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

MINUTES FOR June 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Ahart at 12:03 pm at the Little Blue Barn, Kansas City, MO

Agenda Change: There were no agenda changes.

Invocation: J.W. England

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Jan Anslinger

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Bettyrae Fluke

Roll Call: Ron Selfors: 20 voting positions present, full quorum achieved. 24 directors were present.

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

Minutes of Apr 15, 2012 meeting: The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Apr 1, 2012 was \$14,378.90. Revenue received in Apr and May was \$1,948.85. Expenses paid were \$7,190.16. The checking account balance as of Mar 31, 2012 was \$9,137.59. There are now four CD's totaling \$32,030.82. Total funds on hand are \$41,168.41. 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. 2,651 members are reported.

Longevity awards were presented to districts for: Millstone Wheelers (Central), 30 years; and Unicorn Squares (NW), 30 years. Both clubs will have anniversaries in September.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence was received or generated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Bill Morris reporting. All of the 2011 funds/accounts were audited by Bill or Connie Hobbs, and all income and expenses were accounted for and the funds/accounts were found to be correct and in good order.

Boundaries and Relations: Marilyn Graham reporting. Marilyn stated that there was discussion at the District President Committee concerning clubs that wish to move to other districts due to loss of local clubs and new relationships. The committee will be looking at redrawing district lines.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Publications: No report.

DOIN's Editor: Tony Ahart reporting for Edythe Weber. Next publication deadline is July 25. Please be on time or early.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. Balance as of Apr 10, 2012, was \$100.00. From Apr 10 through Jun 10, 2012, total revenue was \$825.00, expenses were \$32.69, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$792.31. Balance as of Jun 10, 2012, was \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Apr 15, 2012, was \$100.00. From Apr 15 through Jun 10, 2012, total revenue was \$515.00, expenses were \$5.15, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$409.85. Balance as of Jun 10, 2012, was \$100.00.

Another two puzzles were sold since the last report. 89 more puzzles need to be sold to reach the break-even point. If all remaining 207 puzzles are sold, a projected profit of \$1,841 will be realized.

Promotion & Recruiting: Marty Altman reporting. Marty discussed updating the "TOOT YOUR HORN" program. He is finalizing the program guidance and will present it at a future board meeting for final discussion and adoption.

Marty also discussed the success of his club in attracting new dancers. The club grew by 25 new dancers this year.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Turner reporting. Dave gave his final report as insurance coordinator, and introduced Jim Weber as the new coordinator. Jim can be reached at moinsurance@kc.rr.com or 816-781-3598.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. Dan repeated his strong recommendation that members do not use their data service provider's email service due to spam control issues. He also stated that all clubs are now on a locator map on the state website (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com). He needs clubs to send him their new dance schedules.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Jun 9, 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.

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: J.W. England reporting. Balance as of Feb 19, 2012, was \$166.70. From Feb 19 through Jun 10, 2012, total revenue was \$50.00, and rebates were \$20.00. Balance as of Jun 10, 2012, was \$196.70.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Tony Ahart reporting for Edythe Weber. The new editor for the USDA News is Larry Dunkel from Knoxville, TN. Larry replaces Edythe and Jim who have held that position for several years.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Tony Ahart reporting for Edythe Weber. Please 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.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Jan Anslinger reporting. The committee discussed redrawing district lines, new sources for badges, and scholarships.

2012 State Festival: Carol Morris 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. Need folks to register.

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.

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

Unfinished Business.

Festival Profit Sharing: Bob Turner reporting. A motion was made at the Feb meeting to establish a policy that districts hosting a state festival will be allowed to retain 10 percent of net profits from the festival. The policy would start with 2011 festival and continue for at least seven years so all districts have a chance to profit. Policy will promote maximizing income and reducing expenses. After discussion the motion was approved.

Finance-Related Resolution: Carl Boone reporting. Carl asked that a resolution be passed that would authorize the establishment of a new insurance bank account and the cashing of a maturing certificate of deposit at the Versailles Bank. Carl made the motion, it was seconded and approved.

National Square Dance Conventions: Carl Boone reporting.

Missouri square dancers are heavily involved in the Arkansas convention in 2014. Jim Weber is the education committee chairman and most of the education committee is made up of Missouri dancers. Jim is looking for someone to be chair of the showcase of ideas.

The Federation board approved a motion at Feb meeting to announce our intent at Spokane to pursue the 2017 convention, and that a bid committee be appointed at a later date. However, 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.

Tony Ahart asked for a member to make a motion to allow Carl and Cindy to announce Missouri's intent to pursue the 2018 convention in Kansas City. Pat Miller made the motion, and it was seconded. The motion was approved.

Badges: Loretta Marron reporting. Club badges and other badges can be made by the State prison at Jefferson City. Contact Joann Wilson, Northeast District, if you want badges. She will need one for a sample the first time. She also needs to know how many and what names or wording you want on them. Recently they made oval silver badges with black writing, and they were \$2.85 each. She pays for them and then gets them to you with a copy of the bill. If it is a badge that has already been made and they have it on file, she does not need a sample. She can be reached at 573-659-7522 (home), 573-694-2166 (cell), or tavernridgerunner@hotmail.com.

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.

New Business.

Promotions: Bob Turner led a discussion of making federation funds available to districts to promote square and round dancing. He proposed that \$250 be given to each district to spend as they see fit. If the district is successful and wants additional funding, they can come back to the federation and request another \$250. Carl Boone made the motion. It was seconded and approved. The treasurer distributed checks to the districts.

Close

Tony Ahart recognized the West Central District hosts and the Hoot N Holler Club that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting. Many board members also attended a great District Dance the night before.

The next meeting will be hosted by St. Lewis District and held on Sunday, Aug 19, 2012, at 12 noon, at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine Schoolhouse, #1 Rue St. Francois St., Florissant, MO 63031 . There will be a dance the night before at the First Methodist Church, 801 First Capital Drive, St. Charles, Mo 63301.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary