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

Minutes of

June 7, 2020

President Fred Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. via FreeConferenceCall.com.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board /13 District Directors/ 4 Staff/PP)

Approval of April 19 Minutes: President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the April 19 minutes.

Dave Shafer 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, 2020 of \$12,783.80. Since the last meeting, Revenue of \$743.94 and Expenses of \$3,805.40. The ending checking account balance as of May 31, 2020 is \$9,722.34. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,714.16 for Total Funds on hand of \$50,446.50. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Rosa presented an updated Request for Reimbursement form.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 46 clubs this year. A longevity award will be presented to River City Squares in Lexington for 30 years as of July.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. Thinking of You card was sent to Dan Reedy.

38 **Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers, chairman, presented two options for
39 realignment of our square dance districts. Option #1 for 4 districts: North 8 clubs and
40 245 dancers, Kansas City 12 clubs and 410 dancers, South 17 clubs and 381 dancers,
41 and St. Louis 9 clubs and 416 dancers.

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43 Option #2 for 5 districts: Northwest 15 clubs and 483 dancers, Northeast 5 clubs and
44 172 dancers, Central 5 clubs and 107 dancers, South 12 clubs and 274 dancers, and
45 St. Louis 9 clubs and 416 dancers.

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47 *Discussion was held. The committee wants to review the two options more. This topic*
48 *will be brought up again in August.*

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50 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave Shafer, chairman, presented a proposed change to
51 the Constitution, Article V Officers and Duties, Section 2D Duties and a proposed
52 change to the Working Rules, Article XIII Officer Memorials.

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54 *The proposed Constitution change will be voted on in August and the Work Rules*
55 *change will be addressed in the New Business portion of today's meeting.*

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57 **Publications:** Carol Morris. No report.

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59 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber, editor, thanked club writers for their articles for the
60 July/August issue. She reported the following statement was put before each district so
61 subscribers know where to go to check on dances: "Due to the corona virus situation,
62 please consult the Federation website and/or call the club contact listed in the Club
63 Directory of the Doin's to find out if the club is dancing or not. Stay safe, stay well, this
64 too shall pass, and we will be back on the dance floor soon."

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66 She reminded us ~~one~~ *that once* an issue is printed and schedules change that issue
67 can't be reprinted and resending the electronic version when changes are made is not
68 possible either. Therefore, if you are planning to attend a dance, it is best to check with
69 the club contact.

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71 She also reminded everyone that Dan can easily put "Cancelled" by a club dance.

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73 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this
74 month were 281, exchange copies 1, and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total
75 mailing of 296. We had 60 electronic subscriptions, 7 renewals 2 new subscriptions.
76 We will be sending out 11 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with
77 the July/August issue.

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79 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$135.00
80 from subscriptions. Expense of postage amounted to \$10.49. A check for \$124.51 was
81 given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

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83 **DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of
84 \$100. Revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$170.00; Expenses totaled
85 \$7.75. A check for \$162.25 was mailed to the treasurer leaving a balance of \$100. He
86 reminded *that* when sending a check for advertising to identify what advertisement it is
87 for.

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89 **Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. No report.

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

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93 **Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. 1,095 dancers are insured through
94 Missouri Federation and 357 dancers insured through other federations for a total of
95 1,452 Missouri dancers in 46 clubs.

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97 He asked for clubs to let him know when they have a new insurance contact person by
98 sending him their name, address, phone, and e-mail so he can contact them with
99 instructions for how to use the new enrollment portal. He also needs to be notified *with*
100 *when* a club adds a dancer or dance facility; also never delete a dancer from the club
101 roster after initial enrollment.

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103 The 2020 insurance premium is \$4.85 per dancer.

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105 Clubs holding lessons must submit a Club Sponsored Class form found on the
106 Federation website; this is not done through the portal. New graduate dancers are not
107 covered until they join a club and pay the premium and the club adds them to their
108 online roster via the portal and submits the new roster with appropriate fees.

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110 New club members need to be added to your roster using the portal; they are not
111 covered until they are enrolled through the new USDA portal and the new roster and
112 funds are sent to the insurance chairman.

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114 An accident form for ALL accidents that occur at a dance, even if it appears minor,
115 needs to be completed and kept on file to submit if needed.

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117 Financial Report: Beginning balance as of April 9, 2020, is \$230.20; total income of
118 \$58.20 and expenses of \$25.15 leaving an ending balance on June 1, 2020, of \$263.15.

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120 **Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. No change since last report.

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122 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Madeline Hall. No report.

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124 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting: Website hits were down in May. There are
125 dances starting in June. It is more important than ever that clubs keep me informed
126 about dances that will happen, and dances that are cancelled. One club, that has a hall
127 population limit, keeps me informed when the dance for that night is full. I have added

128 the Square Dancer of the Year criteria and Nomination form and the Caller / Cuer
129 Registration-Profile to the 2020 State Festival website.

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

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133 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting. There has been one request for a one-
134 year renewal. The \$25 check has been deposited and a \$10 rebate check sent. The
135 current account balance is \$83.36.

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137 She reported she is looking forward to more renewals in the next two months as that is
138 when most renewals are due and hopefully receiving several new plate requests.

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140 **USDA:** Edythe and Jim Weber reporting. The United Square Dancers of America
141 annual meeting will held via Zoom computer or phone on Saturday, June 20. Those
142 involved in the meeting will receive an e-mail with the Zoom meeting sign-in information.

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144 USDA is now a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Administrator.

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146 Missouri is in the process of filing for the USDA 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption.
147 At the present time only USDA Affiliates may apply for the USDA 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
148 Group Exemption.

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150 At the upcoming USDA meeting June 20th the USDA Executive Committee is asking the
151 USDA Board of Directors to approve a bylaws and standing rules change to add a
152 membership of Associate Membership. This will allow Districts and Clubs to become
153 members of USDA and to apply for the USDA 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption.

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155 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. The ARTS annual meeting will held via Zoom on
156 Sunday, June 21. Those involved in the meeting will receive an e-mail with the Zoom
157 meeting sign-in information. Anyone wanting to be included in the ARTS meeting info
158 should send a message to Jerry Reed, ARTS Executive Director, at [director@arts-](mailto:director@arts-dance.org)
159 [dance.org](mailto:director@arts-dance.org).

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161 **Youth and Children's Dance:** Merle Hall. All youth activities have been put on hold
162 because of Covid-19. It is doubtful any resume in time to be ready for the State Fair
163 dance. As of now, they are still not allowed to resume by the 4-H Council.

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165 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner. The 2020-2021 Missouri Federation of
166 Square and Round Dance Clubs scholarship recipient is Brianna Butler of Eureka,
167 Missouri. She is the daughter of Brian and Jana Butler and the granddaughter of Billie
168 Jean Butler and the late Larry Butler.

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170 **2020 State Festival:** Liz Rooks. Plans continue to be made for the 2020 State Festival.
171 August 1, 2020 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Caller-Cuer Hall of
172 Fame to John & Bev Stuart and Square Dancer of the Year to Liz Rooks. Each club

173 should and district president should have received the appropriate forms and criteria for
174 these nominations. They are also posted on the Festival Website. Also on the Festival
175 website is the Caller-Cuer Registration form. While the June 1 deadline has passed for
176 signing up to call or cue on the regular schedule, callers or cuers who have not signed
177 up yet can do so and will be placed on a back-up list to be used if a regularly scheduled
178 caller or cuer is unable to fill an assigned slot.

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180 **Old Business:**

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182 Billie Jean Butler reminded everyone of the July 1 deadline to order tickets and or
183 parking passes for the State Fair Day of Dance. She also explained that as of Friday,
184 June 5 the governor has not made a decision on whether or not to hold the Fair; that
185 decision is to be made by June 15.

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187 Liz Rooks explained the purpose of the \$550.00 is for the State Fair Souvenir booklet
188 and the daily schedule to promote square dancing from the standpoint of letting the
189 public know how they can find information regarding square dancing in their local area
190 or what is happening across the state.

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192 **New Business:**

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194 Dave Byers, Boundary and Relations Committee Chairman, shared the following
195 questions or comments that were a part of the feedback in the responses received
196 regarding the two redistricting options.

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198 How would the number of delegates for each district be determined: a) each
199 district has 3 delegates - our current way of the president and 2 delegates; or b)
200 the number of delegates per district is dependent on the number of clubs per
201 district (this might mean each district would have a different number of
202 delegates)

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204 Does there need to be a minimum number of clubs that would constitute a
205 district?

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207 *Dave Shafer brought the following change to the Working Rules, Article XIII Officer*
208 *Memorials up for a vote.*

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210 **AS READS:**

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212 **Article XIII: Officer Memorials**

213 Section 1. *A suitable floral arrangement will be sent upon the death of a current*
214 *elected officer of the federation as defined in Article V, Section 1 of*
215 *the Constitution and Bylaws.*

216 Section 2. Also included as recipients of floral arrangements upon death will be
217 the past presidents.

218 Section 3. A suitable floral arrangement or monetary donation to a charitable
219 organization will be sent upon notification of death of a state caller or
220 cuer.

221 Section 4. Floral arrangements and/or donations will be of a reasonable amount
222 not to exceed \$75.00 per memorial.

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224 **CHANGE TO READ:**

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226 **Article XIII: Officer Memorials**

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228 organization will be sent upon notification of the death of a current
229 elected officer of the federation as defined in Article V, Section 1 of
230 the Constitution and Bylaws.

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232 organization will be sent upon notification of the death of past
233 presidents and state callers and cuers.

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235 memorial.

236 Recommendation came from the committee, no second needed. Motion was voted on
237 and carried to make the changes.

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239 Dave Shafer reported he has also been working on updating the job descriptions for
240 officers and committees. To date he has completed 13 and is working on the others.

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242 Dave Shafer on behalf of the Central District which is hosting the 2021 Missouri
243 State Festival, asked for their start-up money in the amount of \$2,500. Motion was
244 seconded and passed.

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Calendar of Events

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248 Dave Shafer reported the Travelers' Club in Pulaski County has received approval to
249 resume dancing.

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251 The July campout in the Northeast District is still planned.

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253 The West Central District Dance, Aug 9 in Chillicothe is still planned.

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255 Dan Wheeler reported the obituary for Jerry Haag, square dance caller from Cheyenne,
256 Wyoming was on the website.

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258 The next state board meeting will be August 16 either in the St. Louis or Northeast
259 District. Decision of meeting location will be announced closer to time.

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261 A motion to adjourn was made by Madeline Hall, was seconded, and carried.
262 Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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264 Respectfully submitted,
265 Liz Rooks
266 Secretary

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268 Minutes approved as corrected August 16, 2020.#