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

Minutes of February 18, 2018

President Ron Selfors called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. at Graceway Church in Kansas City, Mo.

Invocation: Fred Goucher

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. (5 Executive Board / 13 District Directors / 9 Staff & Past Presidents)

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

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis was absent, but sent her report. President Selfors reported a beginning checking balance as of November 30, 2017 of \$12,014.26. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$2,444.20 and Expenses of \$2,018.42. The ending checking account balance as of January 31, 2018 is \$12,440.04. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,195.57 for Total Funds on hand of \$62,635.61. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis was absent, but sent her report. President Selfors reported we have 49 clubs that have paid their 2018 dues; 38 clubs were paid the insurance rebate. Lotawana Sailors (NW District) were awarded a longevity award for 45 years. Jefferson County Squares (St Louis District) were awarded a longevity award for 35 years.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Get well soon cards were passed around for Jim Marron and Jan Anslinger.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Position Open. No report.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. In an effort to increase subscriptions, the Committee recommends a \$3 discount per subscriber for their subscription when they pay it to their club and the club in turn has 100% participation, and pays it to the Circulation Manager all with one check. Vote will be taken under new business.

36 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. We were able to obtain info and start tracking the
37 magazines that we are mailing. We are hoping to find some common thread that is causing our
38 problems. We are truly trying to figure this problem out. Please continue to let us know if you
39 don't get your magazine.

40 The next deadline is March 25 for the May/June issue. Sending early is always greatly
41 appreciated.

42 There is a form for requesting free copies for your graduating students. The form can be found
43 online or by requesting it from us. Please request the books for your graduates to make them
44 aware of the magazine.

45 Please read the March/April issue cover to cover and share with dancers who may not be
46 subscribers. There is a lot of information about the 67th NSDC that we hope will spark your
47 attention and get you excited about attending.

48 Again, the forms for sending items for the Doin's are available and interactive on the web at
49 www.squaredancemissouri.com or you can request we send them to you electronically.

50 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S since last meeting
51 were 304, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 319.

52 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$375.00 (from
53 subscriptions). Expense of postage amounted to \$38.88. A check for \$336.12 was given to the
54 Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

55 **DOIN'S Advertising:** Dave Shafer. The balance brought forward on December 3, 2017 was
56 \$93.35. (Forgot to put a deposit in) Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory
57 Listings) was \$606.00 and total expenses (postage) was \$6.70. A check for \$592.65 was given
58 to the Federation. The ending balance on February 18, 2018, is \$100.

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60 **Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. We only had 5 "Toot Your Horn"
61 applications turned in and received the award. MoKan Squares, Puxico County Squares,
62 Tanglefoot Squares, Beaux & Belles and Silver Dollars. Congratulations to these clubs!

63 **State Festival Site Screening:** Jack Rockaway reporting. Jack said they had received a
64 proposal from the SW District for the 2019 State Festival site being located at Oasis in
65 Springfield. The committee wasn't sure it would be approved and asked the SW District to come
66 up and explain their figures when it was time to vote under new business.

67 **Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. In 2018 so far, 1,183 dancers are insured
68 through Missouri Federation; 335 dancers are insured through other federations; for a total of
69 1,518 Missouri dancers. (49 Missouri Clubs)

70 Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form, even if your class
71 started in 2017. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once your new dancers
72 graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium and
73 the club submits an additional enrollment form. The 2018 premium is \$4.75 per dancer.

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

76 Financial Report: Beginning balance as of December 3, 2017, is \$317.53; total income of
77 \$256.50 and expenses of \$204.60 leaves us an ending balance on February 17, 2018, of
78 \$369.43

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80 **Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron, absent. No report

81 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Madeline & Merle Hall. Absent. No Report

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83 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. A little book keeping. I am not saying this to be rude, but
84 some of you are not as familiar with internet protocol as others. If the web address you plan to
85 open has an “@” in it, it is not a web address, it is an E-Mail address. If it doesn’t have an “@”
86 in it, it is not an E-Mail address. You can’t send E-Mail to a web address, and you can’t open an
87 E-Mail address outside of your E-Mail program. That is the reason I suggest that, even though
88 it isn’t necessary to open the web page, that you include the “www” at the beginning of web
89 addresses when you put them in print, because, if it has the “www”, it’s a web address, not an
90 E-Mail address. Also, word processors handle anything starting with “www” different from other
91 text. **So, in short: With the “@”, E-Mail address. Without the “@”, web address. With**
92 **“www”, always a web address**

93 Federation Meetings: Within an hour or so after Penny sends out the information about our
94 meetings, it appears on our Website under the “Federation Information” button. When, like this
95 meeting, something changes, within a few hours, the latest information appears on our website.
96 It is a good idea to check the website before you leave home to be sure nothing has changed.

