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***The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs***  
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(Board approved)

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

Minutes of February 12, 2017

President Dan Reedy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center in Sedalia, Missouri.

**Invocation:** Dave Byers

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**Roll Call:** Penny Byers

**Approval of December Minutes:** President Reedy asked for corrections or additions to the December minutes. Spelling corrections were made on Pages 5 & 6, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written with these corrections. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of November 30 of \$8,620.92. Since the last meeting we've had a Revenue of \$5,389.53 (includes Nov & Jan checking acct interest) and Expenses of \$2,865.73 (includes one check pd in Jan). The ending checking account balance as of January 31 was \$11,144.72. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,279.37 for Total Funds on hand of \$51,424.09. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

We have a CD scheduled to mature on March 17. Rosa will be shopping around for the best interest rate we can get. The last one renewed for .65%, if anyone hears of anything better, please let Rosa know.

**Membership and Club Longevity:** Rosa Davis reported we have 56 clubs this year. We paid the incentive to 55 clubs. Missouri Promenaders, St Louis District received a longevity award for 35 years. Rosa stated she reported wrong on the HI-Hashers, SW District at the last meeting. Even though they missed some years as being members of the Missouri Federation, as long as they were a club, those years count for the longevity award. So the HI-Hashers were awarded a longevity award for 35 years.

**Correspondence:** A sympathy card for Bob Turner was passed around for the loss of his dad and a get well soon card for Jack Rockaway was passed around for his knee surgery.

**Boundaries and Relations:** Ray and Vicki Wittman (Were not present) – No report.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Ron & Marie Selfors – No report.

**Publications:** Carol Morris reported the DOIN'S is in the process of downsizing the full page ads for the Bluebird and Toot Your Horn award. We are also in the process, with Dan's help, of creating a technology page for computer users.

**DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting: The next deadline for the DOIN'S will be March 25, 2017. Thank you to all the clubs that sent in early in January. It really helped us in getting the articles to the printer. We have about 10 clubs that have not sent in a 2017 schedule.

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](http://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](mailto:doins@kc.rr.com) and we will send them to you. You can use this for any item you need to send to the DOIN'S.

We do want to know if you don't receive your magazine in the mail. However, there might not be anything we can do about it. Once we verify that one has been mailed out to you, if your personal post office doesn't scan it, there is no way to track them. It would cost \$2 to mail a second one IF we even have an extra one to mail. For cost-cutting purposes, we don't print many extra.

**DOIN'S Circulation:** Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this month were 333. The advertisers get a copy with two exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office. The March/April mailing will be 348. We received 19 renewals, 7 new subscriptions and 5 (Jan/Feb) copies went to new students. We will be sending out 47 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire after the March/April issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with total income of \$540.00 from subscriptions. Expense of postage amounted to \$8.84. A check for \$531.16 was given to the Federation. The ending balance was \$100.

**DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of \$100 and took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$578. Expenses totaled \$16.65. A check was given today to the Federation for \$561.35, leaving us a balance of \$100.

**Promotions and Advertising:** Carl Boone reported in Jack Rockaway's absence. Those clubs who filled out the paperwork for the "Toot Your Horn" award and qualified are: Mo-Kan Squares & Rangers from SW District. Beaus & Belles & Tanglefoot Squares from NE District, Peppy Promenaders from WC District and Puxico Squares from SE District (this is Puxico Squares 13<sup>th</sup> year receiving this award).

**State Festival Site Screening:** Ron & Marie Selfors – No report.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. In 2017, 1,316 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation; 328 other federations; for a total of Missouri dancers of 1,644.

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. Once the new dancers graduate lessons, they are no longer insured until they join a club.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of December 4, 2016, is \$319.62; total income of \$237.50 and expenses of \$256.91; leaving an ending balance on February 11, 2017, of \$300.21.

All clubs have been mailed or emailed their certificates for Insurance.

**Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting: As of February 11, 2017, the total number of dangles given out for Missouri was 439.

Central	384	Southeast	331
St. Louis	342	Northwest	338
West Central	360	Southwest	385
Northeast	369		

Financial Report: The grand total for all districts is 2,948. We have 276 members. Total income for 2016 was \$167.18; Total expenses for 2016 was \$98.83; leaving a balance of \$68.35.

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

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Interesting statistics, website is running at a little over 1,000 hits a month. So far February has 374 hits. The State Festival site has had 235 hits so far this year. Received a call from a dancer out of Wichita, was grateful for the website, he was able to find a dance while visiting Missouri.

If you have forms on the website, please look at them every once in a while to make sure I have the latest updated version. I'm missing 2017 schedules from clubs and District Handbooks from the districts. Please put dates on the handbooks when you update them. Please include the club websites and district websites in your district handbooks.

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. Edythe gave me a box of old DOIN'S books. I will be working on going through the books and updating the meeting minutes on the website. If you have any old minutes that I do not have, please get them to me. Thanks

**License Plate:** Sharon White reporting. Beginning balance as of August 21, 2016, \$65.00. Total Income - \$100; Total Expenses (includes 2 – 2 year rebates) \$40. A check was submitted to Missouri Federation for \$60 leaving an ending balance of \$65.00. (Just FYI-We have a total of 43 vehicles that have the Missouri Square Dance license plate)

**USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting: The winter meeting was held in San Antonio, TX January 26-28. We danced at a club on Friday night, attended meetings 9am-5pm on Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturday. We prepared for the annual meeting, which will be in Cincinnati on Tuesday prior to the convention. A letter asking for our delegates' names will be coming very soon. Missouri has 4 votes. We are concerned about a quorum for the meeting. That has only been a problem one time in the 35 year history of USDA.

Insurance continues to be the best program USDA offers to the dancer. However, the numbers continue to drop, just as our dancer numbers drop in our states. But we will continue to do our best and offer quality programs.

There is continued talk about the 501C3 group exemption, which Missouri expressed some interest in. A decision to move forward or drop the discussion will be made at the annual meeting. There are a few things that will need to be changed in our By-Laws and Constitution if Missouri goes forward with this. There are benefits to being a 501C3, the biggest being deductions on your taxes (if you file a schedule A) and donations from other people/groups can be used as deductions for them.

**ARTS:** Edythe Weber - The 2016 Festival applied for the \$200 Grant because they had the ARTS Seminar at the festival. So I need to get the check to the District.

Go to the website <http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com> and sign up.

**District Presidents' Report:** Liz Rooks reported. We had 5 District Presidents here today. They would like suggestions on how to encourage clubs to visit other clubs in their district or even in other districts. Sharon White reported on the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration they had for Agnes McLean. She was awarded the Centennial Dancer Certificate from USDA. They had over 160 people attend.

Carolyn Goucher has agreed to be Chairman for the Square Dancer of the Year Committee for 2017. Clubs you need to get your nominees to your District President by July 1, 2017. The District Presidents need to vote on them at their Aug meeting.

The December meeting, which is hosted by the Central District, will be held on Sunday, December 3, at noon in Eldon, with the dance being held on December 2.

**Youth and Children's Dance:** Sharon & Larry Crisel are still in Texas. No report.

**Bill Morris Scholarship:** Dan Reedy reported he had talked to Robert Turner; he wanted me to remind everyone that the deadline for entries is March 1, 2017.

**2016 State Festival:** Fred and Carolyn Goucher. Carolyn stated they have a check for \$9,078.11 from our festival. Seed money of \$2500 was paid back to Missouri Federation in December 2016. We will be handing in the report, along with receipts, to the audit committee. We had 465 in attendance. Fred announced the reason they did so well was that the tourism department of Independence paid for everything; almost \$3000 worth of fees. If you want to get online, Carolyn made a history for 2016 and it has all the facts on there about the dance.

Fred & Jim Weber went to Independence to get ideas for the Festival. Jim suggested that you go to your tourist place in the city first, to get ideas for having your Festival. Tell them how much food square dancers eat, shopping & sightseeing they do, and make sure they know everyone will be staying in their hotels. They will be very willing to help if they know how much revenue the Festival will bring to their city.

**2017 State Festival:** Ray & Vicki Wittman were absent. No update.

**National Convention:** Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. We have just over 900 registered; about 11% are Missouri dancers. A letter was put into the Doin's about registering. The price goes from \$50 to \$60 per person after the Pre-Convention is over.

#### **New Business:**

**Phyllis Brockhaus:** wanted to share about a grant their club received. The City of Lexington and Lexington Hospital got a grant for Health & Wellness. Shirley Guevel, our club president, filled out all the forms and jumped through all the hoops for a part of this grant, for our club, and was awarded \$2400.00 for 1 year to promote square dancing. And they told her to come back and apply next year for another \$2400.

River City Squares in Lexington had their Western Party last Sunday afternoon. We had 40 people come interested in square dancing and line dancing. Their first lesson is today with caller Gene Miller. The grant monies are to be used for the lessons and to take care of your caller and your hall.

**Edyth Weber:** I know the District Presidents discussed changing the Square Dancer of the Year deadline to July 1, 2017 for the Districts and August 1, 2017 for the State. This conflicts with the Standing Rules guidelines. I think we need to address this. It reads as follows:

#### ***Article IX Section 2 Sub-paragraph D***

"The selection committee chairman shall make copies of the nominations received by August 1<sup>st</sup> and mail them to the committee for consideration. The selection of the recipient(s) will be made at the August federation meeting."

#### ***Article IX Section 3 Sub-paragraph C***

"The recipient(s) must be nominated by the district president of which the nominee's club is a member and supported by at least two presidents of affiliated clubs (or representatives to the district if the club has no president) from the nominating district. The nominations will close August 1<sup>st</sup> of that year, and nominations will not be held over to the following year."

Liz Rooks moved to change the standing rules for submission of the nominees for Square Dancer of the year to have it in to the district presidents by July 1 and to the chairman of the committee by July 15. Motion was seconded and, after discussion, motion carries.

Dave Shafer moved that we (Missouri Federation) take appropriate action to proceed with a 501C3 application so we get in with the USDA from the very beginning. Carolyn Goucher seconds. Discussion was held; (Wait and see what changes we will have to make to our Constitution and By-Laws, maybe appoint a committee to collect information and wait till April meeting to vote) Dave withdrew his motion and Carolyn withdrew her second.

President Dan Reedy appointed a committee made up of himself, Tony Ahart, Carl Boone and Ron Selfors, to collect information about what Missouri will need to do to change from a 501C7 to a 501C3 and report their findings at the April meeting.

President Dan Reedy thanked the West Central District & Diamond B's for hosting the state meeting.

### **Calendar of Events**

- April 8, NE District Dance at Moberly Municipal Auditorium. Grand March at 7:00 p.m. (Colors: Purple, Silver and Gold) District & Visiting Callers/Cuers
- April 15, Dee Shafer Memorial Dance, 7:00 pm at the St. Robert Community Center. 7:00-10:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. Caller: Walt Burr from Munich, Germany
- April 22, Central District Dance at Methodist Family Life Center Gymnasium in Rolla. 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Caller: Chris Wildhagen

The next state board meeting will be April 9 in Moberly, Missouri. North East District will host.

A motion was made by Jim Weber to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers

Secretary