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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

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(Subject to Board approval)

**Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
Rolla, Missouri - December 4, 2016**

President George Roth called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Family Life Center in Rolla, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Jim Weber

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Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds

Approval of August Minutes: President Roth asked for corrections or additions to the October minutes. Spelling corrections were made and on Page 6 a motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to elect the slate of officers. With these corrections the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of September 30 of \$9,365.14 with Revenue of \$3,020 and Expenses of \$3,764.22. The ending checking account balance as of November 30 was \$8,620.92. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,279.37 for Total Funds on hand of \$48,900.29. We have a total of 56 clubs that have paid. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

She stated at the last meeting, a question came up regarding our tax free ID. Tony Ahart did some checking with the IRS and we are a 501-C7. Rosa has copies for anyone needing that information.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis we will have 56 clubs for the coming year. For 2017 we have five clubs receiving longevity awards. One club is being recognized today and it is the Puxico County Squares with 35 years as of January, 2017.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds reported that a get well card was being passed around for everyone to sign for Phyllis Brockhaus.

Committee Reports

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Dan Reedy - No report.

Publications: Carol Morris reported on the recent survey regarding the DOIN's that was conducted at the recent state festival dance in Independence, Missouri. There were 12 non-subscribers and 57 subscribers that responded. The following in order of importance was:

Dance calendar

Club Directory

Club articles

Location listing

State festival information

Carol stated that they will be looking into reducing the size of the ads of the Missouri programs such as Toot your Horn and possibly making them every other issue.

Doin's Report

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting: The next deadline for the DOIN's will be January 25, 2017. Please send in your information early because Jim and Edythe will be attending the USDA meeting in warm San Antonio, Texas. Fifteen clubs have not sent in their 2017 schedule. These are needed right away. The Jan/Feb issue will also include the pull-out location pages. Please use them.

One issue of the DOIN's is provided for each new dancer. Make your request for copies on a form available on the Missouri Federation website at www.SquareDanceMissouri.com. Click on Federation Information, then Show-Me DOIN's. 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 to you.

There was a real problem with the November/December issue delivered in a select portion of the state. This was due to a bill passed by U.S. Congress regarding priority of post office delivery which is first class mail, political mail and then all the rest. The DOIN's is taken to the bulk mail center 10 working days prior to the end of the month, normally more than enough time to get it to you by the 1st of the issue month. This will continue.

DOIN's Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN's this month were 339. The advertisers get a copy with two exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office. The January/ February mailing will be 353. We received 96 renewals, 20 new copies went to students and we have 30 people that will not receive the March-April issue unless they renew. We will be sending out 30 postcards to subscribers.

Financial report. The balance brought forward was \$100 with total income of \$2,238 from subscriptions. Expenses of postage and other amounted to \$21.64. A check for \$2,216.36 was given to the Federation which also includes the \$528 donation from the DOIN's dance. The ending balance was \$100.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of \$100 and took in revenue of \$15 cash on subscription renewals, DOIN's ads revenue and caller/cuer listings of \$564 with a donation given to us of \$35 gave us a total ad revenue of \$714. Expenses totaled \$64.74. A check was given today to the Federation for \$549.26 leaving us a balance of \$100. There is no puzzle report because we have no more puzzles.

George Roth noted we are still looking for an Advertising Chairman. Contact Dave or Jim Weber for further information.

Unfinished Business

Promotions and Advertising: Jack Rockaway reporting. Two clubs have responded to Toot Your Horn. We will be giving out the awards in February so get your clubs to submit their applications. The form is on the website and the deadline is February 1, 2017.

State Festival Site: Dan Reedy – No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. In 2016 the dancers insured through Missouri was 1,449. Dancers insured thru other federations were 390 for a total of Missouri dancers, 1,839 with 58 clubs. So far for 2017, 1,264 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation, and through other federations, 328 for a total at this time of 1,592. We lost two clubs this year, the Ozark Zigzags and the Jacks and Queens.

Remember to submit the club sponsored class form. As of January, 2017, new dancers in lessons will be covered anywhere they dance, if the club sponsoring the lessons has completed and filed the Missouri club sponsored class form for 2017. Fifty five clubs will receive the \$35 club reimbursement for having their 2017 club state dues paid and the club's 2017 insurance forms filed by November 1, 2016.

If a dancer goes to a club that is not insured, that dancer is still covered for accidental/medical even though the club is not. In that case, the dancer would be responsible for filling out their own paperwork. If the club has liability insurance they will fill out the forms for you.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting: As of November 3, 2016, the total number of danglers given out for Missouri was 425.

Central	380	Southeast	329
St. Louis	340	Northwest	334
West Central	360	Southwest	383
Northeast	367		

The grand total for all districts is 2,918. We have 276 members. Total income for October was \$19 with (two new members and 1 badge holder). Disbursements for October totaled \$21.78 (10 new magnets badge holders). If anyone is interested, they are \$2.00 each. Total income for the year was \$167.18 and Total expenses for 2016 were \$69.96. Total money in the account is \$97.22.

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

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. When putting down the Missouri State website, please make it www.SquareDanceMissouri.com. Do not enter or copy any forward slash information after the .com. It is not necessary and oftentimes that's where a mistake in typing occurs. When you put web addresses in print, it is good to put the "www" in front of it because the computer will more easily recognize this because it is a web address. When you are putting a web address on a flyer, after you have typed it, paste it into the address line in your browser to see if it will open.

St. Louis is on the internet for 2017. Please tell your clubs to send me their schedules and I will put them up. Also, I have discovered something called, "return to previous page" and a lot of the web pages on the Missouri website now have that at the top and almost always you can click on that and go back to where you were.

Snow is coming. If you go to the Notices and Cancellations page it tells people how to let me know the dance will be cancelled. The fastest way to let me know is by texting me or by calling my cell phone. I need the information for the Caller Hall of Fame for this year and the Square Dancer of the Year. Whoever has those books, I need the latest pages so I can add them to the website.

Historian: Dan Weber reporting. All the minutes that Dan has are on the website. Click on Archives and minutes of past meetings to view the minutes. Anything that comes up in black instead of blue is something he doesn't have. If you have it, please give the information to Dan.

License Plate: Sharon White – No report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting: Jim and I will be attending the winter meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas this coming January.

ARTS: Edythe Weber - There was no report but keep up to date by getting on the email list. Go to the website www.LiveLivelySquareDance.com and sign up.

New Business

District Presidents' Report: Liz Rooks reported that Jim Weber talked with the District Presidents on insurance forms and filling information out for our district dances and events.

Dates for District meetings for 2017:

- February 12 – West Central – First UMC Celebration Center
1701 West 32nd Street
- April 9 – Northeast - Moberly
Moberly Technical Center
- June 4 – Southeast - Arcadia
Arcadia Academy
- August 13 – Southwest - Springfield
TBA

President Roth released the committees for 2016. He thanked them for their service and also acknowledged that he and Cleva had enjoyed working with everyone as President. He passed the gavel on to Dan Reedy, as the new President for 2017.

Dan thanked the Central District and hosts, Andy and Fayette Stewart for the nice lunch and meeting place, and stated he is looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

Calendar Of Events

- Ramblers Dance January 20, with Mike Hogan, guest caller and February 17, Kenny Bailey as guest caller
- April 15, Memorial dance for Dee Shafer, 7:00 pm at the St. Roberts Community Center. Proceeds will go to cancer research

The next state board meeting will be February 12 in Sedalia, Missouri. West Central District will host.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Reynolds & Pat Hunt, Secretary
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.