97 I have been receiving district handbooks. I currently have:

98 2018 Handbooks for: Northwest District, Westcentral District, Southwest District, St. Louis
99 District Schedule Book

100 2017 Handbooks for: Northeast District, Southeast District

101 2015 Handbooks for: Central District

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103 Some things that need to be in the handbooks and most of you include: District officers;
104 District club information; Officers; where & when you dance; dance schedules;
105 Constitutions & bylaws, etc.

106 I would like to also see: A revision date, preferably on the front cover;
107 District website, preferably on the front cover; and club website address with club listing.

108 If you don’t know any of the website information, it is all listed either at the top of or bottom of
109 the respective web pages, or just ask me. It is NOT the information that appears in the address
110 line of your browser when you open the pages. I recently exchanged E-Mail with a club person
111 who didn’t know how to send information to the website, and the Doin’s. Please remind your
112 clubs that the Federation website and the club web pages have an “Update Information” or
113 “Website Update” button. If they use the forms on those pages, the information will go to the
114 correct place. Often people will send chatter to both Eydthe and me, but recently, someone
115 sent it only to me. This has happened in the past, and I just forward it to Eydthe. But this time I
116 didn’t notice that it was sent only to me. If you clubs will use the forms, information will
117 automatically go to the correct person.

118 Our website is receiving about 1,000 hits per month. As of this morning, we have had 581 hits
119 in February, and 1765 for 2018. The 2018 State Festival has had 84 hits in February, and 208
120 for 2018.

121 I have been receiving requests for dance lessons. Please let me know if, when, & where your
122 club is having lessons. The Federation website has a place for people to click if they want
123 square dance information. The page that opens lets people click on the part of the state they
124 are interested in. When then click on the part, a list of the lessons I know about opens. There
125 is also a place to click to ask for more information. If they click on the E-Mail link and request
126 information, the E-Mail goes to the Federation President and me. The HOA website is set up
127 the same way. Most of the requests I have received recently have been from the Kansas City
128 area, but in the past I have received them from other parts of the state. I usually forward the
129 request to local people if the request is from outside my area. But, when I know about lessons
130 in the area of the request, I send that information.

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

132 **License Plate:** Sharon White. There has been no activity since October 22, 2017. As of
133 February 18, 2018, there is still a balance of \$65.00 in the account.

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135 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting. We attended the winter meeting of the USDA January 26-28 in
136 Vancouver, Washington. While there we also attended the Oregon Winter Festival Albany,
137 Oregon.

138 The winter meeting is a 2-day discussion of USDA business and getting ready for the Annual
139 meeting in June during the Nationals. The meeting in June will be Wednesday, June 27, Room
140 2215. These are open meetings, so anyone can attend. They are very interesting. Since we are
141 nominating Dan Reedy for Plains Region Vice President, it would be nice to have support for
142 Dan present. There is another nominee for this position, the first time we have actually had two
143 candidates for one office in quite a while.

144 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. The next meeting is July 1, 2018 following the Nationals.
145 Everyone is invited to attend.

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147 **District Presidents' Report:** Fred Goucher reporting. Had a good meeting.

148 Each district talked about their lessons. NE graduated 17 new dancers! It's important to
149 welcome new dancers when they visit your club.

150 Edythe Weber visited and said they need more help for the 2018 Nationals.

151 We talked about the Rebates the Missouri Federation is offering to Youth Dancers, anyone
152 going through the Leadership Program and any Caller or Cuer that attends the caller school or
153 cuer school at the 2018 Nationals.

154 August State Meeting will be held the 19th in Eldon.

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156 **Youth and Children's Dance:** Sharon & Larry Crisel, absent. No Report.

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158 **Missouri Federation Scholarship:** Robert Turner, absent. Carol Morris reported the
159 applications are Due March 1. Have received no applications to date.

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161 **2018 State Festival:** Larry & Sharon Crisel, absent. Dan Reedy reported most forms are on the
162 website. Packets will be distributed at April meeting. Only 63 registered so far. Around 15

163 caller/cuers have sent in their paperwork. Please encourage callers/cuers in your district to get
164 this done. Hampton Inn is the host hotel. The gave us comp rooms for our caller and cuer so we
165 encourage you to support them by staying there. Their price stayed the same as last year. Still
166 waiting on a couple other hotels and campground to confirm pricing. Please register so we have
167 money to pay our bills! Thank you!

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169 **Unfinished Business:**

170 **National Convention:** Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Everything is looking great! Price
171 increases on May 1 (from \$60 up to \$70). Great slate of callers. 2,068 are registered as of
172 today, out of that only 364 are from Missouri. Please, please encourage your members to get
173 registered. We have \$10 & \$14 dinner plates (which is a very good price). Everyone is working
174 very hard to make sure this is the best Nationals yet! There will be a flyer in the Doin's to
175 promote the Buckle & Bolo. We are on the home stretch.

176 **Mickey Lee:** asked about paying for sound at the State Festivals. (This was tabled from last
177 meeting).

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

182 We still don't have a Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson, so this has not been addressed yet.
183 Was tabled until we can get a Chair.

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185 **New Business**

186 **Ron Selfors:** Presented Past President, Dan Reedy, with a plaque and gavel for a job well
187 done for his outstanding leadership as 2017 MFSRDC President.

188 **Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Dan Reedy:** Wanted to take volunteers and nominations
189 from the floor for the 2018 Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Selection Committee. After discussion,
190 Penny will make ballots for voting at the April meeting.

191 **2019 State Festival: Carol Morris:** (Loretta and Catherine – Co-Chairman) would like
192 permission from the Federation for the SW District to use Oasis in Springfield, Missouri for the
193 site of the 2019 Missouri Federation's 60th Anniversary Festival. There has been \$2,000
194 pledged to the Festival if we hold it at the Oasis. We have new ideas for a fun dance. The main
195 cost is flooring, the whole place is carpeted. Estimated income would be \$11,575 (omitting the
196 banquet). Expenses based on the 2017 Festival would be \$14,608. We plan for a greater
197 Program Book, better Raffle items, etc... SW District appeals to you to let us have it at the
198 Oasis in Springfield. After much discussion, Jim Weber moved to table the vote until we find out
199 what the liability is for the Federation. Bev Stuart seconded. After much more discussion about
200 them needing an answer today, but not having the information on how much the deposit is,
201 when the papers had to be signed with the Oasis and what the cancellation policy is, Jim Weber
202 moved to withdraw his motion and Bev Stuart withdrew her second. After much more discussion
203 on the pros and cons of holding the festival at the Oasis, Jim Weber moved to approve Oasis for
204 the 2019 site for the State Festival. Motion was seconded and a vote was taken by secret ballot.
205 Results – 14 yes & 12 no, motion carried.

206 **Carol Morris**, on behalf of the SW District, moved that the seed money of \$2,500 for the 2019
207 Festival be given to the SW District this month instead of waiting until next month. Motion was
208 seconded and carried.

209 **Carol Morris**: Doin's Committee recommends the Federation allows a \$3 savings per
210 subscriber, who belongs to a club that has 100% participation. Recommendation carried.

211 **Jim Weber**: Announced at the winter meeting of the USDA, they did vote to go forward with the
212 501c3 group exemptions. They have paid the \$3,000. If Missouri Federation still wants on
213 board, we are good to move forward with this.

214 **John Stuart**: Thanked everyone for the cards, calls, texts and prayers. They are appreciated.

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Calendar of Events

- 218 • March 10 – Kountry Kuzins Taco Night– Caller Larry Crady – O'Reilly-Tefft Gym in
219 Springfield – 7:30-10
- 220 • March 17 – Tanglefoot Squares Western Roundup & Hog Roast – Callers Kenny Bailey
221 & Leroy Conrad – Elementary School Gym in Brookfield – Dinner-6:30/Dance-7:30-10.
- 222 • March 17 – Crosstrailers, BBQ Dinner & Pot O' Gold Dance – Caller Stan Brooke –
223 Graceway Church Fellowship Hall – Dinner-5pm/Rounds-7pm/Dance-7:30-10.
- 224 • March 24 – Travelers – 2nd Annual Memorial to Dee Shafer Dance – Caller TBA – St.
225 Robert Municipal Center in St. Robert – 7-9:30.
- 226 • April 21 – NE District Dance – District Callers & Cuers – Moberly Municipal Auditorium in
227 Moberly – 7-10.

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229 President Ron Selfors thanked the NW District and Crosstrailers for hosting the Saturday night
230 dance and state meeting.

231 The next state board meeting will be April 22 in Moberly, Mo. The NE District will host.

232 A motion was made by Jack Rockaway to adjourn, was seconded and carried.

233 Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

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235 Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary