



The Missouri Federation of Square n' Round Dance Clubs

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

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Minutes for April 12, 2015 - Corrected

President Carl Boone called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the North Kansas City Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri.

Invocation: George Roth

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Jim Weber

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Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds. Twenty seven voting positions present. Full Quorum achieved.

Introduction of Guests: Carl Boone welcomed Loretta Compton, Kountry Kuzins, as the new delegate from the Southwest District.

Minutes of February 15, 2015 meeting: Edythe Weber made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reporting. If you will note there are two checking accounts. One check still has to be cleared from Carl's old treasurer's account and I have opened another checking account and added one new CD. If there are any purchases to be made, let me know and I will give you a tax exempt sheet so that we can avoid that tax.

The beginning checking account balance as of February 15, 2015 was \$23,406.91. Revenue received since then is \$851.40. Expenses paid \$3,311.13. The ending checking account balance for the two accounts as of April 12, 2015 is \$10,947.18. There are four CDs totaling \$40,094.12. Total funds on hand are \$51,041.30. Carl stated that the treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Membership & Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reporting. We now have 60 member clubs and Jim has updated the number of total insured club members for you today. We have seven clubs achieving the Longevity Award this year. We had passed out three badges at the last meeting and we have one badge to award today for 65 years for the Crosstrailers from the Northwest District. This is the second oldest club right now. The oldest club is Western Twirlers of the Southwest District with 67 years.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. No correspondence. Three get well cards were signed at the meeting for Chuck Evans, Shirley Turner, and Loretta Marron.

Carl Boone received a card from the students thanking us for approval to pay for the hall rent for the lessons given in Lebanon, Missouri. The group does not plan to form a club at this time but plans to hold another set of lessons this fall.

Cindy Boone reported that they attended the Callerlab annual conference in Springfield, Missouri last week. There were 250 callers worldwide who attended the meeting. As a welcome gift from the 67th National Square Dance Convention® and the Missouri Federation, Cherry Mash candy bars, made only in St. Joseph, Missouri, were used as table favors with a National's business card in each favor as a sweet reminder to come back to Missouri for the National Squared Dance Convention® in 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: Ray and Vicki Wittman. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: George Roth reporting. George Roth, Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Standing Rule, Article XI, Section 10 introduced a proposed change to Article XI Standing Rules. Carl Boone stated that these changes will be brought up under New Business.

Publications: Carl Boone reporting. We have no chairman for this committee as yet.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. She stated that only the club name should be put on the subject line when sending in the club news. When you send an article be sure and look for a confirmation from me. If you don't receive confirmation, please call or resend again. I only had two clubs that did not send me articles. All the forms are on the web site. If you use them and they are working, continue to do that. The Publications Committee, who needs a chairman, needs to meet before the June meeting. We have important things to discuss and we might be making some recommendations for the magazine at the June meeting. If someone would like to volunteer, we will be glad to take you.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. There are two reports since I was not here in February. There were 74 subscriptions. Southwest had their annual DOIN's dance with donations of \$604. Total income from December 15, 2014 to February 14, 2015 was \$1,731.50. Expenses were \$11.38. A check was given to the Missouri Federation of \$1,712.47. Balance carried forward as of February 14 was \$100. For the April-May issue we had 408 on the mail list and total paid subscriptions of 386. One of the lowest that I can remember. April 12 balance carried forward was \$100. Total income from February 14, 2014 through April 10, 2015 was \$550. Expenses were \$34 and a check was given to the Missouri Federation of \$521. Balance forward of \$100.

DOIN's Advertising: Carl Boone reporting. Dave Shafer is not with us today but he did send me a report. This report is through April 12, 2015. Balance forward is \$100. Revenue from puzzle sales, \$30. Revenue from directory listings was \$210 for a revenue total of \$340. Total expenses were \$5.75 for

postage. A check payable to the Missouri Federation was made in the amount of \$234.25 with a balance forward of \$100.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway reporting. Six awards were given out in 2014 from Toot Your Horn.

- Puxico Squares, Southwest District
- Western Grand Squares, Southeast District
- Mo-Kan Squares, Southwest District
- Tanglefoot Squares, Northeast District
- Beaux & Belles, Northeast District
- Ozark Whirlers, Central District

State Festival Site Screening: Northwest does not have a site yet.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Dancers insured through Missouri Federation as of April 12, 2015 was 1,497. Insured Missouri dancers insured through other federations were 482. Total number of dancers for this time was 1,979 with 60 clubs. Since our last meeting in February, we have added 37 new dancers. As a reminder, insurance only covers these new students while they are at lessons. You must submit a club sponsored form for insurance coverage. Students may join your club before finishing lessons if they would like. Once they are submitted as members, and the insurance paid, they are covered at club dances.

Also remember to complete an accident report form for all accidents that occur at your dance. Documentation at the time is best.

Financial information. The beginning balance on February 15, 2015 for Missouri Federation insurance was \$395.03 with revenue of \$198 from clubs. Total expenses, USDA insurance payment was \$152.25 for an ending balance as of April 12, 2015 of \$440.78.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. We had a total of 412 dangles for Missouri given out as of April 11, 2015.

- Central, 371
- Northeast, 346
- Northwest, 321
- St. Louis, 325
- Southeast, 319
- Southwest, 358
- West Central, 350

A total of 2,803 dangles have been given out. We had no income for April. Balance forward as of April 11, 2015, is \$106.51. Total expenses amounted to \$40.09. Total money in account is \$66.42.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie Hobbs reporting. No report. Connie did state that she had Blue Birds and braid with her, for anyone needing some.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. The Federation web site had 340 hits so far this month and approximately 3,300 this year. Send your flyers or special dances to me so that I can put up on the web site and schedule as well. Remind your clubs to send me their schedules ahead of time. It makes it a lot easier to add them to the data base. Remember to ask your clubs to check their web site, correct cell numbers and emails are always important. If you put something on the internet make sure it is a cell phone that it is going to be turned on and if you use an email address, make sure that someone actually looks at that email. If any district would like to put up their district handbook and have not done so, let me know. On all forms you can copy the email address into your own address list.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.

License Plate: Sharon White reporting. No report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. Nothing additional at this time.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. The new graphic square dance logo has been well received. Continue to use the new graphic and add it on your flyers and anywhere you would like. They can be downloaded from the web site.

District Presidents' Report: Fred Goucher reporting. Sharon is updating all the callers/cuers list. All the districts should have their packets. The State/District badges were purchased from, North Forty Engraving who just purchased West Ridge Engraving.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. I have no report on the youth but I have received word that some of the callers have been teaching square dancing at the schools and schools are requesting curriculum material. Lynn Nelson has been working with 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students and I gave several guides to Connie Graham, line dance and square dance teacher in the Northwest District, to be given out to the schools. If anyone would like some of the dance guides, let me know.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Sharon Crisel reported for Bob Turner who was absent. We had three applicants for this scholarship and the Scholarship Committee has met and made their selection. The name will not be known until June in order for him to get the information out to the recipient.

2015 State Festival: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. She encouraged everyone who hasn't done so to buy a blue shirt. We have 60 or 65 paid registrations for Lebanon. They will need basket donations again this year. We are beginning work on the booklet and would like everyone to buy an ad again.

2016 State Festival: Fred Goucher reporting. There is no place chosen for the Northwest Festival as yet. Cost for many of the previously use locations have increased to the point we cannot afford.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Presentation of the President's Gavel & Lifetime Membership Award: Carl Boone presented the Past President's plaque and gavel and Lifetime Federation Membership card to Sharon and Larry Crisel for their service as Presidents for 2014.

Square Dancer of the Year: Vicki Whittman announced Annette Thornhill is the new chairman of the Dancer of the Year.

Caller/Cuer for upcoming State Festivals: Sharon Crisel reporting.

- 2015 - Mike Hogan, Caller; Cuer, Jim and Carol Tucker
- 2016 – Deborah Carroll Jones, Caller; Cuer, John Farquhar and Ruth Powell, Danbury Wis.
- 2017 – Justin Russell, Caller; Cuer, Carolyn Ahart

Sedalia Trails End Dance: Liz Rooks reporting. Events of the Sedalia dedication were discussed and ideas on promoting better square dances using advertising and local new media. She recommended the Souvenir Guide, which comes out before the fair in the local newspaper and is available on the fairgrounds every day. Options included pricing for full, half and quarter page advertisements and early bird pricing.

Discussion was held regarding signage, advertisements, fan handouts, flyers, and dancers walking around in dance attire to advertise the events.

BREAK

Carl Boone recognized the hosts, Shooting Stars, for their great dance Saturday night and their excellent lunch provided for the meeting.

Advertising Promoting: Carl Boone reporting. Discussion was held on attracting new younger dancers and suggestions were made using Facebook and Twitter as a good source to newer methods to reach younger dancers. Jim Weber stated we need to choose someone to set up a page as an umbrella under the Promotions Committee so that we can monitor content and present properly.

Dan Wheeler commented that since Facebook is a short term information source, we need someone that is sending out square dance information every day going out to all the square dance community especially on weekends through reposting. Several names were recommended that are already sending weekly information via email to regional email lists. Carl will report back at the June meeting.

Advertising in State Fair book: Carl Boone reporting. He noted that the State Fair Guide, State Fair web site and good signage on the grounds seemed to be the most important way of attracting people to the square dance arena. Liz Rooks stated she was quoted a quarter page, early bird ad for \$550 in the Souvenir Guide if placed by June 25. After discussion, Pat Miller made a motion and Sharon Crisel seconded to purchase a quarter page ad in the State Fair Guide for \$550.00. It was also recommended that the state fair web site be checked to see if dance information could be listed. After discussion, motion was approved.

Liz will work up an ad copy for Ruth Ann to forward on to the members for comments.

Proposed Budget for 2015: Carl Boone reporting. The proposed budget is based on the past four years of actual income and expense history. General Funds and DOINs revenues and expenses were about the same. Combined summary of General Fund and DOIN's Revenue is projected to be \$20,925. Projected expenses totaled \$23,300, for a Total Net loss of \$2,375 for the current 2015 year. We have fewer clubs which means less income. We do have a nice cushion of funds invested in the Certificates of Deposit, so some deficit spending is not detrimental in itself so long as it does not show a long term trend. In promotions we do have \$4,000 allocated, which will require approval of the board to allocate to various projects, one of which is the \$500.00 for advertising at the State Fair, which was just approved. A question was asked about the Rebate Program for paying Dues and Insurance on time. That payment would be part of the promotions budget if it is funded for this year. If there are no questions, I would like a motion to accept the budget. A motion was made by Jack Rockaway, and seconded, to approve the budget. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

National Convention: Carl Boone reporting. We had a meeting with the National Executive Committee in Des Moines. It seemed to go very well. We do need some more people on staff and would welcome any volunteers to step forward and help.

We did attend the Iowa State dance and although we didn't sell many shirts or registrations, we made a lot of contacts, laying the groundwork. We received invitations to attend the state dances in Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio. Any of you who are planning to attend an out of state dance, let us know and we will send registrations with you. Also we would like for you to take t-shirts as well, if you will. We also have registration packets, with 25 in each for you to carry back to your clubs and districts available today.

At the Iowa State dance they also have Caller Hall of Fame recognition similar to ours. At the opening ceremony they had the callers up front and they actually sang the national anthem to us. I personally feel we do not recognize our Caller Hall of Fame members the way we should. Also at Iowa, as their name appeared in the dance schedules, there was an (HOF) after their name as recognition in the Caller Hall of Fame.

We attended Callerlab in Springfield, Missouri, and made a lot of connections with the callers. The more callers we get to come to our Nationals, the more dancers will come to our Nationals.

We need four delegates to attend the USDA meeting in Springfield, Mass, 1:00 pm Wednesday afternoon. Missouri has four votes. The information sheet to be sent in is on the web site. Couples count one vote, so information sent in for this meeting should be sent by individual rather than couples. Jack and Becky Rockaway and Dave and Dee Shafer volunteered to act as representatives. If their schedule permits, Carl and Cindy Boone will also attend. Carl noted that everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

USDA Plains Region: Jim Weber stated that a Vice President for the Plains Region is needed for the USDA since this is the last year he and Edythe can be representatives. Anyone who could volunteer for this position would be appreciated. Check with Jim for more information.

Reminder of slate of officers: Carl Boone reporting. As a reminder, our Nominating Committee will need a slate of officers at our August meeting.

Proposed change to standing rules Article XI, Section 10: Complimentary invitations and passes. George Roth reporting. George presented the Ad-Hoc's Committee report on Standing Rule, Article XI. An invitation and 2 free passes are sent to surrounding state association presidents, and other area Federations and the USDA. Proposed amendment is to add the Fit and Fun Square Dance association to the list of area Federations. The Amendment comes from the Constitution and By Laws Committee, and is presented for a vote. Carl called for a Voice vote, and the amendment was approved

Audit Report: Carl Boone reporting for J.W. and Jan England who could not attend. The books of the various committees have been reviewed and were no exceptions to any of those. There are still some committee books to be submitted for audit.

Caller/Cuer for State Festival of 2018: Sharon Crisel reporting. She stated that callers book dances well in advance and she is excited to be able to secure Joe Saltel for the 2018 Festival and cuers Shirley and Don Heiny, Round Dancers, from Idaville, Indiana. As soon as she can get approval for this booking, she will get a contract in the mail and receive back by the next meeting. The members voted for approval of caller and cuer for the 2018 festival.

Caller/Cuer Longevity Awards: Sharon Crisel reporting. From a spreadsheet furnished by Tony Ahart, she visited with the district presidents regarding longevity. New rules put in place last year stated that the 25 year requirement was changed to awarding a Plaque at 20 years and 50 years and upon retirement if after 30 years. It was noted that there may be some callers that fell between the 20 and 25 years at the time of the change, that have not received a plaque. There is still ongoing work to finalize caller and cuers' years of service and Sharon will provide an update on her spreadsheet regarding plaques and awards at the June meeting. After discussion on the awards, Jim Weber recommended and Moved that a plaque be presented this year only to anyone with 20 or more years of calling but less than 25 – this should catch anyone that may have otherwise missed receiving a plaque. Motion was seconded, and approved on a voice vote.

Carl Boone noted a clarification on the retired callers at the state festival. He felt that all Hall of Fame callers should be invited to come, and call at the State Festival whether or not they are still active or still have a club.

Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Sharon Crisel reporting. She stated that the committee shall consist of the immediate past president of the Missouri Federation who will chair the committee, four members to be selected by secret ballot from the board of directors with no two members from the same district and

the previous year's recipient as a member at large. Ballots were handed out to everyone and selection of one name was chosen per ballot.

The top four couples chosen for this committee are:

- Dave and Dee Shafer - Central
- Fred and Carolyn Goucher – Northwest
- Tony and Carolyn Ahart – Southwest
- Ray and Vicki Whittman – St. Louis
- Sharon and Larry Crisel, Chairman

These four couples will serve on the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Nominating Committee and report at the August meeting. A motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots.

Report of Ad Hoc Committee: An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by past president Sharon Crisel to review and make recommendations concerning Article XI, Section 5 of the Standing Rules – Area Callers Committee. George Roth Chairman reporting: George presented the proposed changes to Section 5 by reading the proposed changes coming from the committee. As there are were several major changes to the current Section 5 and many of the delegates had questions, Liz Rooks moved that this committee proposal be tabled and distributed in print form to the delegation for their review and understanding. Motion was approved. President Carl asked Secretary Ruth Ann to email the proposal to all board members and delegates as soon as practical, so that everyone will have adequate time to review the proposed changes.

Show case of Ideas. Carl Boone reporting. Dave and Dee Shafer have agreed to transport and set up the showcase of Ideas for the Missouri Federation at the 65th NSDC in Springfield, Massachusetts. . A motion was made and seconded to pay their registration fee to Nationals of \$100.00 for doing that. Motion was approved.

Jack Rockaway, Ways & Means Committee, stated he needs crafters to make items for the National Convention Ways and Means tables. Anyone with samples should send them in. It would be greatly appreciated.

Carl stated that, in the future, he will be glad to have anything printed that needs to be included with the agenda for the Federation meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by the Southwest District on Sunday, June 14 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be take place at the Neosho Community Senior Center, 1017 Carl Sweeney Parkway, Neosho, Missouri. The dance on Saturday night will be with the Lost Creek Promenaders.

List of Upcoming Federation meetings and dance night for 2015

Meetings

Dances

June 14, Neosho, SW
Community Senior Center
1017 Carl Sweeney Parkway, Neosho

August 16, St. Louis
Arden Mead Youth & Community Center
#17 Selma Dr., Webster Groves

October 16-18,
Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon
Host, NE

December 13, Poplar Bluff, SE
Odd Fellows Hall, 2200 W. Maud St.
Poplar Bluff

June 13, Lost Creek Promenaders – Johnny Eubanks
Community Senior Center

August 15, Singles & Doubles – Bud Cutter
Cuer, Carolyn Ahart
Webster Groves Christian Church,
1320 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves

Featured caller, Mike Hogan and local callers
56th Mo. Federation Festival

December 12 – Puxico Country Squares,
Robert Townsend
Puxico VFW Hall, PP Hwy (Richardson Ave)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt
Secretary