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

Minutes of August 13, 2017

President Dan Reedy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Neosho Senior Center in Neosho, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. 2 Guests: Shirley Winans-SW District Secretary and Matt Auriene-Incoming NE District President.

Approval of June Minutes: President Reedy asked for corrections or additions to the June minutes. Jim Weber moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of May 31, 2017 of \$6,752.38. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,443.26 and Expenses of \$1,979.55. The ending checking account balance as of July 31, 2017 is \$6,216.09. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,094.12 for Total Funds on hand of \$56,310.21. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

I changed the treasurer's report to reflect only the items done since the last meeting, instead of year to date. There were some comments about it being hard to read with everything on there. Is everyone ok with this change, I will do this in the future if that is ok. All were in agreement.

The Budget for 2017 was approved at the last meeting. We approved keeping the same budget as 2016, but just removing the "puzzles" line item since that is not an issue anymore.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 56 clubs this year. 2 Longevity Awards – Shooting Stars Club in NW District, begun in October 1977, received an award for 40 years; St. Peters Square Club in St. Louis District, begun in September 1962, received an award for 55 years.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Get well soon cards for Jim Wright, Mike Kelley and Larry Anslinger were passed around for members to sign. A sympathy card was passed around for the Larry Crisel family for the loss of his brother. And a "Thinking of You" card was passed around for Karen Craig.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Ron & Marie Selfors reporting. In 1994 there were 135 clubs and 7600 dancers. Today we have 56 clubs and 1700 dancers. When you look at our organization, we are basically organized the same. I'd like to do an internal study to see what our mission is, what is our value to our dancers and to square dancing itself. I put together a white paper that discusses this, and with the president's permission I'd like to send it out to the board, give you a couple of weeks to look at it and come back with comments. Maybe at our next meeting we can set a committee to take a look at this.

Publications: Carol Morris. No report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. We had a little problem, when we created the mailing file to send to the printer for the July/August issue and about 60 names were left off the list and didn't get their magazine. However, we figured out that the problem was ours, fixed it, and mailed them their magazines. We will make every effort for this not to happen again.

The next deadline is September 25 for the November/December issue. Then the next big deadline is November 25 when **ALL** clubs should have their 2018 schedules to us (and to Dave for ads). Please make every effort to send early for the holidays.

Just a reminder that the forms for sending items for the DOIN'S are available and interactive on the web at www.squaredancemissouri.com or you can request we send them to you electronically.

DOIN'S Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this month were 325, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 340. We received 29 renewals, 0 new subscriptions and 0 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 21 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the September/October issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$96.75 with a total income of \$525.00 (from subscriptions). Expense of postage amounted to \$9.18. A check for \$512.57 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer. (Absent). Rosa Davis reporting. The balance brought forward on June 4, 2017 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$441.00 and total expenses (postage) were \$6.95. A check for \$434.35 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. I'd like to request \$500 for yard signs for clubs who would like to use them. Signs would simply say "Learn to Dance" and have a local phone number on it. (18"x24"). After much discussion, this will come up under new business.

State Festival Site Screening: Ron & Marie Selfors Reporting. No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. As of August 13, 2017, 1,377 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation; 328 dancers are insured through other federations; for a total of 1,705 Missouri dancers. (56 Missouri Clubs)

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, pay the insurance premium and the club submits an additional enrollment form. New members are not covered until the national insurance coordinator receives the enrollment form. 100% participation of club members is required. The 2017 premium was \$4.75 per dancer.

Remember to complete an accident form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time.

The 2018 insurance packets will be mailed in September, as soon as I get the 2018 insurance premium from USDA.

DO NOT use the 2017 insurance forms, this will just slow things down, I will have to send them back to you.

For your club to receive the \$35.00 club reimbursement, your 2018 club State dues must be paid by your district to the State Treasurer and the Insurance Chairman has received your club 2018 insurance forms by the November 1, 2017 deadline.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of June 4, 2017, is \$311.90; total income of \$0.00 and expenses of \$13.95 leaves us an ending balance on August 12, 2017, of \$297.95.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of August 12, 2017, the total number of danglers given out for Missouri was 444.

Central	394	Southeast	343
St. Louis	350	Northwest	360
West Central	369	Southwest	395
Northeast	380		

The grand total for all districts is 3,035 (since the program began 14 years ago)

Financial Report: We have 276 members and 1 Non-paying member. Income since last meeting is \$8.00 (for new member) and no expenses, leaving a balance of \$76.35.

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

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. I want to mention again the availability of E-Z addresses for your special dance online flyer. You should get one of these whenever you are planning to put a link to your flyer in print or send out a group E-Mail about your special dance. The online flyer will probably have a link to your club website, and, if you want it, a printable copy of the flyer. (EX: www.Hogan.SquareDanceMissouri.com it's short, easy to remember & type. Try it. Since these require extra time to make, I don't make them unless you ask for one.)

I don't know how many of you use the pages I have set up for these federation meetings, but these pages have all the information I have about future meetings. You can get to them from the "Federation Information" button on the home page or go directly to them at www.Meeting.SquareDanceMissouri.com. The information goes up as soon as I get it. In addition to the information the secretary sends me, there are often things that may help you, like interactive maps to the Friday night dance and the meeting location.

I need to be sent the flyer and information about the 2018 Missouri Festival as soon as it is available. I need this so I can have the website ready to upload after the dance Saturday night at this year's festival. Also, if you want to offer credit card service, I can help you set up a Square account, and you can use at least one of our square credit card readers.

Historian: Dan Wheeler. I have mentioned that Missouri Federation meeting minutes are now available online for more than the last 20 years. I have now started putting the NW District meeting minutes on the website. Currently, I have the last six years meeting minutes there. If you would like to have your district meeting minutes there, please send them to me. On the NW District webpage, we also have a link to a page with future district meetings. I can put up pages like that for any district that sends me their schedule.

License Plate: Sharon White. (Absent) No Report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The annual Board of Directors meeting was held in Cincinnati Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Hall C in the Duke Energy Center at 1:00 p.m.

Bill Flick, Chairman of the prescription card program, introduced the new discount prescription card program. Cards are available on the website. You do not have to be a square dancer to use it. The old one will still be active, but we are trying to get the word out to the cardholders to switch over. We believe it will have a much better discount than the old one.

We hope the delegates have more to say about the meeting.

Dan Reedy – I was approached at the meeting about our regions V.P. being up for re-election this next year. They wanted to know if I was interested. The nomination has to come from the state. I'm willing to do it.

The 501C-3 is marching forward.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. Annual meeting was held Sunday, June 25 in Room 236 in the Duke Energy Convention Center.

The re-imaging project was the main topic of discussion, along with planning for the National in Kansas City. ARTS will have an after party, not a Trails-End dance this coming year in June. They will have 2 sessions of Education programs during convention time.

The best way to know what is going on in ARTS is to join as an individual member. For \$25/person you get the quarterly newsletter with all the most current information by email.

District Presidents' Report: Loretta Compton reporting. Those attending were concerned about the lack of energy in our clubs. SW District is losing a club this year. We voted on Square Dancer of the Year. Vicki Wittman is doing well with the upcoming dance. Bob Turner said they have a new caller in their area. Fred Goucher's group is getting ideas to promote visiting with other clubs in their area.

Youth and Children's Dance: Sharon & Larry Crisel. Bob Turner reporting. Sharon will be presenting a program at the 2017 MOAHPERD convention that will be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. The title of their program is "Jazz up Your Fitness with Square Dancing." It has tentatively been set for November 10 from 2:15 – 3:15pm. There will be more details at the October meeting.

Bill Morris Scholarship: Robert Turner reporting. When we go under new business, I want to make a motion we continue this with a few changes.

2017 State Festival: Ray & Vicki Wittman. We have about 200 registered at this date. That includes about 30 callers and their partners and about 12 free dancers. We have about \$3,800 after paying for the Civic Center, but still owe for several other things. We need more Districts to send in their page for the Program Book, plus more clubs to take out an ad. We need more sales in Quilt & Raffle tickets and tee & polo shirts. We need more people to sign up for the Bee Bonnet Parade. Razzle Dazzle is going to perform. We need more volunteers to take turns at the Registration and Raffle tables. We will have Jim Weber send out an Email tree.

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone (absent). Jim Weber reporting. If you pre-registered for the 2018 Convention, you still need to fill out the long form and get it to me. Out of the 1,705 dancers we have in Missouri, we have 336 registered for the National Convention, 1,525 total registered. We hope to get to 4,000. There are a lot of tours to choose from, go online and check them out.

Old Business:

Hall of Fame Selection: George and Cleva Roth reporting. The committee met before the state meeting today. Hall of Fame recipient has been selected. We will not divulge who it is until Saturday night of the State Federation Dance. Thank you to the committee.

Square Dancer of the Year: Fred & Carolyn Goucher reporting. We had a good meeting. Every application was gone over. It was a very hard decision for everybody. We will reveal the winner at the dance.

New Business:

2018 State Festival: Larry & Sharon Crisel. (Absent). Bob Turner reporting. The place is the Cowan Center in Lebanon. The Theme is “Bling into Swing in 2018” and the colors are shades of purple. The caller is Joe Saltel. Curers are Shirley & Don Heiny. Registration will stay the same as this year. A special bank account has been established. Ribbons have been ordered and received. T-shirts and Polos have been ordered. Registration forms have been printed. Caller/Cuer registration/profile forms have been printed. About ¾ of the committees have chairmen. We would like to have a cash raffle (\$300, \$150 & \$50). We would like to have a 50/50 raffle (on Friday & Saturday) and a quilt raffle.

Bob Turner (for Larry & Sharon Crisel). As Chairman of the Missouri Federation Youth & Children’s Committee and also Youth Vice Chairman of the 2018 NSDC, Larry & I would like to ask the Missouri Federation to support our Missouri youth by paying the registration fee of \$30 for any Missouri youth that belongs to a Missouri Federation club to the 2018 NSDC. This would be a one-time thing for 2018 only. Bob recommended we pay \$30 for youth that had late registrations and the youth be responsible for the late fee. Madeline Hall moved the Missouri Federation pay the \$30 registration fee & \$30 for the late registrations for all youth that belongs to a Missouri Federation club. Motion was seconded. After much discussion, Fred Goucher moved to amend the motion to include “the registrations with these youth on them, need to be sent to the Missouri Federation”. Amended motion was seconded. After more discussion, Fred moved to amend the motion to include “member of a Missouri Federated club or a student in lessons of a Missouri Federated club”. Motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion was made on where the applications would be sent and how we can accomplish paying for the youth. Jim & Edyth Weber will talk to the Cincinnati registration Chairman and find out how they worked it out and will let us know.

Bob Turner: I move that the Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship be continued and renamed The Missouri Federation of Square ‘n Round Dance Clubs Scholarship. Present rules & regulations stay the same. Motion seconded and carried.

USDA Youth: President Dan Reedy reporting. They listened to the young lady who had won the scholarship. She was a caller and a dancer. She did a great job. During the presentation they asked the states for donations. Jim Weber moved to donate \$300 to the USDA Youth Scholarship fund. Motion seconded and carried.

USDA: President Dan Reedy says he is interested in representing Missouri on the USDA board. Fred Goucher moves that Missouri Federation nominates Dan for V.P. of the Plains Region of the USDA. Motion seconded and carried. A nomination letter and Dan’s resume needs to be sent to the Secretary of USDA by April 2018.

Nominating Committee Report: George & Cleva Roth reporting. We have election of new officers for 2018 at our October meeting. We would like to present our 2018 MFSRDC Slate of Officers. President: Ron & Marie Selfors; 1st VP: John & Beverly Stuart; 2nd VP: Jack & Becky Rockaway; 3rd VP: Merle & Madeline Hall; Secretary: David & Penny Byers; Treasurer: Rosa Davis; Past President: Dan Reedy.

Longevity Report for Caller/Cuer: George & Cleva Roth reporting. We were supposed to have this done before now, but it took a little longer to verify some info. Awards presented was: Larry Butler – WC District – 20 yrs (1996-2016); Pat Coster – NW District – 20 yrs (1996-2016); George Dunbar – St. Louis District – 20 yrs (1996-2016); Lynn Nelson – NW District – 20 yrs (1996-2016). George thanked their Advisor Sharon Crisel.

Presidents Presentation: President Dan Reedy presented Past Presidents George & Cleva Roth with their Gavel for their duties and responsibilities from when they were President. They thanked everyone and said they enjoyed their time as President.

Edyth Weber: We are just asking that on the Treasurer's report, a line item for Club Rebate be put in and that dollar amount be taken out of the promotions line (Trifolds/Promotions). We also need to approve the dollar amount to be paid for the 2018 rebate. Jim Weber recommends we make a separate line item for the Club Rebate on the Treasurer's report. Recommendation was seconded and carried. Bob Turner recommended taking the club rebate from \$35 to \$40. Recommendation did not get a second. It was suggested that we keep it at \$35. Fred Goucher moved to keep the club rebate at \$35. Motion was seconded. After much discussion, motion carried.

Carol Morris: Would like to see the Blue Bird Coordinator have a table at the State Festival. Dan will contact Connie.

Dave Byers: What was the price of the square dance promotion signs and for how many? The price will be less if you buy them all the same, rather than have different phone numbers printed on each one. Bob Turner said he will have some samples (with no phone numbers on them) and prices at the meeting in October.

Calendar of Events

- Aug 19, Macon Beaux & Belles dance with Ozzie Pearl from IL
- Aug 17, Trail Blazers will dance in Springfield with Jerry Junck
- Aug 26, Little Dixie Squares, Moberly, Mike Hogan from 7:30 - 10
- Sept. 9, Puxico Country Squares celebrating 35th Anniversary, John Stuart calling
- Oct 8, Tony Oxendine at the Point in Raytown. 6:30-9:30 p.m. To benefit the 67th NSDC.
- Oct 20-22, Mo Federation State Dance, Lebanon

President Dan Reedy thanked the Southwest District & the Lost Creek Promenaders for hosting the dance and state meeting.

The next state board meeting will be October 22 in Lebanon. The St Louis District will host.

Jim Weber moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary