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

Minutes of February 16, 2020

President Fred Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. at the North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion in Kansas City, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave

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Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Exec. Brd /12 Dist Dir / 12Staff/PP)
President Fred Goucher thanked the Ramblers Square Dance Club members for being such great hosts and providing our lunch.

Approval of Minutes: President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the December/January minutes. One correction and one addition were needed: In the paragraph where President Stuart released the 2019 committees of their duties, she also named the audit committee for 2020: Cathy Hall, Rich Kilzer, and Gary King. Jan 21 New Bee Dance is being hosted by the Heart of America Foundation. Jim 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 12-31-19 of \$4,900.65. Since the last meeting we've had a Revenue of \$ 0.21 and Expenses of \$3,680.09. The ending checking account balance as of 1-31-2020 is \$1,220.17. Total CDs and interest amount to \$50,818.28 for Total Funds on hand of \$52,038.45. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 46 clubs this year. Longevity awards were presented to Ozark Whirlers for 65 years, Wheelers and Dealers (St. Louis) 40 years in February and the Hoedowners (St. Louis Metro) 70 years as of November 2019. The club is the oldest club in Illinois and Missouri.

Correspondence: Liz reporting. No correspondence received. Thinking of You cards were signed for John & Bev Stuart and Barbara Skorupan.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers, chairman, read a letter received from one of our district directors regarding the necessity of seriously looking at the way in which our districts (number of clubs and dancers) are distributed. The committee will study this matter and have a report at our next meeting. A part of this discussion also involved the number of state meetings per year. This will be discussed under new business.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave Shafer: No report.

Publications: Carol Morris. Absent; no report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting.

There were only three e-mails that did not have the club name first in the e-mail subject line; one e-mail without a subject. Thanks for everyone's efforts.

Remember if you sent a dance schedule with a TBA to please let us know when that location is filled.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this month were 287, 1 exchange copy and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 302. There were 60 electronic subscriptions. We received 36 renewals, 10 new subscriptions and 30 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 40 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the March/April issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$1,616.00 from subscriptions & Southwest District DOIN'S dance. Expense of \$62.60. A check for \$ 1,553.40 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

The Doin's Dance hosted by the Southwest District was attended by 80+ dancers plus 20 helpers.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of \$100. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$218.00; expenses totaled \$7.75. A check was given to the Federation for \$210.25 leaving us a balance of \$100.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway.

The following clubs received the Toot Your Horn award: Ramblers, Savannah Sashayers, Ozark Whirlers, Tanglefoot Squares, Puxico County Squares, and Mo-Kan Squares.

The website had information on the Toot Your Horn award and for clubs wanting a grant.

State Festival Site Screening: Dave & Penny Byers: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. 1,074 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 377 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1,431 Missouri dancers and 46 clubs.

Instructions on how to use the insurance portal are on the Missouri website under the insurance tab also with a how-to video on the new enrollment system. If your club has a new insurance person, have them print the instructions and view the video. They can always call me if they have problems.

2020 Insurance premium is \$4.85 per person.

Clubs holding lessons must submit a “Club Sponsored Class” form; this form is on the Missouri website under the insurance tab, **not** on the portal. No cost for new dancers in lessons. Once dancers graduate, they must join a club and pay the insurance premium and the club uses the online portal to add them to their roster submitting their new roster and send additional fees to the Insurance Chairman.

As new members join your club, you must add them through the insurance portal and submit their fees to the Insurance Chairman.

Complete an accident report form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance; even if they appear minor at the time. Remember to get the who, what, when, where, and how and keep on file and submit if needed. Getting the documentation at the time is best.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of December 15, 2019 \$260.50, total income of ~~\$505.50~~ \$505.90 and expenses of \$480.00 leaves an ending balance on February 15, 2020, of \$286.40.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of February 15, 2020, the total number of dangles given out:

Missouri	507	St. Lois	394
Central	433	Southeast	378
Northeast	413	Southwest	427
Northwest	395	West Central	411
Grand Total			3,358

Total members participating: 246 and two non-paying members.

Financial Report: Balance on hand Jan 5, 2020 \$26.48; no income from last report; no expense from last report leaving a balance of \$26.48.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall. No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

Most of the dances for Missouri Federation clubs for 2020 are now posted on the Missouri Federation website. This is the first time I have been able to say that. Some clubs, mostly in the Northwest District, have dances listed only May through August. These are primarily HOA clubs, and the HOA dance year starts in September.

It is easy to tell if all of any clubs dances are posted.

1. On the Missouri Federation website map, click on your district.
2. Click on any club's name,
3. Under the "Dance Schedules" tab, click on "2020 Dances".

All the dances that I am aware of, for that club, will be listed there.

It came to my attention someone in St. Louis could not figure out how to go from the St. Louis home page to the pages showing the individual club listings. I added a button on the home page that goes directly to the club listing page.

If you hear of people having trouble finding something on the Missouri Federation website, please have them contact me. Sometimes I can figure out how to make finding things easier.

Jean says that not everyone can see how to find things on the website the way I do. I understand that she does not mean this as a complement to me.

It also came to my attention that some people's computers may be retaining web pages in temporary memory longer than is normal. Normal is just a few days. If your computer does this, it is something peculiar to your computer. It is not something I can fix on the website. If you think your computer is doing this, try refreshing the web page or in some cases, refreshing the frame. If you need help with this, contact me.

As of today the Missouri Federation website has had over 1900 hits this year.

The Toot Your Horn flyer & form have been updated.

The new updates of the Constitution & By-Laws and Standing Rules have been uploaded.

If you or any of your groups have any forms or procedures on the website, please review them and send me updates. Most of the forms or procedures on the website were not written by me, so I don't know if they are current or need updates.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting. Absent; no report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. Had a great meeting in late January in Wilmington, North Carolina.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. No report.

District Presidents' Report: Carol Hershey reporting.

Jim Weber reported on Insurance issues. He handed out packets to each District containing the certificates and listing of the District's delegates. He indicated that events needed a certificate for all places that the club dances.

The Presidents discussed the benefits that are available to clubs and how we go about making sure ALL club members are aware of the opportunities that are available from the Missouri Federation:

- ❖ Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Scholarship
- ❖ State Dress – Bluebird Swirl – The Missouri Look
- ❖ Square Dance License Plate
- ❖ Travel Missouri (Recognition to dancers that attend Missouri club dances)
- ❖ Doins' publication
- ❖ Toot Your Horn (Recognition to clubs for activities done in the community)
- ❖ Rebates on Insurance back to clubs
- ❖ Promotional materials for clubs – signs, grants for lessons, etc.
- ❖ District Dance (evening dance with local callers)
- ❖ Missouri State Festival (3-day weekend with National caller and local callers)
- ❖ Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame
- ❖ Square Dancer of the Year
- ❖ Working with 4-H clubs learning to Square Dancing as a 4-H Project. Local callers and clubs participating in lessons.
 - 4-Hs will participate in County Fairs
 - 4-Hs will participate in State Fair

Reports from the Districts:

West Central District is working on the Missouri State Festival. All clubs should be considering the Square Dancer of the Year. More than one can come from a District. Also the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Deadline is August 1, the District President must sign before it is sent in.

Saint Louis District in August they will have two squares and a caller in the pre-show at the Mundy Theatre. They will have 45 minutes and plan to dance and bring people from the audience to participate.

Central District is beginning lessons.

Northeast District has a District dance in April. Merle Hall is starting lessons in Kirksville and possibly a club. Merle Hall is also giving lessons to a group of home schoolers. Northeast District dances have problems with dancers leaving before the end of the dance. They are now giving out a pass to a dance and also the pot of gold.

Southwest District Kountry Kuzins' caller is retiring, so they are looking for a new caller. Presently they have guest callers. They want to pay their callers for their District Dance and are doing a fundraiser by setting banks out at the dance. The club that hands in the most will be recognized and those who participate will be given a percentage of the bank.

Northwest District is finishing up lessons. Savannah Sashayers have 14 new members from their lessons. Al Benz from Live Wires helped at the 4-H lessons in Cameron that Merle Hall had and Al was very impressed with the group.

Youth and Children's Dance: Merle Hall.

Several have been working diligently to recruit 4-H kids and leaders. Since my last report, Larry & Billie Jean Butler worked with a group in Clinton, Tom Murray worked with a group in the St. James area, and I and a group from the NE District worked with a 4-Hers at Cameron. No real interest was shown from anyone wanting to start a project; however, several were interested in having it as an activity on one of their Fun Nights or having a dance night.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner. Absent; no report

2020 State Festival: Liz Rooks. West Central District continues to work on making contacts with callers, cuers, and possible vendors and finalizing other details. Our main focus area right now is making arrangements for sounding of the three halls. If anyone is interested, let us know.

Old Business:

2020 Budget approval

Rosa presented the proposed budget for 2020 with the modifications suggested at our last meeting. Rosa asked about adding a specific line for "Hardware and Equipment" as we do not have a specific line item for that.

Cathy Hall made a motion to accept the budget as presented adding a specific line for "Hardware and Equipment". Motion seconded and approved.

Jim Weber reported that USDA has been approved as a 501(c)3 entity and the Missouri Federation could now proceed requesting to be included in that. Merle Hall, Matt Auriene, Jim Weber, and Tom Miller were appointed to a committee to pursue completing the application process for that to happen by President Fred Goucher.

New Business:

President Goucher asked for four volunteers who would be willing to attend the USDA meeting as delegates on Wednesday, June 17 before the 69th National Square Dance Convention begins. Dave Shafer and Rosalie Mogerman volunteered.

Dave Byers, chairman of the Boundaries and Relations committee, made a motion for the Constitution and Bylaws committee to pursue the idea of reducing the number of state meetings from six (6) to four (4). Motion seconded and carried.

Ballots were distributed so delegates could vote on members for the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame committee. Dave Schafer, Merle & Madeline Hall, Bob & Shirley Turner, and Dave & Penny Byers were elected.

Rosa Davis, treasurer, made a motion to have Article V, Section 2D of the Missouri Federation Constitution reworded regarding who the treasurer is supposed to notify when dues are received and what information is to be given.

Jack Rockaway made a motion to destroy the ballots used for selecting the committee members of the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame committee. Motion seconded; carried.

Louise Coleman thanked everyone who had attended her club's Pajama dance.

Carol Hershey let everyone know she had copies of the Northwest District Handbook for anyone who wanted one.

Carolyn Goucher reminded the delegates to promote the Doin's magazine.

Carolyn Goucher and Dave Shafer of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee are working on getting all of the SOPs updated.

Calendar of Events

February 29, Beaux & Belles Sadie Hawkins Dance.

March 7, Little Dixies Chili Supper Dance

March 14, Beaux & Belles Potato Bar Dance.

March 21, Tanglefoot Squares Western Roundup Dance with Leroy Conrad and Jay Wright calling.

March 30, Tony Oxendine will be calling for the West County Spinners.

The next state board meeting will be April 19, 2020 in Moberly, Missouri. Northeast District will host.

A motion was made by Madeline Hall to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rooks
Secretary

Approved as corrected April 19, 2020