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,303.00. Balance as of Apr 15, 2012, was \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Feb 19, 2012, was \$100.00. From Feb 19 through Apr 15, 2012, total revenue was \$776.00, expenses were \$70.15, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$605.85. Balance as of Apr 15, 2012, was \$100.00.

Another 10 puzzles were sold (plus a \$1 donation) since the last report. 91 more puzzles need to be sold to reach the break even point. If all remaining 209 puzzles are sold, a projected profit of \$1,841 will be realized.

Promotion & Recruiting: Marty Altman reporting. The "TOOT YOUR HORN" program has been ongoing for many years. It consists of 14 activities that a club can perform during the course of a year. Only six are required to achieve a "Badge or Dangle" for the program. The activities promote and enhance the good name of square dancing throughout their community.

During 2011, 13 clubs received a Dangle for participating in the program. Of that number, two clubs have received Dangles for the first time: the Missouri Promenaders (SL District) and Maysville Wranglers (NW District). The Maysville Wranglers deserve a big hand as they are a newly formed club and deserve a lot of credit for immediately participating in the program.

A number of clubs have been very active in the "TOOT YOUR HORN" program from many years. Congratulations to these clubs. Also, congratulations to all the clubs that have taken the time to participate in the program.

Please encourage more participation by your clubs in this program. The participation criteria is not difficult.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Taylor reporting. Balance as of Dec 1, 2011, was \$80.44. From Dec 1, 2011 through Mar 31, 2012, total revenue was \$4,969.00, and expenses were \$4,832.31. Balance as of Mar 31, 2012, was \$217.13.

Dave is looking for a replacement insurance coordinator.

Tony Ahart reminded everyone that clubs need to have insurance forms on hand at dances in case of an accident.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. On the state website (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com), each club and each state officer has an email address that you can use to contact them. Look them up on the website.

Travel Missouri: Edythe Weber reporting. As of Apr 13, 2012, 1,117 dancers have received 2,437 sets. 36 dancers have their eighth set, 24 dancers are beginning their ninth set, and 2 dancers are beginning their tenth set. Total income this year is \$200.29.

Since January, 18 members of the Shooting Stars (NW District) have joined Travel Missouri and together have visited four districts. Wouldn't it be great if other clubs in Missouri did the same?

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. There is now a general history of Missouri square dancing on the website. Please review. If you have corrections or material to add, please contact the historian. He puts all received material on the website.

Historian is also looking for district and club history. Please contact him if you have materials to share. Some Heart of America clubs are already on website. You may want to look at these to get idea of what can be included. There are currently 12,000 pictures on the site. Tom Roper has 300 YouTube videos. Also interested in clubs that are no longer active.

License Plate: No report.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. USDA News is looking for a new editor. If interested, please contact Jim Weber, 816-781-3598.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. check your club listing in the club database at www.you2candance.com. Make sure all info is correct. Let Jim know if something is wrong.

Use the website www.you2candance.com for recruiting and answering some questions for potential new dancers. It's a great tool, and we highly recommend our clubs use it more.

At the March annual meeting we discussed how we can make the You2candance videos available to dancers and clubs to use in promotional venues, like fairs. That is a work in progress. As soon as details are finalized and approved, we will give you more information. There might be a small cost, but it will be kept to a minimum.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Eleanor Stover reporting. The committee discussed insurance policies and procedures and whether a policy is needed requiring all federation clubs be insured.

USDA insurance provides both club liability and individual dancer medical coverage. This year the minimum annual cost through USDA to insure a club for one million dollars liability is \$45, even if all members are members of other clubs. If a club has ten insurance-paying members (\$4.50 each), the \$45 requirement is met. Also, all club members must be insured, whether through local club or another club in which a member also has membership (each member's insurance status needs to be documented in the club's insurance submission). Members also receive dance-related medical coverage through their

annual payments through the club and federation to USDA. Dance-related medical costs of non-members are not directly covered. The liability insurance protects clubs from these expenses.

Following further discussion, the committee moved that each club be required to show proof of liability insurance (one million dollars minimum) effective with 2013 membership. The motion passed.

2012 State Festival: Joann Miller reporting. Planning for the 2012 Festival is going well. The festival will be held in Lebanon, MO at the Cowan Center. The theme is "Cruisin' Round the Square". The colors are Burgundy and Teal. Tom Manning will be the featured caller.

The district will recommend that the date for early registration price break be changed to July 1 instead of Oct 1, and the difference be increased. This will provide greater incentive for early registration.

Information and forms for placing ads in the festival program are on the website (www.Forms.SquareDanceMissouri.com).

2013 State Festival: Ed Schofield reporting. The 2013 Festival will be hosted by West Central District and will be at the Sedalia State Fair Grounds, 11-13 Oct. The theme will be "Roaring Ragtime Express." The colors are red, white and black. A highlight of the festival will be dancing on the Katy Trail.

Tony Ahart read a conciliatory letter from the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center in Independence. They relieved the Federation and District from any liabilities concerning booking of the facility for the 2013 festival and hoped that they would be considered for future events.

The committee requested \$2,500 in start-up funds. Larry Crisel made the motion to allocate the funds. It was seconded and passed.

2015 State Caller/Cuer: Eleanor Stover reporting. The 2015 Festival Committee has selected Mike Hogan as the State Caller, and the Tuckers from Nebraska as the State Cuers.

National Square Dance Convention Bid: Dave Shafer reporting. The Federation board approved a motion at last meeting to announce our intent at Spokane to pursue the 2017 convention, and that a bid committee be appointed at a later date.

Dave stated that a suitable convention site for 2017 is not available. Earliest would be 2018 in Kansas City. Intent to bid would be made at the Spokane convention this summer. However, the Kansas City Convention Center has sent a letter to the National Executive Committee (organization that manages the national square dance conventions) stating that (1) the bid would have to be formally bid in 2013 in Oklahoma City (one year earlier than normal), (2) in the event that another group wants to commit for the convention center in 2018, NEC would have 48 hours to formalize their commitment to Kansas City, and (3) the NEC will have to guarantee that there will be no competition for the convention. Dave will continue to work this issue and keep the board advised.

Unfinished Business.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee: Tony Ahart initiated balloting to nominate four board members to be members of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Nominees must be from separate districts and not from NW District. Tom and Pat Miller, as immediate past president, are chairman of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Bill Cochran is also a member. Tony also asked for volunteers. Selected were: Dorothy Robbins (SE District), Carol Morris (SW District), Eleanor Stover (C District), and Jan Anslinger (WC District).

Festival Profit Sharing: Tony Ahart deferred the topic until the next meeting.

New Business.

2012 USDA Delegates: Tony Ahart asked for volunteers to be state delegates to the 2012 USDA meeting in Spokane. The meeting will be on Jun 27 beginning at 1pm. Selected were: Tony and Carolyn Ahart, Tom and Pat Miller, Ron and Marie Selfors, and Dave and Dee Shafer. Carl and Cindy Boone and Don and Joann Miller will be alternates.

DOIN's Logo Find Promotion: Dave Shafer made a motion to reimburse the DOIN's staff for Wal-Mart gift cards already purchased for the promotion (\$30) and for future cards used in the promotion. Motion was seconded and passed.

Showcase of Ideas Transport to Spokane: Dave Shafer made a motion that the individual who transports the Missouri Showcase of Ideas to Spokane be given \$80 compensation. Motion was seconded and approved.

State Fair Dance: WC District asked that the Federation and its clubs support their demonstration dance at the Missouri State Fair on Aug 15. This will be Senior Day and the dance will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Dancers will be able to go to the fair for free that day. See the DOIN's for details.

Close

Tony Ahart recognized the Central District hosts and the Travelers that provided a great dance the day before and the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by West Central District and held Sunday, Jun 10, 2012, at 12 noon, at the Little Blue Barn, Kansas City, MO. There will be a dance the night before at same location.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary