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

MINUTES FOR October 19, 2014 - Corrected

President Sharon Crisel called the meeting to order at 11:57 am at Cowan Center, Lebanon, Missouri.

Invocation: Tom Schalk

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Larry Crisel

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Roll Call: Ron Selfors: Directors representing 30 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 63 directors were present.

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

Minutes of Aug 17, 2014 meeting: Jim Weber made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. After corrections, Sharon Crisel stated that the minutes are accepted for filing.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Jun 1, 2014 was \$15,954.38. Revenue received was \$2,623.76. Expenses paid were \$2,911.56. The checking account balance as of Jul 31, 2014 was \$15,666.58. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. No change in CD's. Total funds on hand: \$45,760.70. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 65 clubs. 2,161 members plus 186 individuals taking classes are reported.

No additional 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 constitution and bylaws are now available on the Federation website.

Caller/Cuer longevity awards will be discussed in New Business.

Publications: No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Nov 25 is the deadline for the Jan/Feb issue. Every club needs to submit their full year schedule, and new locations for Location Directory; and check to see if there is a good cell phone number for the Club Directory.

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.

For the Nov-Dec edition, 493 were printed of which 471 were paid subscriptions.

Balance as of Aug 17, 2014, was \$100.00. From then through Oct 19, 2014, total revenue was \$600.00, expenses were \$34.00, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs was \$566.00. Ending balance was \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Aug 17, 2014, was \$100.00. From then through Oct 19, 2014, total revenue was \$591.00, expenses were \$5.60, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs was \$585.40. Ending balance was \$100.00.

Another 3 puzzles were sold since the last report. 16 more puzzles need to be sold to break even.

Promotion & Recruiting: Ed Schofield reporting.

SE and SW districts reported on their use of Federation promotion grants. \$801 in funds are still available to support clubs.

A club is working with local libraries to give square dancing visibility.

Mary Sue Darwent has read several mystery novels by Rosalie Richland with a square dance theme. They are available on Kindle.

Districts need to promote Toot Your Horn. It is good for the clubs and good for square dancing.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Since the June meeting, the Federation has added 12 new dancers. There are 1,761 dancers insured through the Missouri Federation, and 486 insured through other organizations. Total insured dancers in Missouri are 2,247. Total number of clubs insured by the Federation is 65.

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

Remember to complete an accident form for all accidents that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time. It's hard to remember who, what, where, when and how weeks later. Keep them on file and submit them as needed.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Oct 16, 2014, 269 dancers have or are participating in the program. They have received 2,746 dangles. Two dancers are working on their 13th set, and two dancers are working on their 12th set. Three dancers have their 11th set, and five dancers are working their tenth set. Total account balance is \$90.77.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie Hobbs reporting. As of Apr 13, 2014, \$105.81 was on hand. Three sets of bluebirds and one set of braid were sold for \$21.50. Total on hand as of Oct 19, 2014 is \$127.31.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

District Handbooks. District handbooks are now on the site for several of the districts. If you want yours on-line, please send it to me as an electronic file.

Internet Articles or Pictures. If you want to share an internet article or picture, please provide me with the web address so people can follow-up for more information.

My Cell Phone Number. My cell phone number is listed on the website. If you want to contact me quickly, call or text me on my cell phone.

Flyers and Forms. Please date your flyers and forms so that I can tell which is the latest. Prefer to find the dates in bottom right hand corner.

Updates. All club websites now have "Website Update" in the lower left of the page. Click on it to go directly to the update forms. Encourage your clubs to use these forms. When they don't use the forms, they often leave out important information.

Club Dance Schedules. I am starting to get Fall 2014 and 2015 club dance schedules. Please remind your clubs to send those to me as early as possible.

Bad Weather Season. We are approaching bad weather season. Remind your clubs to send "Cancelled Dance" information to me. Information on how to do that is on the "Notices & Cancellations" page. Just click on the "Notices & Cancellations" button on the left of the Missouri Federation or St. Louis Metro home page. I have added a "Text" number there. Texting is the fastest way to get information to me - even faster than email.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. Many clubs now have their history on the website. Please feel free to submit club material. Many people are interested in it. If your club history is dated 2005, it is probably out of date. Please update.

License Plate: No report.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting.

We want to remind you about the \$1,000 youth scholarship deadline on Feb 1. Get your senior in high school or your freshman in college to complete the scholarship application (available on the USDA website, www.USDA.org). The form needs to be signed by the Federation president. Don't wait and run out of time, especially if you need to mail the form to get signatures.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): No report.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. The district presidents discussed:

- **WC District Veterans Dance.** Ruth Ann reported that WC District hosted a Veterans Dance in Sep that attracted 119 dancers and made \$1,000 for the Veterans Home in Warrensburg. What was very special about this dance was that it was a joint project between the Missouri and Heart of America Federations. They plan to do it again next year.
- **2015 Federation Meetings.** The presidents established the following schedule for Federation meetings in 2015: February: WCD, April: NWD, June: SWD, August: SLD, October: NED, December: SED.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. This year on Friday, Nov 14, the committee will again present a workshop on square dancing at the annual convention of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MOAHPERD). Gene Wilson, Dave and Dee Shafer, Larry and I, and several other square dancers will present the program at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. Time will be from 4:45 to 5:45 in the Marbella B Room. DVDs and curriculum guides will be given to teachers or mailed to them. Please contact me if you wish to participate.

Dave Shafer has a list of Missouri home school groups if you wish to contact them concerning square dance classes. Contact Sharon or Dave for the list.

SW District is very active with youth training. Gene and Barb Holtgrewe, Larry and Reda Foster and Jay Wright have youth classes on-going.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bob Turner reporting. A winner has been selected for the first year of the program. The student is Ben Harden of Greenfield, Missouri. Applications for the second year program will be taken until Apr 1. Applicants can be dancers or be related to dancers.

2014 State Festival: John Stover reporting. The 55th annual, 2014 Festival was hosted by Central District at the Cowan Center, Lebanon, 17-19 Oct. Dean Dederman was the featured caller. 485 dancers participated. John recognized the exceptional work by Debby and John Melcher, Joanne Gibson and Mark and Rosalee Mortensen for making the festival a success.

2015 State Festival: Annette Thornhill reporting. The 2015 Festival will be hosted by Northeast District and will be at the Cowan Center, Lebanon. Festival leadership will be Annette and Terry Thornhill and Mary Sue Darwent. Theme will be Square Dance Missouri, and the colors will be blue and yellow. Everything is going well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dancer of the Year. Vicki Wittman announced that the Dancer of the Year is Mary Sue Darwent, NE District.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Jan Anslinger announced that the Caller of the Year is Gene Miller from NW District.

Future Festival Callers. In 2016 the caller will be Deborah Carroll-Jones. In 2017 the caller will be Justin Russell, and the cuer will be Carolyn Ahart.

Insurance Rebate. At the last meeting the board approved Bob Turner's proposal that the Federation adopt a policy of returning some of the insurance payments for clubs that pay their insurance on time. Beginning with the 2015 Missouri Federation and insurance year, the Federation shall reimburse qualifying member clubs an annually-set dollar amount for liability insurance purchased through the USDA according to the following criteria:

1. The amount, from \$0 up to the minimum club amount (currently the insurance minimum is \$50), shall be set each year through approval of the annual Federation budget.
2. The amount shall be reimbursed to the district in which the qualifying club is a member. The district shall then reimburse the individual qualifying clubs.
3. The amount shall only be reimbursed to clubs that submit Federation dues and completed insurance forms and payment by Nov 15, the Federation deadline.

4. Future timetable: By May1, Federation approves budget. By Nov 15, clubs pay dues, clubs file insurance forms and pay insurance. In December, the Federation Insurance Coordinator and Treasurer determine which clubs qualify for reimbursement, and the Treasurer reimburses districts for the qualifying clubs, who shall in turn reimburse their qualifying clubs.

Bob moved that the Federation set the rebate for the 2014/2015 year at \$35. The motion was seconded and approved. Therefore, if a club meets the Nov 15 deadline, it will get a \$35 rebate.

National Convention in Kansas City. Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Missouri won the honor of hosting the 67th Convention in Kansas City in 2018. They had their first meeting with the National Executive Committee (NEC) and got good marks.

Carl reported that they sold 108 shirts during the Missouri Festival.

They are looking for volunteers. The website for the 67th is www.67nsdc.com.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Callers Committee. Sharon Crisel appointed an Ad Hoc committee to review the "Area Callers Committee" in the Standing Rules, Section 5, of Article XI, The State Festival Committee. The Ad Hoc committee will have the following members:

- 2015 Festival: George and Cleva Roth, Chairman
- 2014 Festival: Joanne Gibson
- 2013 Festival: Larry and Jan Anslinger
- 2012 Festival: Don and Joann Miller
- 2010/11 Festivals: Bob and Shirley Turner

The committee will meet prior to the Dec Federation meeting and have a final report by the Feb meeting.

Caller/Cuer Longevity Awards. George Roth, Chairman, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, proposed that a new article be added to the Federation By-Laws to recognize Missouri Federation callers and cuers for longevity and service to square and round dancing beginning with 20 years of service or at retirement, whichever comes first.

The article would read:

Article XVIII Caller/ Cuer Longevity Awards.

Rationale: To recognize Missouri Federation callers and cuers for longevity and service to square and round dancing beginning with 20 years of service or at retirement, whichever comes first.

Section 1. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been a caller or cuer for a period of 20 years or more and meets the eligibility requirements shall be presented a plaque (5" x 7") honoring the recipient for his/her years of service to square or round dancing.

Section 2. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has received the first plaque and continues to call or cue until announced retirement with 30 total years or more of calling or cueing shall be presented a second plaque (7" x 9") honoring the recipient for his/her years of service to square or round dancing.

Section 3. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer, who has been calling or cueing with 50 years or more and not retired, shall receive a plaque (7" x 9") honoring the recipient for his/her service to square or round dancing.

Section 4. Eligibility requirements

- A. A caller or cuer must have at least 20 years of calling or cueing, not limited to Missouri.
- B. A caller or cuer must have called or cued during 5 or more Missouri State Festivals.

Section 5. Special exceptions may be granted for the list of callers or cuers with the majority consent of the Federation Board of Directors.

Section 6. Administration of this program shall be the responsibility of the Immediate past president. He/she shall:

- A. Report at the February or April Federation Board meeting all callers/cuers who met the eligibility requirements for longevity awards during the past year.
- B. Order the plaques for those callers and cuers eligible for the longevity awards and present the bill to the Missouri Federation Treasurer.
- C. Present the plaques to the recipients. They may convey this duty to the district president.
- D. Obtain a copy of the caller/cuer sign-in sheet after each annual Missouri State Festival to verify eligibility.
- E. Provide information and materials to the next immediate past president to continue the program.
- F. Perform any other necessary tasks or duties to administer this program

The proposed change was approved.

Nominations for Federation Officers. Nomination for Federation officers was opened. Jan Anslinger proposed the following slate for 2015 Federation officers:

- President: Carl and Cindy Boone
- First Vice President: George and Cleva Roth
- Second Vice President: Dan Reedy
- Third Vice President: Ron and Marie Selfors
- Secretary: Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt
- Treasurer: No nominee

Sharon Crisel asked for nominations from the floor for Treasurer. Gene Holtgrewe nominated Rosa Davis. Dave Shafer moved that nominations be closed and Rosa be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. Rosa was elected Treasurer with one vote against.

Sharon Crisel asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Hearing none, Dave Shafer moved that nominations be closed and that the election of Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt be by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sharon Crisel asked for nominations from the floor for Third Vice President.

Fred Goucher nominated Jack and Becky Rockaway. Hearing no more nominations, Dave Shafer moved that nominations be closed and that the election be called. Sharon appointed Tellers who distributed ballots to the voting members. The votes were counted, and Ron and Marie Selfors were elected Third vice President. Jim Weber moved that the ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sharon Crisel asked for nominations from the floor for Second Vice President. Hearing none, Fred Goucher moved that nominations be closed and that the election of Dan Reedy be by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sharon Crisel asked for nominations from the floor for First Vice President. Hearing none, Jack Rockaway moved that nominations be closed and that the election of George and Cleva Roth be by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sharon Crisel asked for nominations from the floor for President. Hearing none, Dave Shafer moved that nominations be closed and that the election of Carl and Cindy Boone be by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Other New Business. Dave Shafer asked that Federation funds be released to the 2018 Convention. The motion was seconded and then tabled until the actual amount is known.

CLOSE

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

The next meeting will be hosted by the Southwest District on Sunday, Dec 14, 2014, at 12 noon, at the Northview Center in Springfield, MO.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary