

(Approval 2/14/16)

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

Minutes of December 13, 2015

President Carl Boone called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Odd Fellows Hall in Popular Bluff, Missouri.

Invocation: Tom Schalk

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Larry Crisel

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Larry Crisel

Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds

Introduction and Welcome of Guests: Sharon Crisel introduced guests, Tom and Betty Schalk and Curt and Donna Condray from the Bluff City Squares.

Minutes of October 18 meeting: The corrections of the minutes were noted and President Boone asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reporting. As of October 6, beginning checking account balance was \$6,395.61 with Revenue of \$2,140.65 and Expenses of \$2,233.94. The ending checking account balance as of December 15, 2015 was \$6,302.32 Total CDs amount to \$40,172.85 and Total funds on hand are \$46,475.17.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reporting. We have 57 clubs that have sent us dues for 2016. There are two clubs to be recognized for their longevity. Twirl-A-Rounds, Southwest District, celebrated 30 years in May. The other club is Ozark Zigzags, Central District, with 25 years as of December.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Carl Boone thanked everyone for the sympathy cards received on the passing of his mother. He noted that more than half of them were from square dancers.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: George and Cleva Roth – No report.

Publications: President Boone stated we are looking for a volunteer for that committee. No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Carol Morris will be the new Publications Committee chairman next year. Jim and Edythe Weber will take over the Subscription role in the interim. Appreciation was acknowledged for all the dedication and work that Carol has done with the Doin's magazine over the past six years and Edythe presented her with a gift in recognition.

The next deadline for the magazine is January 25. Edythe noted the following:

- Complete your club's year schedule for 2016 and send in, if you haven't already.
- Check your club contact in the Club Directory for accuracy and their cell phone number in case it is needed during the dance.
- Make sure that your club information is up-to-date and also on the web site.

All forms for sending items for the Doin's are available at www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri. Under Federation Information, then Show-Me Doin's you can type in and send from the web page or you can print out the forms, fill and send in.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. This is part of the by-monthly report for October for the November-December issue which you have already received. We had a mail list to the printer of 367 with total paid subscriptions of 346. There were 21 extra copies for advertisers and Doin's staff. Renewals from 8/16 through 10/16/15 were 57. We had 7 new subscriptions and out of 38 renewal postcards mailed, we received 25 renewals.

The report for the January-February issue is a mail list to Pittman Printing of 391 with total paid subscriptions of 370, and 21 extra copies for advertisers and staff. There were 39 renewals from 10/19 through 12/13/15 with three new subscriptions and 38 renewal post cards mailed with 25 renewals received. Balance carried forward as of October 16 was \$100 and income from subscriptions and Doin's dance donations totaled \$1,847.44. Total expenses were \$30. A check was given to the Missouri Federation in the amount of \$1,817.44 with a balance carried forward of \$100.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. The Doin's had a carryover from last report of \$100. We had zero subscriptions but sold two puzzles for \$30. Revenue collected for ads and caller/cuer directory listings \$270, for a total of \$400 revenue. Expense was a postage check for \$5.75. A check made payable to the Missouri Federation amounted to \$294.25 leaving us with a balance carried forward as of December 13, 2015 of \$100.

Puzzles. We have a total income for the Federation of \$995.00 as of December 13 and we have 101 puzzles left. We will be selling the remainder of the puzzles for \$15 each or 2 for \$20.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway reporting. We have a total of two checks that will be given out recruiting new dancers. One check goes to the Bluff City Twirlers youth dancers for \$400 and

the other goes to Country Western Squares in Potosi for \$300. They have seven students and we hope they continue. Please take information back to your clubs and let them know there is money available through promotions to start new dancers.

State Festival Site Screening: George Roth – No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Jim stated the beginning balance of Missouri Federation Insurance as of October 17, 2015 was \$333.79. Income from clubs was \$4,189.2, with expense of USDA Insurance payment, \$4,081.20 and postage of \$21.94 for a Total Expense of \$4,103.14. Ending balance as of December 11, 2015 was \$419.90.

The check registry shows an income of \$86.11 together with \$333.79 for a total income of \$419.90. Dancers for 2015 insured thru the Missouri Federation total 1,528; dancers insured through other federations are 490 for a total number of Missouri dancers of 2,018 as of 12/11/15 and 60 clubs.

For 2016, we have 57 clubs that are insured through Missouri with 1,292 dancers, 403 insured through other federations for a total of Missouri dancers of 1,695. I am starting to receive additional enrollments and I understand singles and doubles have 40 or 50 new dancers that have paid their insurance and dues to the club. The initial enrollment was in and on time to USDA and we have several certificates back already.

Rebates: For those interested in rebates, Rosa reported that 57 clubs paid. Of those 57 clubs, 49 will receive a rebate. Eight clubs will not. They are the Northwest District, Santa Fe Trailers, and Shooting Stars; St. Louis District, Wheelers and Dealers; Southwest District, Alton Flutterwheels, Lost Creek Promenaders, Traditional Dance & Music Society of the Ozarks, and Trail Blazers; West Central District, River City Squares. The two Northwest clubs and one West Central club had insurance through the Heart of America Federation. As I did last year, those clubs insured by Heart of America were notified by mail that to receive their rebate, I must have a letter or an email of who they were insured through and a club roster. Those three clubs did not respond back. The others did. They were insured on time but through another federation that did not comply with our rules.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting: As of December 11, 2015 total dangles passed out to Missouri dancers was 414.

Central – 375
Northeast – 350
Northwest – 327
St. Louis – 332
Southeast – 322
Southwest - 368
West Central – 352

Total dangles per all districts were 2,840. There was no income or expenses for December, so we still have \$48.18 in the account.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs – Absent.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting: I recently received an email asking for help to change schedules and update club information. Right above the webmaster is a button that says update internet. Click on the update internet button located on the lower left hand corner and that will bring up a menu of forms to fill out anything they need to do. Remind your people at your districts meetings that those forms are there and if they send me the information I will get it up there.

Keep your Doin's articles separate and send them to Edythe Weber.

With weather changes coming up, remind your people to let me know of dance cancellations. I am receiving a lot of 2016 dance schedules and I appreciate that.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting: I have started the new section on the archived web site. The corrected copies of the meetings are going to be put on that site. Although they are published uncorrected in the Doin's, any copies with the corrections made can be sent to me. We have already put 2014 and 2015 up on the web site. You can click these on under the Federation button and there will also be a link under the archives button.

License Plate: Sharon White – No report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting: As reported last month, the USDA Youth Scholarship deadline is February 1 for the \$1,000 scholarship. The form is on the web – www.usda.org and will need the President's signature, so allow for mail delivery time.

Jim and I will be attending the USDA winter meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on January 22 and 23, 2016.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. Please continue to use the new logos wherever you can. Any additional information that we become aware of will be passed on to you.

District Presidents' Report: Sharon Crisel reporting. The District presidents confirmed all the meeting dates for 2016.

February 14	Southwest	Springfield	Kountry Kuzins Northview Center, get in the building by 9:30. Meeting at 11:00 p.m. Doin's dance at 2:00 p.m.
April 10	West Central	Chillicothe	Peppy Promenaders
June 12	Southeast	Puxico	Puxico Country squares, meeting and dance
August 21	St. Louis		Singles & Doubles Square Dance club
October 23	Northwest	Truman High School, Independence, Missouri,	State Dance

December 4 Central TBA

- Make sure you get your district's boards turned in and clubs they paid insurance through.
- Turn in to Jim Weber the district meeting places and date of the meeting even though they are already insured by the club that is hosting them.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. We presented our dance Friday, November 13 at the MOAHPERD Convention. We had two squares with the help of angels and Gene Wilson did a super job.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Bob Turner reported that the scholarship is on the web and applications are available there. It is open to your children or grandchildren. We had five applications last year and the national scholarship had about that same number. They are due to me by March 1.

2015 State Festival: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. Mary Sue submitted a check for \$2500 to the Federation for reimbursement of start up funds. She reported a total registration of 506 dancers with 60 non-pay, which included 39 callers/cuers with partners, 8 past presidents, and 13 invited guests with approximately 100 walk-ins.

Income: There were 297 shirts sold with 11 left over to be donated to the National. 50-50: income of \$179 to the Federation - \$67 on Friday and \$288 on Saturday. Raffle tickets totaled \$925 which included \$182.50 turned in prior to the dance, \$454.50 at the door on Friday and \$288 on Saturday. The silent auction brought in \$869.75. The Total Income amounted to \$11,809.52, repayment to the Federation of \$2,500, NE District (10%) \$930.95 for an ending balance of \$8,378.57.

Carl Boone commented that the quality of the items on the silent auction table were exceptional this year.

2016 State Festival: Fred and Carolyn Goucher – Absent.

Jack Rockaway gave the report in the absence of Fred and Carolyn Goucher. . He reported that Jim Weber had applications and ribbons for the 2016 dance, T-shirts and polos are available for sale and we are selling raffle tickets on a beautiful T-shirt quilt made by Jean Weber and Loretta Marron and quilted by Bonnie Milligan. The dance will be at the Truman High School, in Independence, Missouri, just three blocks north of I-70 on Noland Road.

Unfinished Business

Dance Promotions Grant Update: Carl Boone reported we had \$2,000 allocated and \$700 was presented today along with some given out earlier in the year. We are just short of \$1,000 left.

He stated there has been no budget prepared for next year due to too many unknowns at the time and how much the state festival brought in. A budget will be prepared for George to look at and approve at the next meeting.

The Federation can acquire liability insurance for \$45 which we did last year for the officers, delegates and directors. Carl recommended that we do that again. It covers all meetings that the State Federation has for next year. A motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded to approve the recommendation. Motion was approved.

New Business

67th National Square Dance Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Cindy reported on the National sampler quilt that is being worked on for the raffle. It will feature 39 quilt block designs being done by paper piecing and designed by Wanda and Art Kruse, St. Louis District. The designs will have a name associated with square dancing, the State of Missouri or the State of Kansas. Kansas is being brought in because we are Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. The quilt is being worked on by different members whose names will be placed on the quilt back. There will also be a book to go along with the quilt that explains the blocks and gives a little history about each one. Photographs of the finished quilt along with tickets will be made available for distribution. Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

We have begun planning for our pre-convention and meeting which will be about 15 months out to show the National Committee what Kansas City has to offer and what we plan to do at our convention. You may bring anyone that is interested for all of the upcoming conventions coming into our site which is Kansas City Bartle Hall. We expect between 300 to 500 people.

The cook book has gone to print. We had 350 recipes submitted from Missouri square dancers. It should be ready within the next 60 days. We have a final design on the belt buckle which is being done by Dave Shafer's daughter, a graphic designer, that is also ready to go to a manufacturer very shortly.

Carl discussed registrations coming in and noted we have less than 10% of Missouri dancers registered. We need the support from our Missouri dancers and the easiest way to do that is to register for our dance.

We do have t-shirts for the staff that are already signed up and you may have your name printed on them. We want you to try one on to get your exact size. We are buying a ladies cut on both polos.

Standard Registration Form for Callers and Cuers. Jim Weber reported on a new standard registration form to go with Standing Rule #5. The Northwest District will be using this form next year for their festival. It is a standard type form for the clubs to use with the date and location left blank and where to send the completed form. It was recommended that we put this on the web site for anyone to print out and submit. Dan Wheeler requested that a date be placed in the lower right corner so he can keep it updated. A motion was made by Jack Rockaway and seconded to approve the form. Motion was approved. The form will be put in the Standing Rules.

Carl Boone appointed Jan and J.W. England to be Chairmen of the Audit Committee for the upcoming year. Please have your books finalized for the February meeting and Cindy and Carl will make sure they are transported to Jan and J.W.

Carl stressed concern for the dwindling number of dancers and ways that need to be found to continue square dancing. He stated that we all need to be planning on how to attract young people and families into dancing instead of reacting to the problem.

Carl announced the release of the officers and committees for 2015 and recognized George Roth as President for 2016. He thanked the members for their support and work done during the year.

George Roth stated that he and Cleva looked forward to being Presidents next year and felt they were following a good president for this year. They will try to promote some of Carl's ideas and do appreciate those who have volunteered for committees.

George thanked the Southeast District for hosting a great dance and lunch for everyone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by the Southeast District on Sunday, February 14, 2016. The meeting will take place at the Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage, Springfield, Missouri, **at 11:00 a.m.** and the building will be open by 9:45 a.m.

The Doin's dance will follow from 2:00 – to 4:00 p.m. at the Northview Center following the State meeting.

Friday, January 1 Twilight Twirlers, Central District, will celebrate an 80th birthday party for James Brackett. There will be gospel singing and square dancing with meal served at 12:00 noon

Sunday, April 23 Central District Dance, Ken Burk, caller, Carolyn Ahart, Cuer

Friday, January 15 Ramblers, Northwest District, guest caller, Lanny Weakland

A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt
Secretary, Missouri Federation