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

Minutes of April 22, 2018

President Ron Selfors called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. at Moberly Area Tech Center in Moberly, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Ron opened the meeting apologizing for not knowing about Jan Anslingers passing, talked about what she and Larry has meant to the Square Dancing Community over the years and asked that we have a moment of silence in remembrance of Jan. Ron then asked if we can try to do a better job of getting the word out in the future, about members' passing.

Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Executive Board / 11 District Directors / 9 Staff & Past Presidents) Guests: Ruth Ann Reynolds and Roslie Mogerman.

Approval of Minutes: President Selfors asked for corrections or additions to the February minutes. Edythe 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 January 1, 2018 of \$12,599.51. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,049.49 and Expenses of \$6,276.75. The ending checking account balance as of March 31, 2018 is \$7,372.25. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,266.25 for Total Funds on hand of \$57,638.50. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 49 clubs that have paid their 2018 dues. And 4 longevity awards have already been handed out this year.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Get well soon card was passed around for Carl Boone. Sympathy cards were passed around for Larry Anslinger and Betty Schalk. A Thank You card was received from Larry Anslinger for the Memorial the Federation sent in Jan's name.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Ron reported the position was still open. Bob Turner stated, in the past one of the Vice Presidents had held the position so they could be familiar with the Constitution and Bylaws by the time they are President. 3rd V. Presidents, Merle & Madeline Hall accepted the position and will work on Standing Rules, Article XI, Section 13, sounding the halls for the Missouri Federation Festival each year.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. The committee would like to rescind their recommendation from last meeting about subscribers saving \$3 on subscriptions if their club has 100% member participation. There is too much confusion on how to implement this. Vote will be done under new business. The committee is working on an electronic version of the publication.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. We will be very busy with final plans and preparations for the National Square Dance Convention®. We will NOT have time to email or call to ask about articles, so please make every attempt to get these sent in. We will double check that callers don't conflict with what you have on your schedule.

The next deadline is May 25 for the July/August issue. Sending early is always greatly appreciated.

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

DOIN'S Circulation: Jim Weber was absent, so Edythe Weber was reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S since last meeting were 300, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 315.

We received 70 renewals, 4 new subscriptions and 5 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 36 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the May/June issue. 17 did not renew after receiving reminder post cards.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$1,290.00 (from subscriptions & callers). Expense of postage and supplies amounted to \$52.39. A check for \$1,237.61 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer Reporting. The balance brought forward on February 18, 2018 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$561.00 and total expenses (postage & a refund for overpayment) was \$66.70. A check for \$494.30 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on April 22, 2018, is \$100.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway reporting. No Report.

State Festival Site Screening: No one is sure who is in charge right now. No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. In 2018 we have 1,219 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 335 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,554 Missouri dancers. (49 Missouri Clubs)

New Certificate Form is on the Missouri web site under insurance. Please use this new form when requesting a new certificate form. The insurance company won't accept the old form.

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.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of February 18, 2018, is \$369.43; total income of \$235.25 and expenses of \$235.25 leaves us an ending balance on April 21, 2018, of \$369.43

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of April 20, 2018 the total members are 240 and 1 non-paying member. The total number of dangles given out for Missouri was 455.

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

The grand total for all districts is 3076.

Financial Report: Total balance carried over from 2017 is \$52.93. There has been no income and no expenses so far in 2018. Total balance on hand as of April 20, 2018 is \$52.93.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting. She talked to Connie Hobbs and she has ordered some blue birds. Madeline has checked around for some blue birds, she reported Connie got a very, very good deal on the ones she ordered. Connie is sending a box of stuff with Carol Morris to give to Madeline.

Carol Morris giving Connie's last report. Balance on hand October 22, 2017 was \$197.81. There has been no income. Expenses of 109 yds of braid \$73.95, 104 blue birds for \$150.00 and 3 yds of fabric for \$9.71 leaves a negative balance of (\$35.85). Connie is donating \$35.85 so the balance on hand as of April 22, 2018 is \$0.00.

Carol would like for us to reimburse Connie the \$35.85. We'll vote during new business.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. I have gone through all the forms that I found on the Missouri Federation website and converted them so that they can be either filled out on your computer and printed or printed and filled out with a pen. If, when you open the forms, you choose the option to download them before you fill them out, you can save a copy of the completed form on your computer for future reference. If the form is to be sent to someone, and there is no money involved, you can send the saved form as an attachment to an E-Mail to whoever should receive it.

I recently got an E-Mail from Edythe with update information that had the line in it "I'm not sure how to get this on www.SquareDanceMissouri.com". I thought that I had made this very clear. Please mention it in your district meetings again. Almost all federation web pages have the button on the lower left that says "Update Information" or "Website Update". When you click on that, there are forms that you can fill out that will prompt you to send information appropriate to your request. Information sent on one of those forms will usually also go to Edythe, so you can get to both of us with one E-Mail. If you don't want to fill out one of those, just click on "webmaster". The page that opens has an E-mail form plus my phone number, text number, and mailing address. I will

take information in any of those forms. However, I don't bother Edythe with all the E-Mail sent to Webmaster.

I have recently learned an easy way to make schedules easy to read on a Smart cell phone. If I get the schedules in time, I plan to make those available for this year's State Festival.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

License Plate: Sharon White. Absent. No Report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The meeting in June will be Wednesday, June 27. These are open meetings, so anyone can attend. They are very interesting. Since we nominated Dan Reedy for Plains Region Vice President, it would be nice to have support for Dan present. There is another nominee for this position, the first time we have actually had two candidates for one office in quite a while.

USDA is pushing forward with the Group 501c3 Exemption program. They have paid the \$3,000 to get IRS approval. They have five state federations that have submitted their paperwork.

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

District Presidents' Report: Matt Auriene reporting. We talked about how we can attract and retain new members. Ideas: printable and electronic media and exhibitions.

We also talked about the organization losing clubs and members. Money could be saved by using Missouri callers for the festivals instead of National Callers; Reduce the number of Districts; Reduce the size of the facilities.

Youth and Children's Dance: Sharon & Larry Crisel reporting. No Report.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert Turner reporting. We had 3 applications. They have selected a winner. Letters will go out next Tuesday, April 24th.

2018 State Festival: Larry & Sharon Crisel reporting. District Presidents have received packets; we need people to register, we have about 85 registered; Host Hotel will be Hampton. They have donated the 2 rooms for the featured caller and cuers; Campgrounds do group rates; All Chairmen are already set up; We are raffling a quilt and a stay at Stone Castle Hotel in Branson; we are working on the callers breakfast or lunch (we are not sure which meal it will be yet).

Unfinished Business:

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone absent. Edythe Weber reporting. Everything is looking great! Price increases on May 1 (from \$60 up to \$70). 2,524 are registered as of today, out of that only 445 are from Missouri (that's only 28% of Missouri dancers). Please, please

encourage your members to get registered. They still need help with tours, sew & save, ways & means, registration, hospitality, exhibition hall, etc. Encourage your clubs to volunteer for an hour or two, in some way, if they can. The App will be available June 20. Jim Marron agreed to be in charge of the "Showcase of Ideas"

Ron Selfors presented a proposal he, Tony Ahart and Micky Lee put together for the Standing Rules Article XI Section 13:

"Sounding the Festival Halls. The Festival Committee will select one or more vendors to sound the festival halls. The vendor(s) will provide speakers, amps and mic, phono and laptop interfaces. Vendor(s) are responsible for furnishing equipment in proper working order and are responsible for repair of their equipment. The vendor(s) will have back up equipment available on-site. The Federation will allow the committee to spend up to \$75 per hall for up to three halls. Each vendor who is not a festival caller/cuer will also get two tickets to the festival.

This section will become effective with the 2018 Festival."

After much discussion about changing "vendors" to "Caller/Cuer Association", whether our insurance covered just dancers and visitors or if it included equipment also, etc, Liz moved to table this discussion until it can be re-looked at and changed. Motion was seconded and carried.

2019 State Festival: Catherine McLemore reporting. They have secured Oasis in Springfield. Colors are Carolina Blue/Silver. T-Shirt design is done. Theme "Diamond Jubilee" since this is the 60th anniversary of the Missouri Festival.

New Business

Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Dan Reedy: 2018 Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame secret ballots were voted. Results: Dave Shafer, Carol Morris, Liz Rooks and Terry & Annette Thornhill were voted in.

Carol Morris, Doin's Committee rescinds their recommendation at the last meeting about the 100% club participation. Implementing the changes are very challenging. Recommendation carried.

Carol Morris: Suggested we reimburse our former Blue Birds chair \$35.85 (a portion paid for blue birds she ordered). Fred Goucher moved we reimburse Connie Hobbs the money. Motion was seconded and carried.

Ron Selfors announced we needed 5 volunteers (4 votes & an alternate) to be our USDA Delegates at their meeting in June at the National Convention. Voting members will be: Dan Reedy, Fred & Carolyn Goucher, George & Cleva Roth & Darrell & Catherine McLemore. Alternate: Loretta Compton. Penny will send the necessary paper work to the USDA Secretary.

Dan Reedy: Caller/Cuer Longevity Awards. Callers: 25 year to Kenton Sullivan & Doug Mallory; 35 year to Kenny Bailey; 45 year to Bill Cochran.

Calendar of Events

- May 4-5 St. Louis Jamboree at Kirkwood Community Center. Its their 70th Jamboree. Caller Don Moger
- May 19 SW District at The MARC in Mt. Vernon with District callers from 1-10:30pm
- June 2 Western Twirlers in Joplin with caller Bob Loyd from 7-9:30pm. 50's Dance
- July 20-22 Beaux & Belles Macon Campout. Theme: World Travelers
- July 21 Square Dance Center, Joplin – “A Tribute to George Strait” 1st Tip at 7:00pm – Johny Eubanks and Jay Wright
- July 28 NW District Dance
- Sept 8 SE District Festival

The next state board meeting will be June 3 in Joplin, Mo. The SW District will host.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary