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

Minutes of December 3, 2017

President Dan Reedy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Miller County Fairgrounds in Eldon MO.

**Invocation:** Dave Byers

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**Roll Call:** Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Reedy asked for corrections or additions to the October minutes. Dave Shafer moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of September 30, 2017 of \$2,733.84. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$12,585.76 and Expenses of \$3,305.67. The ending checking account balance as of November 30, 2017 is \$12,013.93. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,195.57 for Total Funds on hand of \$62,209.50. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Proposed 2018 Budget was submitted and discussed. Total proposed revenue is \$18,675. Total proposed expenses are \$23,000. We have a CD coming due in February we could deposit into the checking account instead of reinvesting.

**Membership and Club Longevity:** Rosa Davis reported we have 49 clubs that have paid their 2018 dues; 10 late. 39 clubs are eligible for the insurance incentive based on dues. Beaux & Belles in the NE District, were awarded a longevity award for 65 years in January. Western Twirlers in the SW District, were awarded a longevity award for 70 years in January.

**Correspondence:** Penny Byers reporting. Get well soon cards were passed around for John Stuart and Jan Anslinger. A thank you card was read from the Caller Lab Foundation for the Mike Kelley Memorial the Missouri Federation had sent.

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

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Ron & Marie Selfors. Bob Turner handed out a revision to the By Laws concerning the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs Scholarship. (Article XVII). That has been given to Dan and he will get it updated online.

**Publications:** Carol Morris reporting. No Report.

**DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. We had 12 clubs without articles on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Four came on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The rest had to be sent an email to remind them to send their article. That is the way I found out that two clubs had new writers. PLEASE, when transitioning to a new writer, help them get in the first and/or second articles. Make their transition to this important job go smoothly so they don't feel bad for being late or like they don't know what they are doing.

The next deadline is January 25 for the March/April issue. We will be in Portland, OR for the USDA winter meeting Jan 25-28. We will reply to your email as quickly as possible, but you know you can always send EARLY. We still have clubs that need to give us their 2018 year schedule, you know who you are. If you don't, you will by January 10, we will contact you.

Again, the forms for sending items for the Doin's are available and interactive on the web at [www.squaredancemissouri.com](http://www.squaredancemissouri.com) or you can request we send them to you electronically.

**DOIN'S Circulation:** Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S since last meeting were 319, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 334. We received 74 renewals, 14 new subscriptions and 5 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 47 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the Jan/Feb issue. 17 did not renew after receiving a reminder post card.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$1,365.00 (from subscriptions) and \$639.00 (from Doin's dance) with a total income of \$2,004.00. Expense of postage amounted to \$26.70. A check for \$1,977.30 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

Jim is looking for a replacement for Doin's Circulation.

**DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer. The balance brought forward on Oct 22, 2017 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$358.00 and total expenses (postage) was \$6.65. A check for \$351.35 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on Dec 3, 2017 is \$100.

**Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. The "Learn to Square Dance" signs are \$8 - \$9 each. We have 1 "Toot Your Horn" application turned in already. Capital City Squares has asked for \$150 for promotions.

**State Festival Site Screening:** Ron & Marie Selfors Reporting. 2019 SW District Site is not in the bag yet. 2020 WC District is looking into Sedalia again. Sedalia was very accomidating and they gave promotion money back to us. Still in the works. New Chairman for 2018 – John & Bev Stuart.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. In 2017, 1,379 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation; 328 dancers are insured through other federations; for a total of 1,707 Missouri dancers. (56 Missouri Clubs)

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form, even if your class started in 2017. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once your new dancers graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium and the club submits an additional enrollment form. The 2018 premium is \$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.

**39 clubs will receive the \$35.00 club reimbursement. Their 2018 club State dues were paid by their district to the State Treasurer, and were received by the Insurance Chairman by the November 1, 2017 deadline. There were 10 clubs that did not make the deadline.**

For 2018, 41 clubs insured through Missouri 1122 dancers. 8 clubs insured through other federation 333 dancers. 2018 Total Missouri clubs is 49 with 1455 Dancers.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of October 22, 2017, is \$140.78; total income of \$5,306.25 and expenses of \$5,129.50 leaves us an ending balance on December 2, 2017, of \$317.53

**Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. As of December 1, 2017, the total number of dangles given out for Missouri was 455

Central	398	Southeast	351
St. Louis	352	Northwest	362
West Central	373	Southwest	402
Northeast	383		

The grand total for all districts is 3,076 (since the program began)

Financial Report: We have 276 members and 0 Non-paying member. Income since last meeting is \$72.00 and expenses of \$48.00 (turned over to Treasurer, leaving a balance of \$52.93.

**Blue Bird Coordinator:** Connie and Kenny Hobbs (Absent). Carol Morris reporting. Chairman is working with a new shop in Branson that will open soon. They seem to be interested in our needs. No price quotes at this time, but indicated their work would be reasonable.

Contact with lady providing blue birds for National dress indicated she is unable to make a larger size that we use.

Springfield contact: Wise Guy Shop can produce 6 emblems on a sheet for \$8, we provide the fabric. Approx. cost of \$1.34 each (10 emblems=\$13.40, or 8 emblems=\$10.72). The current blue bird dress uses 8 or 10, your choice, and 1 for a man's shirt.

Upwards Promotions, silk screen, 4 on a sheet, we provide fabric. Approx. cost is \$172 for 125 emblems = \$1.10 ea = \$11.00 for 10 and \$8.80 for 8, add 1 for man's shirt. Set up fees have not been determined as of this time.

Regarding price of fabric varies, using 40% coupon at Hobby Lobby is beneficial. Yardage for the skirt is 3 yds. @ \$3/yd = \$9. Braid for the skirt is \$11.00. My calculations, Approx. cost of skirt with above prices would be about \$34 + tax. Ribbon trim is extra.

This does not include fabric needed to print the above-mentioned emblems. Keep in mind this info is reported by a non-seamstress.

It was stated that the Chairman needs to come back with her recommendation, then we can vote on it.

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Please remind your clubs, winter is coming. If you have any cancellations, please get them to me. Texts will get them listed quickest. Remind members to look on the web for cancellations.

I have received more club schedules than in the past. That makes my work easier. If you want to check to see if any of the clubs in your district have not sent in their annual schedules, just go online, click on the map in your district, click on a club's name, and click on 2018 dances. If there are no 2018 dances there, that club has not sent them to me. Remind your clubs that if they see anything wrong with their listing, to let me know. These updates and corrections are not an interruption. I appreciate getting them.

The Missouri Federation website had about 900 hits in November and has had over 12,000 so far, this year. The Missouri Festival webpage had about 200 hits last month.

There have been a large number of possible problematic E-Mails being sent recently. A number of them appear to have come from me. If you receive an E-Mail with, usually one line, and a website address, I didn't send it. Delete them.

**Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

**License Plate:** Sharon White. (Absent) No report.

**USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting. The \$1,000 youth scholarship deadline is February 1. Check out the website [www.usda.org/youth.htm](http://www.usda.org/youth.htm) for more information.

**ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. No Report.

**District Presidents' Report:** Liz Rooks reporting. All 7 districts were represented.

Jim Weber distributed paper work and instructions for completing insurance rosters. Rosters are needed by January 20.

Edythe Weber reminded us that district ads go to Dave Shafer along with the money. **District presidents are welcome to have an article at the beginning of their district section.** USDA Youth Scholarship application deadline is February 1. High School seniors and college freshman who are square dancers are eligible to apply.

Rosa Davis left a report of all of the districts showing if the clubs in the districts had paid their dues either before or after November 1. Those clubs not paying their dues by November 1 are not eligible for the \$35 rebate. The report also reflected when the clubs were formed, their levels of longevity and how old they are.

District Reports: SE – Puxico has been conducting lessons with Bob Turner as leader. District Dance is Feb 8 at Fredericktown. SW – One club is having lessons. Doin's Dance is Feb 11 at Northview Center in Springfield 2-4pm. Wear your bluebird outfit if you have one. NE – 4 clubs are working with new dancers. District Dance is April 21 at Moberly. St. Louis – February 11 is Sweetheart Dance at Kirkwood Center 2-5 pm. NW – District Dance is July 28. Working on a club visitation program within the district. Central – Travelers are having lessons. District Dance is April 28 in Eldon. WC – District Dance is December 8 in Chillicothe.

**Youth and Children's Dance:** Sharon & Larry Crisel reporting. Sharon presented a program at the 2017 MOAHPERD convention that was held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. The title of their program was "Jazz up Your Fitness with Square Dancing." It was set for November 10 from 4:15 – 5:15pm (which was not a good time) in room Marbella B & C. Gene Wilson (Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame 2017) did the program along with Larry & Sharon Crisel, Dave Shafer, George & Cleva Roth, Martha Wilson and 6 participants. Gene did an excellent job with jazzy songs; new ideas were introduced to teachers. Curriculum guides along with DVD's and information about the Taminations were given to participants. Dave brought Ray Wiles, a caller from MI, who was impressed we did this.

Flyers on the Youth Rebate for the 67<sup>th</sup> Nationals will be in the Doin's and on the Web.

**Missouri Federation Scholarship:** Robert Turner reporting. If you know Seniors in High School, let them know about this scholarship. Due March 1.

**2017 State Festival:** Ray & Vicki Wittman. Attendance this year was 409 which includes 50 non-paying (callers/cuers/past presidents). We had a profit of \$7,703.41, less our districts 10% of \$770.34 = \$6,933.07. I sent Rosa this amount. I sent Jim Weber a check for \$60 for ARTS. On Oct 20 & 21, we took in approx. \$4,000 in registrations out of the total of \$9,152. The \$2,500 start up expense had been mailed to Rosa before the \$7,703.41 net profit was figured. Full report is filed with secretary minutes.

Jim Weber stated according to our Bylaws, the full profit amount should be given to the state treasurer, then a check will be issued to the district for their 10%.

### **Old Business:**

**National Convention:** Carl and Cindy Boone (Absent). Dave Shafer reporting. We have a 5 STAR JAZZ BAND scheduled to perform. Some dancers that registered with the short form have not completed the long forms yet. We need people to help with the "Parade of States", among other areas. 1765 are registered, out of that only 346 are from Missouri. We need lots of help with the Sew and Save, the Chairman quit. We need donations for raffle items for the room. You don't need to know how to sew to volunteer for this.

**2018 State Festival:** Larry & Sharon Crisel reporting. For the 2018 State Festival, the Theme is “Bling into Swing in 2018”. 55 have registered. Approx 90 shirts have sold. We have several callers/cuers signed up. Paperwork is on the website. Packets will be out by April. We met with the Mayor of Lebanon to negotiate the rent on the Cowan Center. A letter from the Mayor about the meeting was read to the Missouri Federation and is on file. \$500 down payment has been made for the Cowan Center. Working with Chamber of Commerce and tourism board. Hotels have been contacted and will get with them after 1<sup>st</sup> of year. Reviewing previous conventions final reports.

**Ron Selfors** – White Paper: Committee met at 10 a.m. this morning. We need more reps on the team (callers, youth, etc...). Meetings will be just before state meeting and through emails. Proposal to offer a \$50 rebate for dancers that go through the Leadership Certification Program at the Nationals. Get Education into the Doin’s. Educate at Missouri Federation meetings. Re-look at meeting agenda, maybe give Host District a slot to tell problems and/or successes.

### **New Business**

**Dan Reedy:** Released Committees from 2017. Thank you to all. Installation of new officers.

**Ron Selfors:** Introduced the proposal for the Federation to offer a \$50 rebate for dancers who go through the Leadership Certificate Program at the National Convention. After some discussion, Madeline Hall moved that the Missouri Federation offer a \$50 rebate to any Missouri dancer that participates in the Leadership Certificate Program and receives a certificate at the 2018 National Convention, with a \$2,000 limit in rebates. Motion was seconded, with 15 yeses and 2 noes, motion carried.

**Jim Weber:** Caller School is free at the 2018 National Convention for those dancers or callers that would like to attend the class. I would like to see us reimburse the registration fee for all those that attend the caller school. After some discussion, Jim Weber moved that Missouri Federation reimburse any Missouri square dancer, caller or cuer their 67<sup>th</sup> National Convention Registration fee, up to \$50, if they attend the Caller or Cuer school at the convention. Motion seconded and carried. Dan Wheeler commented that it needs to be a rebate just like the youth reimbursement is.

**Micky Lee:** Moved the Missouri Federation pay someone to sound the halls at the State Festivals. Motion was seconded. We discussed how that needs to be part of the Standing Rules under Article XI State Festival Committee, so we will have the committee discuss it at the next meeting. Micky Lee withdrew his motion.

**Rosa Davis:** Recommends we accept the 2018 Proposed Budget and not renew the CD that comes due in February. Recommendation carried.

**George Roth:** Moved to change the **Standing Rules Article VIII Section 6**

#### **Current:**

“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 will be made at the August federation meeting.”

#### **Change to:**

“The selection committee chairman shall make copies of the nominations received by **July 15<sup>th</sup>** and mail them to the committee for consideration. The selection will be made at the August federation meeting.”

Motion was seconded and carried.

**Beverly Stuart:** Thanked everyone for the cards, calls, texts and prayers for John.

### **Calendar of Events**

- February 8 – SE District Dance in Fredericktown.
- February 11 – Doin's Dance at Northeast Center in Springfield – 2-4 p.m. Wear your Bluebird Dress if possible.
- February 11, 2018 – St Louis District Dance - Sweetheart Dance at Kirkwood Community Center in Kirkwood MO – 2-5 p.m. Re-Sale Shop. Caller: John Stuart. Cuers: Bob & Gerry Tevlin

President Ron Selfors thanked the Central District and Ozark Whirlers for hosting the Saturday night dance and state meeting.

The next state board meeting will be February 18 in Kansas City, Mo. The NW District will host.

President Ron Selfors adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary