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

Minutes of June 2, 2019

President Bev Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Building in Eldon MO.

Invocation: Robert McMillion

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Roll Call: Penny Byers, Absent. Madeline Hall was acting secretary. Full Quorum achieved. (4 Executive Board / 12 District Directors / 5 Staff & Past Presidents) Visitors: Dee Combstock-NE District, Larry & Billie Jean Butler-WC District and from St. Louis Metro – Robert & Lucy McMillian, Art Kruse and Bob & Cathy Hall.

President Bev Stuart thanked the hosts, Central District and all their clubs for a wonderful dance and for a great luncheon.

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

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of March 31, 2019 of \$8,522.85. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,830.67 and Expenses of \$3,561.73. The ending checking account balance as of May 31, 2019 is \$6,791.79. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,542.22 for Total Funds on hand of \$57,334.01. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported the Kountry Kuzins, SW District will celebrate 50 yrs in August. There are 47 clubs in the Missouri Federation.

Correspondence: Penny Byers, Absent. Madeline Hall reporting. Card that was signed by everyone and sent out was: A "wishing you a lovely day" card for Mary Sue Darwent.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers, absent. Madeline reporting. We had 3 letters that were returned b/c of wrong address. Letters were handed to people who could hand deliver them.

Constitution and Bylaws: Fred & Carolyn Goucher absent. No Report.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. No Report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. The next deadline is July 25 for the September/October 2019 magazine. PLEASE watch the deadlines. PLEASE put the club name FIRST in the subject line – Ramblers Sept/Oct Doin's article NOT Sept Doin's article for Ramblers. CLUB NAME FIRST.

I have made a suggestion to the Southwest District for a page for the next two issues for info on the State Festival. We need to update the dancers on how plans for the festival are coming along and what they have planned. Especially since it is the 60th festival. As of today, I do not have this article, but I am hoping to get it in the next day or so.

We had about 21 people, all but 3 in the northeast area, that did not get their magazines until around May 16. We are sorry about this problem. We have done some research, and hoped to have some numbers for you of how much it would cost if we changed the way we mail the magazine. But getting the figures was a little harder than we thought, so we will have that for the next meeting. In the meantime, if you don't get your magazine by the 4th or 5th, please contact us (Jim and Edythe Weber) or Ruth Ann Reynolds, Circulation.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions 311, 2 exchange copies and 17 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 330. Electronic Doin's emailed 44.

We received 33 renewals, 3 new subscriptions and 0 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 21 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the July/Aug issue.

Financial report: In the process of switching information onto the new laptop, an error in Quickbooks was found in the amount of \$15.24. The mistake has been corrected and reconciled with our bank statement and added to this month's check to the Federation.

The balance brought forward was \$115.24 with a total income of \$165.00. Expense of postage and supplies amounted to \$11.90. A check for \$168.34 was given to the Federation. The ending balance as of June 2, 2019 is \$100.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. The balance brought forward on April 14, 2019 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$218.00 and total expenses (postage) was \$7.35. A check for \$210.65 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on June 2, 2019, is \$100.00

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. "Toot Your Horn Awards" – Puxico & Tanglefoot Squares. "Toot Your Horn" app can be found on the website. Please use the form when submitting for this award. We have more yard signs that are free!

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

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reported. As of June 2, 2019, we have 1,182 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 304 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,486 Missouri dancers. (47 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. USDA Insurance internet portal <http://usda.rpsbollinger.com/#/> This info is now on Missouri Federation website under insurance tab. You will also find a "how to" video on the new enrollment system. Thank you to those who have started using the system.

When I know the 2020 insurance premium, I will send each club a letter with instructions on how to complete their 2020 USDA insurance enrollment. DO NOTHING until you receive the 2020 enrollment instructions.

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once lessons are over, the dancers are no longer insured until they join a club. As new members join, make sure you submit additional enrollment forms.

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. (No new Financial Report was given at the April meeting)

Beginning balance as of Feb 16, 2019, is \$189.03; total income of \$185.25 and expenses of \$248.15 leaves us an ending balance on April 13, 2019, of \$126.13.

Beginning balance as of April 14, 2019, is \$126.13; total income of \$216.25 and expenses of \$246.78 leaves us an ending balance on June 1, 2019 of 95.60.

These numbers were taken from the reports submitted.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. 240 total members. 3120 total dangles per all districts handed out as of April 12, 2019.

Financial Statement: Monies carried over from 2018 is **(\$5.32)**. Income for April 2019 was \$8.00 for a new member and no expenses for 2019. Leaving us a balance of \$2.68.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting. No Report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. There is a new feature on the Missouri Federation website. Under the "Schedule" tab on the left, there is now a button that says "2019 Schedules – Calendar Format". When you open one of these pages, you will see a regular calendar with the dances listed in a box for the date and the day of the week when the dances are scheduled. This project has been quite a lot of work, so I hope that having the Missouri Dance schedules in this format will make finding dances easier. I would appreciate it if you would look at these pages and send me any comments you have about them. I prefer positive comments, but I'll take what I get.

You will notice that on the schedules pages there are also pages in a smaller font, followed by "Listing Format". These are the pages you are used to. Since both the calendar pages and listing pages get their data from the same database, the listing format pages will still be current. I plan to leave them up for the time being.

Under the "Schedule" tab there is a page called "Dates to Avoid". Its purpose is to help you keep from scheduling an important dance when someone else has an important dance scheduled. This page actually helped prevent a problem several years ago. This page can be helpful, but it is hard to keep up. Please look at that page and let me know if you notice any dances that should be there that are not there. I normally show dates to avoid for about three years into the future, but I can add additional years if you have dances you added there. This page also shows a lot of the major holidays for the year.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. Please send me anything you may have that can be included in yearly history.

License Plate: Sharon White absent. Renewals will be going out in July.

USDA: (United Square Dancers of America) Edythe Weber reporting. We will see our delegates in Atlanta GA on Wednesday, June 26, 1 p.m.

ARTS: (Alliance of Rounds, Traditional & Square Dance) Edythe Weber reporting. Next meeting is the morning of Sunday, June 30 in Atlanta GA.

District Presidents' Report: Carol Morris reporting. Welcome Cathy Hall from St Louis Metro; SE and WC districts were not represented. Most all clubs dance throughout the summer. NE district is checking into fall lessons. St Louis clubs have MS & plus now. Challenge for most clubs, after graduation, most dancers don't continue. Suggestions... Select a "Theme Night" for lessons night. Create interest & they become familiar with club dancers. Live Wires has special dance & bar b q June 13 in Pleasant Hill. NW District dance is Aug 10, check Doin's for details.

Youth and Children's Dance: Merle Hall reporting. No Report.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert & Shirley Turner absent. No Report.

2019 State Festival: Darrell & Catherine McLemore reporting. We have now made 5 orders of T-Shirts, and are willing to order all we need. Everyone is encouraged to "Bling Out" their shirts, and show them in the Bling Fashion Show on Friday night of the Festival.

Raffle tickets are our main priority right now. We originally printed 5000, and hopefully will need to print more. Additional prizes will continue to be added. All prizes are non-square dance specific, making the tickets easy to sell to anyone. The incentive prizes will be: the club selling the most will win \$50, the club selling second will win \$25, and all clubs selling \$50 or more will be entered in a drawing for an additional \$50.

The festival committee members continue to travel to District dances, and festivals throughout the area. We will continue to travel and promote the state festival through early October.

We currently have 25 callers, 3 cuers, and 3 line cuers registered. We will begin putting together the schedules soon, and have the first draft out to the callers/cuers in the next few weeks.

At this time, we have 3 paid vendors, and 3 others who say they will be attending, but have not yet paid. This would make the limit of 6. I would like to ask for an exception to the standing rules, allowing a maximum of 8 vendors, if there is interest. This will be taken up in new business.

Unfinished Business:

Audit: Liz Rooks Chair. Absent.

2020 State Festival: Liz Rooks. Absent.

Edythe Weber: Voting on Change for Constitution:

Section 4. Hall of Fame Selection Committee

The Hall of Fame selection committee shall consist of the immediate past president of the federation as chairman, and four members from the board of directors selected by secret ballot **no later than the April** meeting, with no two members from the same district. The previous year's recipient is to be a member-at-large.

Nominations from the floor will not be accepted.

Delete from Standing Rules:

"H. Hall of Fame Selection Committee (six members)

The committee shall consist of: the immediate past president of the Missouri Federation, who will chair the committee, four members to be selected by secret ballot at the February meeting from the board of directors, with no two members from the same district, and the previous year's recipient as a member-at-large.”

Merle Hall moved to accept the change in the constitution and delete the standing rule mentioned above. Motion seconded and carries.

New Business:

Billie Jean Butler: Advertising for State Fair Dance. ½ page ad in book is \$500 and \$50 for daily papers. Dave Shafer moved Missouri Federation pays for both again. Motion seconded and carries.

Showcase of Ideas: Ron and Marie Selfors are not able to do this as planned. Art Kruse and Edythe Weber volunteered to take care of this.

USDA Delegates: Ron and Marie Selfors are not able to do this as planned. Dave Shafer & Roslie Mogerman volunteered to be delegates.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee Selection: We need to replace Mary Sue Darwent. Bev will appoint someone from the NE District.

Revised ByLaws for St. Louis District: St. Louis Metro and St. Louis District would like to combine and become St. Louis District with the Missouri Federation. After much discussion, Bev will appoint a committee to work with the St. Louis Metro committee to get all the changes needed, worked out.

Catherine McLemore: moved to increase vendor number to 8 for the 2019 Missouri Festival, for a one-year exception. Motion was seconded and after discussion, motion carried with a 11 yes and 3 no vote.

Calendar of Events

- June 4 & June 11 – Exhibitions at 4H Camp – Crowder State Park in Trenton – 7pm
- June 8 – Kountry Kuzins 50th Anniv Dance – Caller Johnny Eubanks – Springfield
- June 14 – Ozark Whirlers – Caller Romney Tannehill – Eldon
- June 14 – Ramblers – Callers Kenny Bailey & Leroy Conrad together – Liberty
- June 27 – Sleeper Bus to Atlanta GA for National Square Dance Convention
- July 14 – Wheelers & Dealers – Caller Dean Dederman – St. Charles
- July 19 – 21 Macon Annual Square Dance Campout – Caller Kenny Bailey – Theme “Farmer in the Dell” – Carry In Dinner Fri & Sat nights before dancing
- Aug 4 – WC District Dance – Lexington – 2:30 – 5pm – A Summer Picnic – District and Area Callers with Kenny Bailey as emcee
- Aug 10 – 23rd NW District Dance – Graceway Church Fellowship Hall – District Callers & Cuers – 7:30-10pm / Pre-rounds-7:00-7:30pm. Door Prizes/Silent Auction
- Aug 14 – Day of Dancing at the Missouri State Fair – 10am – 3pm

- Aug 17 – Singles & Doubles, Back to School Dance – Caller Jack Pladdys – Webster Groves – School supplies needed will be available for purchase at the dance. Special Entertainment by Notoriety Quartet. This will be the dance the night before our next state meeting on Aug 18.
- Sept 28 – Amateur Callers Night at Peppy Promenaders in Chillicothe – 7:30pm to 10pm. Caller Kenny Bailey and Amateur Callers.

The next state board meeting will be Aug 18, 2019, at the Arden Mead Youth Community Center in Webster Groves, Missouri. St. Louis District will host.

Jim Weber moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Madeline Hall with the absence of Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary