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

MINUTES FOR April 13, 2014 - Corrected

President Sharon Crisel called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Moberly Area Technical Center, Moberly, Missouri.

Agenda Change: Two items were added: In Committee Reports, a report by the Scholarship Committee; and in Unfinished Business, an action related to the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame.

Invocation: George Roth

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Mary Sue Darwent

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: George Roth

Roll Call: Ron Selfors: Directors representing 30 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 49 directors were present.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Sharon Crisel welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of February 16, 2014 meeting: Sharon White made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Feb 1, 2014 was \$12,353.86. Revenue received was \$4,729.78. Expenses paid were \$2,611.46. The checking account balance as of March 21, 2014 was \$14,472.18. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. No change in CD's. Total funds on hand: \$44,566.30. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 63 clubs. 2,266 members are reported.

No new Longevity Awards were distributed.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: George Roth reporting. The committee proposed the following change to the Constitution and By-Laws:

Election of Officers: Page 4, Article V

Section 3 – Term of Office – Current:

Officers shall serve from the close of the annual meeting to the close of the next annual meeting with the following exception: The incoming president begins his/her term upon receipt of the gavel following the election of officers.

Section 3 – Term of Office – Proposed:

Officers shall serve from January 1 to December 31.

Section 4 – Nominations and Elections – Current:

A. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers at the **state festival** meeting of the board of directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Consideration should be given to nominating only one officer from a district, if possible, so that representation may be diversified. Consent of the nominees must be obtained before their names are presented.

B. Officers of this federation shall be elected by the board of directors during the **annual** meeting in **December**.

Section 4 – Nominations and Elections – Proposed:

A. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers at the **August** meeting of the board of directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Consideration should be given to nominating only one officer from a district, if possible, so that representation may be diversified. Consent of the nominees must be obtained before their names are presented.

B. Officers of this federation shall be elected by the board of directors during the **state festival** meeting in **October/November**.

The changes are proposed in reaction to the challenge experienced last year in holding an annual meeting and elections in December due to adverse weather. The proposed changes will be voted on at the June meeting.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. Continue to encourage your club members to subscribe to the DOIN's.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Please remember to order your free copies of the DOIN's for your graduating dancers early. The form for requesting copies of DOIN's for new graduates is available on the website (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com). Click of Federation Information, then click on Show Me DOIN's. The forms can be filled out and sent from the website. If you want to have the forms on your computer, please email me at doins@kc.rr.com and I will send them to you.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. Please encourage your dancers to subscribe or renew. Balance as of Feb 10, 2014, was \$100.00. From then through Apr 12, 2014, total revenue was \$990.00,

expenses were \$19.18, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$970.02. Ending balance was \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Feb 16, 2014, was \$100.00. From then through Apr 13, 2014, total revenue was \$601.00, expenses were \$5.60, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$495.40. Ending balance was \$100.00.

Another 3 puzzles were sold since the last report. 35 more puzzles need to be sold to break even.

Promotion & Recruiting: Ed Schofield reporting. Toot Your Horn awards were given to the districts for presentation to the Tanglefoot Squares and the Beaux and Belles. A total of eight clubs received awards. He asked the district presidents to make sure all their clubs were aware of this program.

The Dance Promotion Grant Program was discussed. Ed noted that grant requests had been received from the Kountry Kuzins (asking for \$740) and River City Squares (asking for \$950). Each was awarded a \$500 grant by the committee.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting. As of Apr 11, 2014, there are 1,672 dancers insured through the Mo Federation, and 485 insured through other organizations. Total insured dancers in Missouri are 2,157. Total clubs insured by the Federation are 64 (Merry Rounders have been re-insured).

As of the Feb meeting, the state and district officers now have liability insurance. District officer changes must be sent to the insurance coordinator to keep insurance in effect.

Information and forms are available on the state website (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Apr 12, 2014, 265 dancers have or are participating in the program. They have received 2,693 dangles. Three dancers are working on their 11th set. Five dancers have their tenth set, and seven dancers have or are working their ninth set. Total account balance is \$78.90.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie Hobbs reporting. Connie reported sales of both bluebirds and braid for \$37.50. Total funds on hand is \$105.81.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

District Handbooks. I have district handbooks for only one district. If you want your district handbook on the website you have to send it to me. I need it in either MS Word or Adobe Acrobat in order to upload it. I prefer MS Word because I can make smaller pdf files than most people. If you have your in a different format, contact me, and I will tell you if I can handle it. This also means that I don't have updates on all district officers.

Security Codes. I have discovered a method to prevent robo form and E-Mail sending without using security codes, so I have removed the security codes from all Update forms and most E-Mail forms. I started this project about six weeks ago, and so far as I know, only three E-Mails that look like they were sent by robots have been sent. When robots send E-Mail, they tend to send lots of E-Mail, so I am inclined to believe that these are just malicious E-Mail. I will be watching to see if I have to return to security codes. The new system is called the "Honey Pot" system, and if any of you are curious, I will explain how it works.

Video's. I have been receiving more square dance videos than pictures lately. I guess that that is because that with digital camera's it is now easy to take video's. The easiest way to send video's is to upload the video on U-Tube yourself. When the video has been uploaded, U-Tube gives you a very short address to the video. Send me that address. Make sure when you upload to U-Tube, that you have selected the "Public" option so that everyone can view your video.

Change Passwords. As you may have heard, someone has discovered a way to enter secure websites. The entry method has been corrected, but if you haven't changed the passwords to your important sites you should do that. The passwords to all my sites have been changed. It took a good part of one morning.

Visit Counter. I have added a trial counter to our home page. It is in a small font in the center of the page near the bottom. It has been up about a week. It does not count the people who look at our site, it counts the number of times people look at our home page. People may look at the home page several times on one visit. I haven't decided on whether to leave it there, and I haven't decided on when to zero it. I am considering zeroing it on the first of the month so that it will count the visits per month. It is a simple, easy to set up, counter, so if any of you want to know how many visits there are to a specific page, I can set up a counter to do that. However, the counter has to be set up for each page that is counted. This takes time, so I will do it only for pages that I have some reason to count. Also, it cannot be set up retroactive. I can't set it up to count visits last month, for instance.

Notices and Cancellations. The "Notices & Cancellations" page now lists new contact information. In addition to E-Mail, I can now accept cell phone & text messages. Please don't call my home phone. I may not be there.

Even though you may have sent your special dance information to the DOIN's, please also send it to me.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. I have been considering adding an obituary section to the website. I don't like obituary sections. I find them depressing, and I keep checking to be sure that mine is not there, but I can see how one would be helpful. I would appreciate input from you about this. I have just started one for the website I do for my high school graduating class, but then, we're all old.

License Plate: No report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bob Turner reporting. Winner will be announced in June for the \$500 scholarship.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. The USDA annual meeting will be on Wednesday, Jun 25, 2014 at the National Square Dance Convention in Little Rock, AR. The names of delegates from the Federation will need to be sent to the USDA secretary as soon as possible.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. ARTS is working on a “rebranding” square dancing project. The purpose of the project is to change the public’s perception of square dancing. Jim Taylor of Colorado is spearheading the project. They will be doing a seminar at the Little Rock convention. This would be a good seminar to attend.

District Presidents’ Meeting Report: Annette Thornhill reporting. The district presidents discussed:

- **State Festival Packets.** Packets have been distributed to all districts and Federation officers.
- **Dancer and Club Insurance.** Edythe Weber also discussed insurance packets with them.
- **Badges and Dangles.** Presidents discussed where to get them made.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

2013 State Festival: Sheryl Schofield reporting. The 2013 Festival had 606 dancers and made \$7,902 in net revenue.

2014 State Festival: John Stover reporting. The 2014 Festival will be hosted by Central District and will be at the Cowan Center, Lebanon, 17-19 Oct. Dean Dederman will be the featured caller. Everything is going well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Audit Committee Reports. Mary Sue Darwent reported that all four audits were satisfactory.

2015 Festival. Annette Thornhill requested that Northeast District be given its advance funds.

Dancer of the Year Committee. Sharon Crisel announced that Ray and Vicky Wittman will be chairman of the Dancer of the Year Committee.

Missouri Bid for 2018 National Convention. Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Bartle Hall in Kansas City will be available for 2018. The bid book was submitted by the deadline. Informal comments seem to be favorable.

Cindy displayed and discussed a sample of the National Dress adopted for the 2018 convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Sharon Crisel asked that the directors vote by secret ballot for one person to be a member of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Four people/couples will be selected. The following were elected: Tony and Carolyn Ahart, Jim and Loretta Marron, Dave and Dee

Shafer, and Nancy Wheelier. Curtis Brockhaus moved that the ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded and approved.

USDA Plains Vice President. Edythe Weber indicated their interest in being nominated for a third year to be Plains Vice President on the USDA board. Dan Wheeler made the motion. It was seconded and approved.

Showcase of Ideas. There is a need to approve \$100 for transporting the Showcase of Ideas to the National Convention. Edythe Weber made the motion which was seconded and approved.

CLOSE

Sharon Crisel recognized the Northeast District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Southeast District on Sunday, Jun 1, 2014, at 12 noon, location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary