

(Subject to Board Approval)

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

Minutes of April 10, 2016

President George Roth called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. at the Grand Oaks Camp, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Liz Rooks

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Liz Rooks

Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds

Introduction and Welcome of Guests:

President Roth thanked the West Central hosts for a nice lunch and for providing the facilities for the meeting. Liz Rooks, President of the West Central District, introduced guest hosts, Don and Jolette Boyer and Dave and Penny Byers for setting up the luncheon.

Minutes of February 14 meeting: President Roth asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Corrections were made on Page 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the changes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reporting. As of January 31, 2016, the beginning checking account balance was \$8,123.64. Revenue was \$11,136.55 with Expenses totaling \$4,605.50 for an ending checking account balance of \$14,654.69 as of 3/31/16. Total funds on hand is \$54,854.21

We have four CDs, two of which matured and were renewed since last meeting. We renewed one two-year CD at 0.65% and a three-year CD at 0.95%.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 57 clubs at the present time with 13 clubs receiving longevity awards this year. The five clubs receiving awards today are:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>District</u>
Meramec Valley Promenaders	40	St. Louis
Jacks N' Queens	40	West Central
Tanglefoot Squares	40	Northeast
Swingin' Singles	50	Northwest
Duck 'N' Dive	60	Central

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Two sympathy cards were passed around, one for Tom Miller in the passing of his wife, Patricia Miller and the other card to Kenton and Karen Sullivan, Caller, for the passing of his father.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Dan Reedy - No report.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. At the February meeting a request for a study was made to see if the draft minutes should be removed from the DOIN's and a summary substituted in order to provide a reduction in the DOIN's production cost. After evaluation and summary responsibility, it was determined that the cost reduction overall would not be that significant.

Regarding calendar of events, only scheduled events that will occur within the Doin's edition timeframe will be printed.

For those members who do not have a computer, it is the responsibility of that district president to make sure that information is passed along. The DOIN's committee recommended no further changes at this time.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Dave Shafer has given notice that he would like to be relieved of the Advertising Manager job. If you would like to assist us in recruiting for a new ad manager, please mention at the opening of your district and club meetings and refer them to either Dave or Jim. Dave will be glad to discuss the details and responsibilities of this important volunteer job.

The next deadline for the DOIN's is May 25 – right before Memorial Day. For any information that is sent in, remember to put the club name first in the subject line. All the forms for sending items for the Doin's are available on the web at www.squarecancemissouri.com/Missouri. You can type in and send from the web page or you can print the forms, fill them in, and mail them.

DOIN's Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. For the May/June, 2016 issue we have 334 subscriptions, two exchange and 13 other (staff, historian, and post office) for a total of 349 copies. We have received 41 renewals, 2 new subscriptions, and 18 renewals at the Springfield Doin's dance. Expiring Doin's post cards to be mailed are 39.

The Profit and Loss statement from February 14 through April 10, 2016 shows a beginning balance of \$100 with subscriptions of \$615 for a total income of \$615. Total Expenses shows a check to the Missouri Federation for \$606.40, stamps and remailing of issue, \$8.60, for a total expense of \$615. Ending balance as of April 10 is \$100.

The Doin's dance held on February 14 collected \$399 at the door, silent auction, \$199, 50-50 pot \$47 minus two callers/two cuers expense and rent for net proceeds of \$435.

Sharon White presented a check for \$435 to the Federation and challenged all the districts to hold their own dance that will help support the Doin's.

Doin's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. The balance brought forward from February 14 through April 10 was \$100. Revenue included two puzzles, \$20; and revenue collected for Doin's ads and Caller/Cuer Directory Listings, \$573 for a total of \$693. Expenses included mailing ads to the publisher, \$6.45 for Total Expenses of \$6.45. A check was presented to the Federation for \$586.55. Balance carried forward as of April 10, was \$100.

Puzzles: We have 95 puzzles on hand with Total revenue income of \$4,159 of which \$1,055 is profit. We are offering a special price of two puzzles for \$10 a piece or one for \$15.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway - No report.

State Festival Site Screening: Dan Reedy – No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Dancers insured through Missouri total 1,415 with 390 insured through other federations for a total of Missouri dancers at 1,805 with 57 clubs as of April 9, 2016. Twenty six dancers have been added since last report.

Profit and Loss beginning balance is \$377.96 with income of \$168.52, insurance payment from clubs and Expenses of \$46.50, USDA insurance payment, for an ending balance as of April 10, 2016 of \$499.96.

Remember, if you are having a dance or event at a separate location you need a separate Certificate of Insurance or at least a notification of an event form. This also includes meetings or your district meetings when you have them. Students are only covered at the dance location.

There is information on our website about the Missouri Internet Communications Network. I send out messages to the President for his approval. Once the message is approved, I send to all our state officers and district presidents. The district presidents are then responsible to send out to all their club presidents, and the club presidents send out to all its members. This network will be helpful in the state dance later this fall in registration and events coming up.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of April 8 there has been 415 dangles passed out in Missouri.

Central	376
Northeast	363
Northwest	328
St. Louis	333
Southeast	325
Southwest	379
West Central	354

Total per all districts is 2,873

We have a total of 274 members. We had no income for April and gave a check for \$48.18 to the Treasurer at the last meeting and we have a balance of \$100.

Blue Bird Coordinator. Connie and Kenny Hobbs. Absent, no report. President Roth spoke with Connie and they stated they will continue to be the Blue Bird Coordinator.

During discussion of promoting Friday evening as Blue Bird evening, two suggestions were made:

- Blue Bird Coordinator provide State Festival Host District with Blue Bird kits to have available with tee shirts and registrations.
- Blue Bird Coordinator set up an area at each State Festival where Blue Bird kits are available.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. There have been questions on how to get insurance forms. Insurance forms are on a button on the left hand side and individual forms are on the right hand side.

The minutes of each meeting are posted on the web site as soon as Ruth Ann sends to me. To find them, click on the Archives button, and then click on minutes. That will bring up all the meeting minutes that I have been able to find so far dating back to 2005. I am missing:

2005 October, December

2006 August

2007 February, April, December

2008 April, August, October

2009 June, August, October

One benefit of having an e-mail tree is because when a large number of emails get sent all at once; email programs consider that to be spam and/or the provider will shut down.

Whenever you put a web site in print, copy it and put in your browser address line and try it out to see if it works.

I am missing club schedules for the following clubs: Trenton T Squares, Diamond B's, Twilight Twirlers, Two State Steppers, Country Western Squares Dancers of Potosi, Country Squares, and Arcadia Valley Do Si Do's. I still need handbooks from Central, Southeast and St. Louis District. The Southwest District handbook I received was wonderful and I could access all the schedules.

I have written a procedure for a Missouri Festival packet and the procedure also applies to anything you write, that you are going to print or put on the internet, give out to people, put on flyers or give to someone else who is a square dancer. It tells you things like, do not use Microsoft Works, or do not write anything in Word Perfect and expect people to be able to open it. These are programs that may not be opened and compatible with another program that someone else has.

As a courtesy to everyone, when forwarding information on to someone else, delete all the people it was sent to.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. The Caller/Cuer form has been added to the Federation web site. Square Dancer of the Year has been added, and you can access all of this. Click on the history button on the web site page and it brings up an alphabetical directory.

The 2016 Missouri Festival web site is up to date. The complete packet is now on the web site. There is access to all the pages and it is a good idea to print them from the web site. The latest versions will be there.

We are using a high-lighted square under Missouri State Festival on the web site to take registrations, sell shirts, and Tour registrations "On Line" for the first time with a credit card.

License Plate: Sharon White – No report.

USDA: Edythe Weber – No report.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. Anyone attending the National in Des Moines is welcome to attend the meeting of the ARTS on Sunday, June 26 from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Iowa Events Center. We will confirm the location later.

District Presidents' Report: Liz Rooks reporting. All seven districts were present and the following items were discussed:

- Southeast District will host the next state meeting, June 12 at the Puxico, Missouri High School. The Saturday night dance will also be held there.
- Central District will host the December state meeting in Rolla, December 3 and 4.
- Check your district web site to make sure all Club information is current.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon and Larry Crisel – No report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Bob and Shirley Turner – Absent, no report. President Roth stated he had been in touch with Bob and there are two applications to be considered. An announcement will be made at the June meeting.

2016 State Festival: Fred and Carolyn Goucher reporting. The packets for the October state dance were handed out at the meeting. Fred stated that the state dance is coming along well. Local motel accommodations are being arranged, the dance location is great and callers/cuers are being notified. The caller, Deborah Carroll Jones is wonderful. Carolyn stated there will be a covered wagon featured for history buffs, T-shirt quilt raffle, along with a fashion show represented by all the districts and Kansas City highlights. Fred encouraged all the districts to work with their clubs on early registrations. One correction should be made regarding the host hotel. The first phone number is incorrect and needs to be marked out.

2017 State Festival: Ray and Vicki Wittman reporting. Vicki requested start-up funds of \$2,500 to begin the planning of the 2017 state festival which will be held in Lebanon, Missouri.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Fair Advertising: Liz Rooks reporting. Liz stated there will be no increase in ad rates this year. Last year a half page was \$550 plus listings in the daily schedules that the Fair passes out. A motion was

made by Jim Weber and seconded to run the same type ad in the State Fair souvenir program for this year's dance. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone reporting: Cindy gave an update on their travels around Missouri and other states promoting the upcoming 2018 Kansas City Convention. They attended the Cincinnati pre-convention meetings, their reports went well and they enjoyed the city. They also attended the Caller Lab convention in Norfolk, Virginia. They talked with national callers who have indicated they will be coming to Kansas City.

Carl emphasized the need to promote as many registrations as we can for the National. They have been invited to the Ohio State Convention and will bring our Way and Means, raising funds and getting registrations. Future plans include HASSDA, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma state dance, and possibly Illinois. The following year will include states where no invitations are necessary in order to promote our dance. We are filling more positions along the way and Liz Rooks has volunteered to become our program chairman. Tom and Becky Admire have accepted the position as Business Chairmen and all our main positions are filled except for Ceremonies Coordinator. Our cookbooks are selling well and order forms are available for the belt buckle, in brass or pewter, designed specifically for the 2018 dance Kansas City National.

USDA Delegates for Iowa National Convention: George Roth asked for four volunteers to serve as delegates to attend the Wednesday afternoon USDA meeting. They are: Ron and Marie Selfors, Sharon and Larry Crisel, Bob and Shirley Turner and George and Cleva Roth. Each couple will represent one vote.

Nomination of Jim and Edythe Weber for USDA Treasurer: George Roth reported that Jim and Edythe have been asked to run for Treasurer of the United Square Dancers of America. A nomination and motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded to approve the nomination. Motion carried.

Showcase of Ideas: George Roth stated that Dave and Dee Shafer will be unable to attend the Des Moines National this year and set up the Showcase of Ideas table. He asked for volunteers to fill this position. Annette and Terry Thornhill volunteered to accept this responsibility. Annette asked for any giveaways that could be used, especially anything that would have Missouri on them. Bring Doin's back issues, pens, letter openers, and conservation items.

A motion by Dave Shafer was made and seconded that the Missouri Federation pay \$100 registration fee for Annette and Terry Thornhill to transport and represent the Showcase of Ideas to the Des Moines Convention. Motion carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by the Southeast District on Sunday, June 12, 2016. The meeting will take place at 12:00 noon at the Puxico School multipurpose room, 481 North Bedford, Puxico, Missouri. The dance will be held in the same location, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The caller is John Stuart.

Saturday, July 23 20th Northwest District Dance. The Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Raytown, Missouri

District callers and cuers, Master of Ceremonies, Pam Young

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Hosted by Swingin' Singles

A motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt

Secretary, Missouri Federation