



The Missouri Federation of Square n' Round Dance Clubs

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

Minutes of August 16, 2015 - Corrected

President Carl Boone called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Arden Mead Youth and Community Center in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Invocation: Wanda Kruse

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Wanda Kruse

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Wanda Kruse

Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds. Twenty eight voting positions present. Full quorum achieved.

Introduction of Guests: Art and Wanda Kruse, St. Louis District

Minutes of June 14 meeting: Edythe Weber noted a grammatical error on Pages 2 and 8. President Boone acknowledged those corrections and asked for any additional changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried. The minutes with corrections were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Rosa Davis reporting. She noted that the last check has cleared on Carl's old checking account and that account is now closed. Our beginning balance as of June 12, 2015, was \$9,264.67. Revenue amounted to \$1,510.83 and expenses totaled \$1,271.39 for an ending checking account balance as of August 18, 2015, of \$9,504.11. CDs and Investments total \$40,119.72 for total funds of \$49,623.83.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reporting. We have a new club that has joined, Dan's Dancers, in the Northwest District, which brings our membership to 61 clubs. We are awarding a longevity award today to the Little Dixie Squares, Northeast District, celebrating 45 years. I did look ahead and we have six clubs which will receive longevity awards next year.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds – No report.

Carl Boone reported he had a thank you letter from the ARTS for renewing our membership in their organization.

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

Constitution and By-laws: George and Cleva Roth – No report.

Publications: Carl Boone stated we are still in need of a chairman for this committee. No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. She stated there is a big important deadline coming up.

- November 25 – complete year schedules for **ALL** clubs in the Federation.
- Location Information sheet is also due November 25. This gives information for the January Location Pull-out section. Check your club contact in the Club Directory. We need this only if there is a change in location from last year or new directions to your location.
- Club directory changes – November 25. Please make sure that the contact person listed in the magazine is a current dancer and who knows what's going on in your club.

All the forms for sending items for the DOIN's are available and interactive on the web at www.squareancemissouri.com/Missouri. Click on Federation Information, then Show-Me DOIN's. You can type in and send from the web page or you can print the forms, fill them in, and mail them. If you want the forms sent to you electronically to save to your computer, please send an email to doins@kc.rr.com and we will send them out to you.

DOIN's Circulation: Edythe Weber reporting for Carol Morris. The balance carried forward as of June 13, 2015, is \$100.00. Total income from subscriptions was \$420.00 and total expenses for stamps of \$17.50. Check disbursement to the Missouri Federation was \$402.50 leaving a balance carried forward as of August 15, of \$100.00.

The report for September-October issue as of August 15, 2015 is as follows: Mail list to Pittman Printing is 374, with total paid subscriptions of 353. Renewals for period 6/14/15 through 8/15/15 were 25, 3 new subscriptions, 35 renewal post cards were mailed and renewals received were 20.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance brought forward was \$100 as of June 14, 2015. There was no revenue from subscriptions; however, there were two puzzle sales with \$5.00 donation for a total of \$35.00. Revenue collected for DOIN's ads and caller/cuer directory listings was \$238.00 for a subtotal of \$373.00. Expenses for mailing ads to publisher \$5.75 total expenses. Check disbursement of \$267.25 was made to the Missouri Federation with a balance carried forward as of August 16, 2015 for \$100.00.

Puzzle report: As of August 15, we have received \$845.00 to the good. Total income to date is \$4,019.00 for puzzle sales. We had 111 puzzles left and we sold four puzzles at the dance last night.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway – No report.

State Festival Site Screening: George and Cleva Roth. George stated the Committee toured the facility, Truman High School, on July 13, for the 2016 Festival, Northwest District. The facility met all the criteria that was required. The facility was approved and he and Cleva along with Dan would like to give a special thanks to Liz Rooks, and Fred and Carolyn Goucher for their participation in the screening.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Jim noted that there are 1,547 insured dancers throughout Missouri and 490 dancers insured through other federations for a total of 2,037 dancers and 61 clubs. Since the last report, we have added 20 new dancers and one new club, Dan's Dancers, Northwest District.

As a reminder to all clubs holding lessons, you must submit a club sponsored class form. Dancers are insured at and during lessons at your lesson location only. They are not covered until that form is turned in. As new

members join your club, make sure you send in additional enrollment forms. Your club roster should match the roster sent in or you could lose your liability insurance.

