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

Minutes of February 24, 2019

President Bev Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the N. Kansas City Hospital, Prairie View Conference Room in N. Kansas City, Missouri.

**Invocation:** Dave Byers

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**Roll Call:** Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board / 10 District Directors / 7 Staff & Past Presidents) Guests: Lisa Corbitt, SW District; NW District helpers with the luncheon: Stan Brooke, Louise Coleman and Carolyn Morrison.

President Bev Stuart thanked the hosts, NW District and all their clubs for coming up with an area dance so quickly after an unfortunate situation happened that cancelled the dance they had planned and for a great luncheon.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Stuart asked for corrections or additions to the December minutes. Jack Rockaway moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Rosa Davis's absence, Penny read her report from an email she sent. Penny reported a beginning checking balance as of November 30, 2018 of \$3,532.89. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$12,030.60 and Expenses of \$4,004.64. The ending checking account balance as of January 31, 2019 is \$11,558.85. Academy Bank Money Market balance \$10,227.58. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,303.86 for Total Funds on hand of \$62,090.29. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

We have one CD that will mature in April. I plan to cash that one and invest in one for 24 months. I plan to keep funds in the Money Market Fund until I hear whether we have a balance to pay for the 67<sup>th</sup> NSDC.

**Membership and Club Longevity:** Penny continued reading Rosa Davis's report. The Live Wires club in the NW District has been added to the Roster. There are now 46 clubs in the Federation.

There are no badges to be awarded at this meeting.

**Correspondence:** Penny Byers reporting. No Report.

**Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers reporting. Met with committee this morning. Getting back positive feedback, but more negative feedback. So, we are going to put that aside, b/c we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings or be the reason someone stops square dancing. We are going to put together a letter to send out to clubs who are not members of the Missouri Federation and list the benefits we have to offer as to why they should become members. We are also going to put together a letter for all existing clubs that ARE a member of the Missouri Federation asking what can the Missouri Federation do to help them and let them know what we have now that can help them with. We are also going to have a Missouri Federation visitation to Live Wires March 1<sup>st</sup>, to welcome them into the Federation.

Feedback – We hate to see us give up the initiative on re-districting the districts.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Merle Hall reporting. I will be staying on the committee, but we have a new Chairperson, Fred & Carolyn Goucher. We have nothing to report at this meeting.

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

**DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting.

We had 4 clubs miss the deadline for this last magazine. Please watch the deadline. If you DO NOT get a reply within a few days, contact me. We inserted the Caller/Cuer Profile page in the March/April issue to help out the SW District in getting callers to sign up for the State Festival. Dave Shafer is working on several size versions of some of the state program ads. Jim continues to work with Ruth Ann, training her on the circulation manager job. Give her time to get comfortable in her new role.

**DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions 314, 2 exchange copies and 17 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 333. Electronic Doin's emailed 39.

We received 71 renewals, 29 new subscriptions and 41 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 37 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the March/April issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$1,110.00. Expense of postage and supplies amounted to -\$19.55. A check for \$1,129.55 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

**DOIN'S Advertising:** Dave Shafer Reporting. The balance brought forward on December 9, 2018 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$490.00 and total expenses (postage) was \$7.35. A check for \$482.65 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on February 17, 2019, is \$100.00

**Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. The following clubs have earned the "Toot Your Horn Awards": Crosstrailers, Ramblers, Beaux & Bells, Capital City Squares, Kountry Kuzins, Ozark Whirlers, Silver Dollars. Grants to: Savannah Sashayers for \$200.00 and Crosstrailers for \$360.00 to help out with their lessons.

**State Festival Site Screening:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. No Report.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. As of February 17, 2019, we have 1,142 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 292 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,434 Missouri dancers. (46 Missouri Clubs).

The USDA Insurance Program has moved to the electronic age. Markel/Bollinger Insurance company has created an online portal for clubs to sign in and complete your insurance forms. Letters was mailed to each club insuring through Missouri Federation, the letter contained information and instruction on how to use the new USDA Insurance internet portal <http://usda.rpsbollinger.com/#/> This info was also given to the district presidents today.

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. If your class continues in 2019 you **MUST** resubmit your club lesson form for 2019.

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 December 9, 2018, is \$255.04; total income of \$427.50 and expenses of \$433.06 leaves us an ending balance on February 16, 2019, of \$249.48.

**Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron. Absent. Dan Wheeler submitted the report. 240 total members. 3115 total danglers per all districts handed out as of February 15, 2019.

Financial Statement: Monies carried over from 2018 is **(\$5.32)**. No income for 2019 and no expenses for 2019. Leaving us a balance of **(\$5.32)**

**Blue Bird Coordinator:** Madeline Hall reporting. No Report.

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. The revised Missouri Federation constitution dated December 9, 2018 is posted on the Missouri Federation website. I have directories for all districts except for Central District. There has been some confusion about filling out forms online. You can type on these forms, save them to your computer, then email them out. I have started adding an instruction link under the link to the forms that tells the four ways that you can use these forms. You can print and fill them out with pen, if you prefer. All E-Mail forms that could be sent to anyone besides me, have been removed from the website. All forms sent to me still work. In their place you will now see a page with the E-Mail address of the person the form would have gone to, and a list of the things you should include in the E-Mail you send.

I have just finished a project of major facelifts on the club websites. All Missouri Federation member clubs' websites have been redesigned. I hope you like them. Please look at them. If you see something you would like changed or added, let me know.

The new insurance forms are on the website. When you have questions, please ask Jim Weber

**Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting. I have added a history page for 2018 to the Missouri Federation website. You can find it by clicking on the "History" button, and on the directory that opens, click on Missouri Federation.

Many clubs have sent me their club history, and I have added it to their club website, and the Federation website. A lot of those are getting out of date, and some clubs have not sent them. If you would like your club history to be current, please send it to me.

**License Plate:** Sharon White. Absent. Carol Morris reported there was one renewal. Sharon will send books to Audit Committee when the committee has been set.

**USDA:** (United Square Dancers of America) Edythe Weber reporting. Jim & Edythe Weber and Dan Reedy attended the January winter meeting in Pennsylvania. The \$2,000 check to IRS was sent and received with the Group Exemption application. Youth Committee & Chairman, Dan Reedy, are planning for Atlanta. It was decided not to host an after party any more. The Pizza Party went well in KC. Dan is contacting the youth chair in Atlanta to see what USDA needs to do to make that happen again. Jim said they've received 3 scholarship applications. Next meeting is June 26, 2019 in Atlanta during the Nationals.

**ARTS:** (Alliance of Rounds, Traditional & Square Dance) Edythe Weber reporting. We have sold out of our license plate frames. We can get more if we need to.

**District Presidents' Report:** Carol Hershey reporting. Jim Weber had a presentation on the new Insurance portal. Need to start thinking about who you want to nominate for Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame and Square Dancer of the Year. Start filling out your forms. Square Dancer of the year committee chair is Liz Rooks. NE District Dance is April 13, the night before our next Missouri Federation meeting. We need to promote the scholarship. 2019 State Dance committee would like each club to donate a free pass to their club dance, good for 1 year, for a prize at the State Festival.

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

**Missouri Federation Scholarship:** Robert Turner reporting. Absent. Carol Morris reported deadline for applications is March 1, 2019. We need to promote more.

**2019 State Festival:** Darrell & Catherine McLemore reporting. 133 Pre-registered. We need more A1 callers. Program Book Ads – we would like to raise the cost of the Business Ad's to Full page-\$100, Half page-\$50 and Quarter page-\$25. Personal, Club and District Ad's will stay the same – Full page-\$30, Half page-\$15 and Quarter page-\$8. We would like to use the 900 sq. ft. of flooring provided by the Oasis at no charge. If we do this, we can reduce the amount of rented floor by 1000 sq ft and cost of installation. We will have a banquet Saturday night to take advantage of the catering option in our contract. If we do this it will reduce our rental fee owed. We propose to charge \$15 per person for the first 110 people attending, then \$30 per person thereafter. Raffle – we plan to list the top 5-6 items of greatest value, then “much more” on the raffle tickets. We will make tickets in packs of 12 stapled together, with prices of 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10. We do NOT plan to give clubs a portion of the profits.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**National Convention:** Carl and Cindy Boone. Absent. Penny reported Carl texted and said the hotels had accepted the money. They donated the rest so they could get a tax deduction. So the convention broke even, we didn't make anything, but we don't owe anything either. The board would like a final written report from Carl & Cindy.

**2020 State Festival:** Liz Rooks reporting. Absent. No Report.

**Edythe Weber:** Board of Directors handbooks. I've heard back from everyone. Committees need a write up or just use standing rules & bylaws. I will make up a page in the books for them. The books are just about ready to go. Dan will put them online. Secretary will keep digital copy.

**Ron Selfors:** took the books for Auditing. Will pass them on when the committee is set.

#### **New Business:**

**Merle Hall:** Working on ideas to recruit new dancers. I have been targeting younger dancers. Talked to Lupita Fabregas, 4-H Program Director and will meet with her to come up with ideas to include square dancing as one of the classes/programs offered to 4-H members. If we get this off the ground, we will need volunteers all over Missouri to help teach the classes (dancing and/or calling), and then at the State Fair for judging.

**Ron Selfors:** Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Vote was taken by secret ballot. Besides the Selfors', the committee will consist of Dave Shafer-Central District, Bob & Shirley Turner-SE District, Dave & Penny Byers-WC District and Mary Sue Darwent-NE District.

**Bev Stuart:** Suggested a Standing Rules change to Article X Section 4 Subsection C, to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP the Chairperson of Constitution & Bylaws committee. Jack moved to do so, motion was seconded and carried.

**Bev Stuart:** Suggested a Standing Rules change to Article X Section 4 Subsection H, to clarify the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee Selection. It does not clearly state that nominations can NOT be taken from the floor, only that the vote has to be done by secret ballot. Madeline Hall moved to have a ballot printed out with all eligible members listed, handed out, then vote taken. So all will be done by secret ballot. Motion was seconded and carried. The sentence "There will not be a nomination from the floor for the committee of call/cuer board" will be added to the Standing Rules.

**Bev Stuart:** Would like to have the sound system fixed. Madeline Hall moved to have the mike & sound system fixed, motion was seconded and carried.

**Carol Morris:** has been filing the Annual Registration Report with the State. After discussion, this should be part of the Treasurer's duties.

**Carol Morris:** The SW District presented a \$398.50 check to the Doin's from their Doin's Dance.

**Catherine McLemore:** moved we allow the 2019 State Dance committee to increase the amount for business ad's in the Program Book for the State Festival. Motions seconded and carried. (Reference amounts in State Festival Report)

**Mickey Lee:** moved we allow the 2019 State Dance committee to do a "prize raffle" which may or may not include "cash prizes" and with no proceeds from the sales of the raffle tickets going to the clubs. Motion was seconded. After much discussion, the motion carried.

### Calendar of Events

- March 16, 2019 – NE District, Brookfield Tanglefoot Squares – Hog Roast / Square Dance. Callers Leroy Conrad & Kenny Bailey (the last year these two will call this dance together) Eat-6:30pm & Dance – 7:30-10pm - \$10 per person
- April 13 – NE District Dance – "Join the Dance Scene 2019" – Moberly Municipal Auditorium – Colors: Green/White – Grand March 7:00pm – Dance follows until 10pm
- April 27 – Central District Dance – "Celebrate 60 Years" - 7:00 – 9:30pm – Caller: Randy Baldrige – St. Roberts Community Center – 50/50 pot/Silent Auction/Resale Shop
- May 3 & 4 – St. Louis Jamboree – "Dance the Night Away" – Trinity Lutheran Church – Caller: Ted Lizotte / Cuers: Sally & Bob Nolen – Friday 6:00-10:30pm / Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm & 6:00-10:30pm. \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door.
- May 18 – SW District Dance – "Celebrate Spring" – 6:30-9:30pm – Mt. Vernon – Caller: Lynn Nelson/Cuers: Bob & Gerry Tevlin – All-you-can-eat Ice Cream Social/Square Dance Cake/Dessert Walks/Door Prizes/50/50 Tickets/Silent Auction
- Aug 4 – WC District Dance – Lexington – 2:30 – 5pm
- Aug 10 – 23<sup>rd</sup> NW District Dance – Graceway Church Fellowship Hall – District Callers & Cuers – 7:30-10pm / Pre-rounds-7:00-7:30pm. Door Prizes/Silent Auction

The next state board meeting will be April 14, 2019 at the Moberly Area Technical Center in Moberly, Mo. The NE District will host.

A motion was made by Fred Goucher to adjourn, was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary