



(Subject to Board Approval)

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

Minutes of August 21, 2016

President George Roth called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. at the Arden Mead Youth & Community Center, in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Invocation: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Ray Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Ray Wittman

Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds

Introduction of Guests: President Roth introduced and welcomed guest hosts, Wanda and Art Kruse and thanked Vicki and Ray Wittman and the St. Louis District for providing the facilities and luncheon.

Approval of April Minutes: President Roth asked that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as corrected at the prior meeting. Motion made, seconded and passed that the minutes be approved. (Action required due to lack of quorum at June meeting.)

Approval of June Minutes: President Roth asked for corrections or additions to the June minutes. No changes were noted and a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning check account balance as of May 31, 2016 of \$9,703.12 with Revenue of \$1,699.55 and Expenses of \$2,059.43. The ending account balance as of July 31, 2016 was \$9,343.24. CDs plus interest amounted to \$40,225.68 for a total funds balance of \$49,568.92.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported that since the last meeting the Hi Hashers club has been reinstated for a total today of 58 clubs. There are two clubs eligible for Longevity awards. Awards were given to The Capital City Squares, Northeast District with 45 years and the Santa Fe Trailers, Northwest District, 50 years.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds – No report.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Dan Reedy – No report.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. She reported that a survey will be given out at the Festival to subscribers as well as non-subscribers as to whether they take the DOIN's and why. We hope this will give us insight on future issues.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber has sent out an urgent plea to find a replacement for Dave Shafer who has retired as the DOIN's Advertising Manager. Check with your club at your District meetings to recruit someone for this opening. Dave or Jim will discuss in detail what the responsibilities are.

The deadline for the next issue is September 25. Work should be done on all 2017 schedules. The following deadline, November 25, is the final date for all location changes/additions and club directory updates. Any new dancers that graduate will receive a free copy of the DOIN's and the request form is on the website, www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri for subscription information.

DOIN's Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. He reported that for July and August mailing we had 325 subscriptions and 14 miscellaneous for a total mailing of 339. There were 36 renewals received, eight new subscriptions, and 23 expiring DOIN's post cards mailed. The financial report has a beginning balance as of June 12 through August 20 of \$100 with total subscriptions of \$585. A Funds transfer to the Missouri Federation of \$574.12 and Expenses of \$10.88 amounted to an ending balance of \$100.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer – No report.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway reporting. Jack requested a grant for \$500 to help with lessons for Star Lite Twirlers Family Square Dance Club from the Northwest District. They are predicting total expenses of \$1,000 out of pocket. The grant would help with caller travel, hall rental, and miscellaneous.

State Festival Site Screening: Dan Reedy – No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. He stated that as of today, there are 1,441 dancers insured through Missouri Federation. Dancers insured through other federations are 390 for a total of 1,831 Missouri dancers. The number of Missouri clubs is 58. As a reminder, all new dancers are only insured at and during lessons at lessons location only. As new members they are not insured until the national insurance coordinator receives the enrollment form. The 2016 premium is still \$4.75 per

dancer. In order for any club to receive a reimbursement of \$35, all dues must be paid and 2017 insurance forms received by November 1, 2016.

District Presidents, remember the state purchases insurance for your district. All district officers should have a list of what club they are insuring through.

The financial report brought a beginning balance of \$430.91 with income from clubs of \$130.50 and expenses of USDA insurance payment \$128.70 for an ending balance of \$432.71.

Since the last report we have added 14 new dancers and one new club.

As of 2017 starting with the new dance year, the dancers will be insured in lessons at other dance places.

- Must be a beginning dancer starting in a basic new class.
- Club to turn in class roster for students to be covered by insurance with a beginning and ending date submitted on roster form.
- Coverage until graduation but not to exceed 9 months.
- Student dancers would be covered by insurance at any sanctioned dance they attended if roster has been submitted – we are not limiting coverage to student dances.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. The number of dancers for Missouri is 415.

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| Central | 376 |
| Northeast | 363 |
| Northwest | 330 |
| St. Louis | 333 |
| Southeast | 325 |
| Southwest | 379 |
| West Central | 354 |
| Total per all districts | 2,875 |

We have a total of 274 members. We have had no income the last several months and no expenses. Total income for 2016 is \$148.18, Expenses were \$48.18. A check was sent in for \$48.18 to the Treasurer. There is an ending balance of \$100 in the account.

Blue Bird Coordinator. Connie and Kenny Hobbs – Absent. No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. Club dance schedules should be turned in as far as you have them so they can be put in the data base. Send me a copy of your District handbook so I can provide a link to it. If you have a listing for the clubs at the bottom of the listing, include the club's web site. Every club in Missouri has a web site. Put anything on there you want, no charge. On the Missouri web site click on directories and halfway down the page it will say club web sites. Encourage your clubs to use the forms on the web site. All pertinent information on that form goes to Dan as well as the DOIN's. Inclement weather is coming. For all cancellations or events, a call or text message is faster than an email. I have recently added a link to National square dance convention pictures. I will be adding a link to the Missouri web site.

In sending changes for forms where you want Dan to make the change, click on the address line of your browser with the form open and paste that into the email that you send. It helps to find the form easier and more quickly. Remember to update your forms.

Historian: Dan Weber – No report.

License Plate: Sharon White reporting. The beginning balance as of February 14 was \$65. We had eight 1-year renewals, one 1-year new and 10 2-year renewals for a total income of \$724 and total rebates of \$299.40. A check was given to the Missouri Federation for \$425.60 and the new balance as of August 21 is \$65.00.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The annual USDA meeting was held on June 22 in Des Moines, Iowa at the Convention Center at 1:00 p.m. Our delegates were Ron and Marie Selfors, Sharon and Larry Crisel, Bob and Shirley Turner, and George and Clevea Roth. George made a presentation of \$300 to the Youth Committee of USDA for the Youth Scholarship donation and challenged other affiliates to make a similar contribution to the Youth Scholarship fund or to the Handicapable fund. The winter meeting will be held in January in San Antonio, Texas.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. The Annual meeting was held on June 26 in Des Moines following the National Convention. Discussion was held on the rebranding logo and slogan and combining with the "old" square dancer slogan to make something new.

The You2CanDance website needs updating and Roy Gotta will be checking on the cost of those updates.

Officers were elected. Edythe is still Treasurer and Jim is Webmaster.

Jim noted that the attendance for the Des Moines National was 3,992.

District Presidents' Report: Vicki Wittman reporting.

- A vote was taken on the Square Dancer of the Year

- Northwest District has graduated 14 new dancers
- St. Louis District has five new classes starting in September
- Districts are sending out the email tree

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel – No report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Bob Turner was absent but George Roth stated that at the last meeting, a scholarship was awarded to Danielle Roberts, granddaughter of Sharon and Larry Crisel. Pictures will follow in the next DOIN's.

2016 State Festival: Fred and Carolyn Goucher reported that 224 people have signed up so far. Fred stated that this facility will be an excellent place to dance, with a wooden floor. Space is still available Friday and Saturday on the chuck wagon dinner ride. Registration for the dance goes up September 1.

2017 State Festival: Vicki Wittman reporting. The 2017 Festival will be held in Lebanon on October 20- and 21. T shirts and polos will be ready for sale in October. Ribbons are being ordered and there is a registration person in place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Square Dancer of the Year Update: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. The Square Dancer of the Year has been selected and will be announced in October.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Update: Carl Boone reporting. He announced that the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Award will be announced in October.

Caller/Cuer Longevity Report & Awards: Carl Boone reporting. The Caller/Cuer Longevity report will be presented at the next meeting.

Missouri State Fair Dance: Liz Rooks reporting. She stated that newspaper coverage from the local paper, The Democrat, and pictures of the dance were taken and a 45 second video with Gene Miller calling was on their website. There were more non-dancer spectators than in the past. The half page ad was placed in the souvenir brochures sent out earlier and was also online. She felt the \$500 spent on advertising was worth all the publicity we received.

Some discussion was held about the idea of having a speaker outside next year with a caller and dancers promoting the dance during the lunch break. Another idea was expressed about promoting the dance through Facebook which would not be as expensive as the newspaper. Billie Jean Butler will check into possibilities for next year.

An acknowledgement of thanks was given from the Federation to Liz Rooks and Billie Jean Butler for the organization and work to put this dance together

NEW BUSINESS

George Roth stated that Larry and Jan Anslinger requested that a donation be made from the Missouri Federation to Leroy and Betty Conrad who have been ill. A collection was taken and \$200 will be sent to the couple.

Old Records and Storage of Minutes: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. She requested suggestions on where to store old notebooks and streamline the storage of meeting minutes. After discussion, Jim Weber recommended the purchase of a personal hard drive to download the minutes which are then saved and are all searchable. The hard drive would be passed on to the next secretary. A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to purchase an external hard drive for the secretary for storing the Federation minutes. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

67th NSDC Update: Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Carl gave an update on registrations coming in and noted that in addition to state numbers, we have six out of country so far that will be attending the 2018 Convention. They have been traveling to various state dances, and are doing very well with Ways and Means fundraisers. The belt buckles are in as well as the bolos and hat pins. The pre-convention dance in March is coming up and between now and then we need to have our long form registration done, brochures finished and prices set by the first of the year. The next committee meeting will be September 16 for committee chairmen and the September 17 meeting will be open for everyone that would like to attend. We would like to have 300-350 dancers attend the pre-convention dance Saturday night, March 18. The dance is free to everyone who has registered for the 2018. The caller will be Lanny Weakland and Cuers will be Tony and Carolyn Arhart.

Slate of Officers for 2017: Carl Boone reporting. He stated that, as Committee Chairmen, he and Cindy did not hold a full formal committee meeting and the slate of officers are their own recommendations. Ruth Ann has declined as Secretary to do more traveling so there are several positions to fill. The proposed slate of officers for 2017 are as follows:

Past Presidents - George and Cleva Roth

Treasurer - Rosa Davis

Secretary - Penny and Dave Byers from the West Central District

3rd Vice President - Jack and Becky Rockaway

2nd Vice President - Dan Reedy

1st Vice President, Ron and Marie Selfors

President - Sharon White

Sharon Crisel noted that the state officers and volunteers are to be commended for their work. She also noted that the Nominating Committee shall consist of four immediate past presidents and they were unaware of this slate of officers presented before today.

Carl stated nominations could be made from the floor for any position today or at the October meeting. There were no nominations from the floor.

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Club Lessons: George Roth asked for a vote on Jack Rockaway's request from the Promotions Committee for \$500 for club lessons. A motion was made and seconded for approval to give the Star Lite Twirlers \$500 for lessons. Approval was given by voice vote. Motion passed.

Refund for Insurance: George Roth confirmed that the refund for insurance will be carried on again this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, September 3, Puxico Country Squares, Aaron Wells, 7:00 p.m. VFW Hall, Puxico, Missouri
- September 10, Kountry Kuzins, , Dean Dederman and September 20, Mike Sicorsky, O'Reilly-Tefft Gym, Springfield Missouri, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
- October 1, Capital City Squares, Jefferson City will hold a 45 Year Anniversary Dance at 7:30 at McClung Park. Presence of visitors, former and retired dancers are requested.
- October 1, Fall Festival, Beaux & Belles, Macon, Missouri, are having a dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the dance starting at 7:30, Zion Lutheran Church
- October 21-23, Missouri State Dance, Truman High School, Independence, Missouri

The next State Board meeting will be October 23, 2016, at Truman High School, Independence, Missouri.

A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt
Secretary, Missouri Federation