The 2016 packets will be mailed out in September as soon as I receive the 2016 insurance premium from USDA.

For your club to receive the \$35.00 club reimbursement, your club State dues must be paid and to the State Treasurer by November 1, 2015. Also your club 2016 insurance packet information must be received by me no later than November 1, 2015.

Travel Missouri: Jim and Loretta Marron reporting.

Number of dangles as of August 15 given out for Missouri was 412.

Central District -	373
Northeast District -	348
Northwest District -	323
St. Louis District -	327
Southeast District -	319
Southwest District -	362
West Central District -	350

Total per all Districts – 2,814

We have 272 members having badges.

We had carry over from 2014 of \$82.51 and income of \$24.00, (three new members) for a total income for 2015 of \$111.01. Expenses for postage, bars, dangles and magnets totaled \$68.83 for 2015. Total money in account as of August 15, 2015 is \$42.18.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs (not present) – No report.

Webmaster and Historian: Dan and Jean Wheeler reporting: Dan stated that many are not aware of the History and Archive section of the Missouri Federation. Mention these in your meetings so that people are aware of them. The History section has miscellaneous information on square dancing mostly in Missouri and Kansas. The Archive section has historical documents given to the historian.

Please look at these two sections. In the Archives' section look at "Missing From Files". There are a number of things missing from the archives that belong there. Now is a good time to upgrade your history. Some of the clubs have history listed and a lot of them do not. If you send them, I will post them. It is important that you list "cancel" or "no dance" on dates that you would normally have scheduled dances but did not plan to have a dance. At your district meetings, please remind callers in your area to update their profiles. Email addresses and phone numbers get out of date. I have received several requests from people who want their own web site. These clubs were not aware that every club in Missouri has a Missouri web site. Remind your clubs they already have web sites – free, and can have pretty much what they want on them. Have them contact the webmaster if they have any questions.

Please send cancellations to me so that I can get them on the web site. There is a cancellation page that tells you how to do it. Send me a text. I will get that quicker than an email.

Jean and I have changed our phones. The home phone that we have is now Jean's cell phone. I have a different cell phone. Click on webmaster and at the bottom of the page it has my phone number and address.

When you send in contact information either to the Doin's or to me be sure that the contact person's number is available during the dance.

When you send in the information to the Doin's, please send a copy to me.

For those of you who have tried to send in forms using the funny letters at the bottom that won't work, for the last four months I have been working on a system put out by Google. It is a simpler method of adding a security method to forms. Yesterday I actually got one to work. Tomorrow I will make the form that I have, the contact form that you will get if you click on webmaster Missouri Federation websites. Please do that. Send me an email; I need to know if it works; 1. – Is it going to work on your computer since several of you have a lot of trouble with the camouflaged letters; 2. - Can the robots find it?

License Plate: Sharon White reporting. The beginning balance as of August 5, 2014 was \$65.00. Income of 4 1-year renewals and 13 2-year renewals, \$750.00 total income. License plate expenses – 4- 1 year rebates, 13- 2 year rebates \$300.00 and one book of stamps, \$9.80 for a total expense of \$309.80. A check to the Missouri Federation for \$440.20 brings a new balance as of August 14, 2015 of \$65.00.

USDA: Edythe Weber – No report.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. Please continue to use the new graphics logo wherever you can to advertise. We will continue to keep you updated on the re-imaging project and would like to use the Missouri email tree to do this. Information would be sent to the officers, committee chairs and district presidents. It would then be their job to send to their district's clubs. Club contacts would send to club members. If members do not have email then you need to paper print it out and make sure that all clubs and members receive that information.

District Presidents' Report: Annette Thornhill reporting.

- The Square Dancer of the Year Award will be announced at the October Festival dance.
- Jim Weber passed around USDA Centennial Award Program circulars. Any square dancer over 100 years old will qualify.
- Insurance packets will be mailed in September. Jim Weber handed out a list of clubs in each district who have insurance now. Each club in their respective districts should make certain information is correct.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. We will present a workshop again at the 2015 MOAHPERD Convention to be held at Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake Ozark, Missouri on November 13.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Bob and Shirley Turner (not present) – No report.

2015 State Festival: Annette Thornhill reporting. Mary Sue has stated that shirts are selling well. As of today we have 185 to 190 people pre-registered. We have approximately \$7,000 in our checking account, however, we have about \$5,000 that we know will be our future bill and, in addition we have to pay back the State \$2,500.

2016 State Festival: Fred and Carolyn Goucher reporting. Fred stated he was pleased to report the Festival dance for 2016 will be held at Truman High School located at 3301 South Noland Road, Independence, Missouri. Final work on contract and insurance paperwork is almost finished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dance Promotions Grant Update – Carl Boone - No report.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Larry and Sharon Crisel reporting. Sharon stated that a Caller and Cuer have been selected and will be announced at the October Festival dance.

State Fair Advertising: Liz Rooks reporting. Liz presented the square dance information and ad put in the Sedalia paper. We were able to secure a ½ page ad for \$300.00, an upgrade from the quarter page originally placed.

Billy Jean Butler, West Central District, designed a 3' x 4' banner to be placed over the door on the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall where we will be dancing. Sandwich board signs also designed by Billy Jean will be placed on the grounds that can be changed out for different events as well as the banner.

Liz encouraged everyone to attend the Veterans benefit dance, Sunday, August 30, sponsored by the West Central District, Northwest District and Heart of America Federation. The dance will be held at the Lexington United Methodist Church, 1211 South Bus. Hwy 13, Lexington, Missouri from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The dance will benefit two Veteran Homes - Warrensburg and Cameron. Donations are welcome.

She stated there will also be a dance held at the Veterans home in Warrensburg on October 3 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

67th National Square Dance Convention: Carl Boone reporting.

- Sharon White presented a sample of the denim tote bags Carol Morris will be purchasing from Hobby Lobby and decorating with square dance motifs and National logo for the Ways and Means table. She requested that the 67th NSDC defray the cost of the bags and she will do the decorating.
- Shirts – another slogan promoting square dancing is coming out in all different colors.
- Quilt – Art and Wanda Kruse, Services Chairmen, have designed a king size /queen comforter quilt featuring, soft yellow, pink, blue and green colors with blocks representing different square dance names. The quilt will be hand quilted. The quilt will be sold as a raffle item at the National. A book explaining the history of the blocks will accompany the quilt.

Cindy Boone noted that some of the blocks displayed had been completed Saturday before the meeting. She thanked Art and Wanda for their work in selecting the blocks, pattern preparation for the paper piecing of the blocks, and helping to pull the sewing meeting together.

Jack Rockaway thanked Mickey Lee for the honey he brought to the meeting and Sharon Crisel for the pillows she is making.

Bob Stock has made two clocks and would be glad to make more if this item goes over well.

Carl Boone said that the 67th NSDC will defray some of the supply costs as long as we make a profit on the item.

Cindy stated there will be a Friday and Saturday meeting, October 2nd and 3rd of the Chairmen and their Assistant Chairmen in Kansas City which will begin at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting on Saturday is open for anyone on any committee and the general public can attend to see what we are doing. As they are working with the Kansas City Convention Bureau in setting up these meetings, the location will be announced as soon as we can. At the present time, there are 478 registered for the National. From Missouri we have 106 people registered out of 2,037 dancers for the state. If our Missouri people will support us at 50%, we will have a tremendously successful convention. We need to encourage our clubs and members to get registered.

Square dancers who are unable to dance can still register can still participate in the tours, education sessions, watching the Fashion show, etc. or can use the \$100 per couple as a donation and take it as a tax deduction.

Slate of Officers for 2016: Sharon Crisel reporting. The slate of officers for 2016 as proposed by the Nominating Committee consisting of Larry and Jan Anslinger, Tony and Carolyn Ahart, Tom and Pat Miller. The voting will be take place in October and nominations from the floor can be taken at the October meeting.

President -- George and Cleva Roth
1st Vice President – Dan Reedy
2nd Vice President – Ron and Marie Selfors
3rd Vice President – Jack and Becky Rockaway
Secretary – Pat Hunt and Ruth Ann Reynolds
Treasurer – Rosa Davis

Proposed Revision of Section 5. State Festival Caller/Cuer Committee Standing Rules: Carl Boone reporting. A motion was made and seconded to remove the revision from the table. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Carl requested that George Roth hold discussion to clarify the revisions.

George Roth stated that in Section A-1 (b) “club” should be inserted after the word MFSRDC and also at the end of that section “club” should be inserted again after MFSRDC.

Carl Boone recommended that another provision to the revision be added as Provision H.

Provision H: The current State Festival Committee will provide records of Caller/Cuer attendance to the up-coming Festival Committee within 30 days after their State Festival.

Jim Weber made a motion and seconded by Jack Rockaway with the addition of Provision H. to approve all the provisions to revise Section 5, Standing Rules, State Festival Caller/Cuer Committee. Motion was approved by hand vote.

Carl Boone stated the motion carried and the Standing Rules changes were approved and thanked George for all his hard work.

Edythe recommended that a standardized form be made for all the districts to use going forward and that form also placed on the website. Any additional changes could then be made as necessary. Carl Boone requested that George Roth serve as a committee chairman with one person from Northeast District Committee and one from the Northwest District to work up a standardized form for the callers to complete for future festivals. The form should include a sign-up sheet and application form. Dan Wheeler requested that the revision date be put on the lower right hand corner of the form.

USDA Meeting Report: Dee Shafer reporting. Dee, as a representative from the Missouri Federation, attended the USDA meeting at the 64th National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 24, 2015. Also attending were Jack and Becky Rockaway and Brad and Annette Davis, Heart of America Federation. Guests and visitors were welcomed by Connie Houle of the 64th NSDC. There were four applications for new USDA members to join, with each couple receiving one vote each. The members voted to approve, Georgia, Northeast Region; Ohio, Central Region; Minnesota, Plains Region; and Hawaii. She noted that the annual state festival in Hawaii will be held the 3rd week in January. Hawaii now has three clubs.

One Centennial award was given to Dottie Chambers.

Discussion was held on the new re-imaging logo, and the proposed resolution to accept the new design. Missouri made a motion to accept the Proposal with an amendment that incorporates the logo, slogan and renaming in all of their publications and promotional materials. They also voted on changing the Standing Rules for the Centennial to include the new Resolution.

Nominations of new officers for the coming year were made and voted by acclamation except for the position of Vice President of the Eastern Region. Members voted in Lisa Briault.

Proposed Change to the Stationery Logo: Carl Boone recommended several changes to the stationery in addition to the new logo. The apostrophe on the N should come before the N on the letterhead and addition of "Live Lively - Square Dance". With those changes, a motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded to change the stationery logo. Motion carried. Ron Selfors will make those changes. Letterhead will be posted on the web site.

Carl recommended that all logos be changed to the new design including the block in the center of the Federation banner. Wanda Kruse will develop the new design for the banner.

Carl Boone: Promotions Committee: that we make a reimbursement of \$110.00 to Betty Jean Butler for the banner and supplies to make the sandwich sign boards for the Missouri State Fair. They are also able to be used for other Square Dance events. Hearing no dissention, the reimbursement will be made.

Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke Memorial Dance off: Carl Boone reporting. Since Bettyrae was funding the prizes for the Last Square Standing at State Festival, discussion was held on whether to continue this recognition and how to fund it. Carl Boone requested that George Roth be in charge of a committee to discuss this idea. The Northeast District hosting the 2015 festival may use their own discretion on this award.

Cindy Boone stated that at the meeting in October, we will be requesting the districts to sign up for the State Meeting they would like to host for the upcoming next year. This will allow us to have a printout of the upcoming State Meeting listing the dates and which district will be hosting the meetings in 2016 at the December meeting.

Carl Boone thanked everyone for their hard work on the National, the donations we have received, and time and effort put in on that.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 25, Friday, the Pommenaders will celebrate their 25th anniversary at their dance in Wheatland, Missouri.

August 23, Sunday, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Mid Missouri Callers Association Low down, Hoe Down at the Moberly Municipal Auditorium.

August 28, Friday, Southeast District, Arcadia Valley Do Si Doers, at the Academy.

August 30, Sunday, Veterans Benefit Dance, hosted by West Central District, Northwest District, and the Heart Of America Federation, Lexington United Methodist Church, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Lexington, Missouri.

October 16, 17 and 18 – Missouri State Festival at the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, 500 East Elm Street., Lebanon, Missouri.

CLOSE

Carl thanked the St. Louis District and the Singles and Doubles Square Dance Club for their hospitality in hosting the dance and luncheon.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Northeast District in Lebanon, Missouri on Sunday, October 18 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will take place at the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, 500 East Elm Street, Lebanon, Missouri.

The Missouri State Federation Dance will also be held at the Cowan Center beginning Friday, October 16, 17, and 18th Featuring our Missouri Callers and Cuers, along with featured Caller, Mike Hogan, Omaha Nebraska and Cuers, Jim and Carol Tucker from Lincoln, Nebraska.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt
Secretary