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

Minutes of October 18, 2020

President Fred Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the ABC Building in Sedalia, Missouri and via FreeConferenceCall.com. He thanked the Diamond B's for hosting today's meeting and providing lunch.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Exec. Brd / 16 Dist Dir / 10 Staff/PP). Introduction of guests: Pat Auriene introduced Charles and Linda Lile, Richard & Trudy Clawson, from Tanglefoot Squares and Debbie Moffitt of the Beaux and Belles introduced Chris Shoemaker. These visitors were from the Northeast District.

Approval of August 16, 2020 Minutes: President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the August 16, 2020 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 July 31, 2020 \$5,892.58, Revenue of \$475.49 and Expenses of \$2,639.43. CD redemption \$10,543.23. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$14,271.87. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$30,528.01 for Total Funds on hand of \$44,799.88. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Memorial gifts of \$25.00 each were sent to the USDA Scholarship Fund, VFW Post 4043, and Honor Flight KC in honor of Jim Weber. This distribution was approved by consensus of the Executive Committee via email.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 46 clubs this year. Longevity award were awarded and presented to Tanglefooters, Southwest District for 45 years.

40 Fred also presented the Longevity awards to the other clubs who had been recognized
41 at our previous online meetings: Little Dixie Squares and Tanglefoot Squares (NE),
42 River City Squares (West Central), Dandy Dancers (St. Louis), Crosstrailers (NW), and
43 Twirl Arounds (SW)

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45 **Correspondence:** Liz Rooks reporting. No correspondence received. The following
46 cards have been or will be sent: Sympathy cards to Edythe Weber and Kenny Zeller's
47 Family, and a Thinking of You card to John & Bev Stuart.

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49 **Caller-Cuer Recognition:** Bev Stuart announced Chris Wildhagen as the Caller of the
50 year for 2020.

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52 **Square Dancers of the Year:** Liz Rooks introduced the 2020 Square Dancers of the
53 Year, Richard & Trudy Lawson and presented their plaque and badges.

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55 **Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers. Peppy Promenaders submitted appropriate
56 paperwork requesting to move from the West Central District to the Northeast District.

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58 Redistricting: The majority of the committee talked about 5 districts. However, I feel
59 personally it needs to be 4 districts, because almost immediately we would have one
60 district in the same condition as a few are now.

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62 I am ready to open this up for discussion to see what the majority of the Board wants to
63 do. However, I think we should wait until after the first of the year, or whenever most
64 clubs are dancing again, to see how many clubs/dancers we will actually have when the
65 pandemic is over.

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67 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave Shafer. Making sure that all of the revisions have
68 been inserted into the Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules so the most current
69 versions can be posted on the Federation website.

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

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

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75 We are continuing to put what I call the "Covid-19 Disclaimer" at the beginning of each district to
76 help all subscribers know where to go to check on dances being held.

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78 As said before, "Once printed, the paper version of the Doin's can't be changed. Updating and
79 resending the electronic version every time a dance is cancelled is simply not possible. Our
80 recommendation for dancers is that if you are thinking about going to a dance, make a call to
81 the club contact in the directory or check the Missouri website."

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83 The next deadline is November 25, the Wednesday BEFORE Thanksgiving, for the Jan-Feb
84 2020 issue. Please send articles early; it will be greatly appreciated. We all have many holiday
85 family get-togethers over that week and weekend, so get your articles in early.

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87 Important deadlines NOVEMBER 25:

- 88 1. Complete 2021 dance listings for all clubs. If you don't know what you are doing yet, just
89 guess. I need something, even if it is TBA.
90 2. Make sure we have accurate and correct directions and physical address for your dance
91 location(s). All of them, even temporary locations. This is the issue that we print the pull-
92 out Location Listing. Also a contact phone number, cell if possible, in case somebody
93 needs to contact you while they are on the road to your dance. Let's make it as accurate
94 as possible.
95 3. Club Directory – make sure the person listed in the Doin's is an active member who will
96 know what to tell people if they call. It helps to have a cell phone, because if you are at
97 the dance, who's home answering your phone?
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99 Remember – Dan is a master at inserting the word “Cancelled” by your club dance date for the
100 website. If you have a dance that is cancelled, contact Dan Wheeler, and he will take care of
101 that for you. Fortunately, the website is going to be the most updated version for our dances,
102 and we need your help keeping our dancers informed during the next months.
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104 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the
105 November/December issue of the DOIN'S are 225, 2 exchange copies and 14 for staff,
106 historian and post office for a total mailing of 271. We had 59 electronic subscriptions,
107 34 renewals 3 new subscriptions and no new student copies. We will be sending out 62
108 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the November/December
109 issue.
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111 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$555.00
112 from subscriptions & clubs. Expenses: postage \$23.60 and Office Depot \$25.25. A
113 check for \$ 506.15 given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.
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115 **DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of
116 \$100. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$934.00 and
117 Doin's Subscription \$15.00 and Expenses totaled \$22.75. A check was mailed to the
118 Federation for \$926.25 leaving a balance of \$100.
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120 **Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. No report.
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122 **State Festival Site Screening:** Dave & Penny Byers. NE has checked out
123 numerous locations for the 2022 State Festival with several locations
124 having negative responses. They discussed 3 possible locations for the
125 2022 State Festival (Sedalia State Fair Grounds, Cowan Center in
126 Lebanon, and Four Seasons at Lake of Ozarks).
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128 They voted to have the 2022 State Festival in Lebanon at the Cowan Center, October 7,
129 8 & 9 (the second weekend)
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131 This committee recommends the 2022 State Festival be held in Lebanon at the Cowan
132 Center, October 7, 8 & 9.

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134 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber, Temporary Chairman, reporting. 1,100
135 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 357 dancers are insured through
136 other federations for a total of 1,457 Missouri dancers in 46 clubs.

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138 There has been no activity since the last report on August 10, 2020.

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- 140 • If your club has a new insurance person, please let me know their contact
141 information: Name, Address, Phone and Email. I will contact them with
142 instructions on how to use the new enrollment portal. When you use the portal to
143 add a dancer or a dance facility please notify me what you did via email at
144 moinsurance@kc.rr.com. You should never delete a dancer from your roster after
145 initial enrollment.
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 - 147 • **The 2020 Insurance premium is \$4.85 per dancer**
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 - 149 • **Please do not do anything for 2021 insurance until you have been notified**
150 **to do so.** As of this writing (Oct. 12, 2020) we do not know the 2021 rate yet, and
151 the Bollinger website has been under an upgrade for 2021 and is not ready yet.

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153 I am going to complete this enrollment season and am looking for a replacement
154 for Jim to begin the new year. If you know of someone who might be interested,
155 or who you want me to talk to, please let me know.

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157 USDA is going to work with me, and Dan Wheeler will still do upkeep on the
158 Missouri website for forms that are still there.

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- 160 • I promise we will get through this enrollment period.

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162 **BUT DO NOT DO ANYTHING FOR 2021 UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO.**
163 If someone has, please notify me immediately.

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165 Thanks for all your patience and kindness during this upcoming few months.

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- 167 • Remember to complete an accident report form for **ALL accidents** that occur at
168 your dance, even if they appear minor at the time. It is hard to remember who,
169 what, when, where and how weeks later; documentation at the time is best.
170 Keep them on file and submit as needed.
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 - 172 • If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me. If I do
173 not know the answer, I know who to contact to get it.

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176 Financial Report: Beginning balance as of August 10, 2020, is \$263.65 ; total income of
177 \$0.00 and expenses of \$0.00 leaving an ending balance on October 12, 2020, of
178 \$263.65

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180 **Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. No report.
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182 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Madeline Hall. No report.
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184 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Please remember to send 2021 schedules and to
185 keep him updated on changes or cancellations to your schedule.
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187 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.
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189 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting. No report.
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191 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting. As of this meeting, USDA Insurance Coordinator,
192 Elizabeth Sanders, has not heard from the insurance company what the 2021 insurance
193 rate for dancers will be. They are as frustrated, if not more, than we are because this
194 effects multiple states, organizations, dancers, etc.
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196 Please bear with us as we continue to get the information from the main company office
197 so we can get it out to the dancer organizations.
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199 At this time, USDA is planning on the annual meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on
200 Wednesday, June 23, 2021.
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202 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. Nothing additional to report at this time.
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204 **District Presidents' Report:** Liz Rooks reporting. Six district presidents were in
205 attendance.
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207 The Northwest District agreed to host the first district meeting of 2021. Other hosting
208 clubs/districts will be determined later.
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210 Each one shared what has been happening in their district in respect to dancing. Every
211 district has some dancing occurring whether it be in a club's regular venue or if the club
212 has found another venue for the time being. The dancing is a combination of square
213 and round dancing.
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215 **Youth and Children's Dance:** Merle Hall. Received word from the 4-H groups in
216 Kirksville, Randolph, Macon and Johnson counties that they want to start back with
217 square dance lessons and would like us to do some demos at each region's Energizer
218 Days. Trying to set that up ASAP. Has some students in Macon who are not a part of a
219 4-H Club who are interested in learning to square dance.
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221 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner. The 2020 scholarship recipient's check
222 has been sent to her school. Bob reminded everyone of who is eligible to apply and
223 that the information for 2021 would be available after the first of the year.
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225 **Nominations Committee Report:** Bev Stuart shared the following slate of officers for
226 2020: President – Dave & Penny Byers, 1st Vice-president – Merle and Madeline Hall,
227 2nd Vice-president – Dave Shafer, 3rd Vice-president – Open, Secretary – Liz Rooks,
228 and Treasurer – Rosa Davis.

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230 Bev reported she had contacted a couple of potential candidates for the 3rd vice-
231 president position, however, at this point, no one has accepted.

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233 Two or three names were suggested from the floor. Cathy Hall from the St. Louis
234 District accepted the position.

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236 **2020 State Festival:** Liz Rooks. We are about to wind up business for the 2020 State
237 Festival. Souvenir shirts are on sale at special prices until November 15. We want to
238 have it all wrapped up by December 1.

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240 **2021 State Festival:** Dave Shafer. The 2021 State Festival will be October 8-10, at
241 the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. The theme for 2021 is “Put the Spring Back in
242 Your Step – Dance” and the colors are the dancer’s choice of autumn colors.

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244 Registration forms and shirt order forms were passed out to everyone present and will
245 be sent to Dan Wheeler for posting on the website.

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247 **Old Business:**

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249 Following discussion of reasons for and against district realignment, Edythe Weber
250 made a motion to table further discussion and action on this to a later date. Motion was
251 seconded and the motion carried.

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253 Merle Hall reported he is following the suggestion made last meeting to hold off on the
254 filing of our 501(c)(3) Non-Profit application until after the first year. He will file that after
255 the first of the year and Rosa will provide the necessary 2020 financial information.

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257 **New Business:**

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259 Edythe Weber thanked everyone for their cards, prayers, and donations made in honor
260 of Jim.

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262 Fred Goucher read the proposed slate of officers for 2021:

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- President: Dave & Penny Byers
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 - Secretary: Liz Rooks
 - Treasurer: Rosa Davis
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270 He then asked for nominations from the floor for each of the positions. Fred asked
271 three times for nominations for each position and none were made.

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273 Dave Shafer made a motion for nominations to cease and the slate of officers be
274 elected by acclamation. Motion seconded and carried.

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276 Boundaries and Relations Committee recommended approving the move of the Peppy
277 Promenaders from the West Central District to the Northeast District. Recommendation
278 was approved.

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294 Edythe Weber made a motion for December 1, 2020 be the deadline for clubs to have
295 their insurance paid and their club dues paid by November 1, 2020 to be eligible to
296 receive the \$50.00 insurance rebate. Motion seconded and carried.

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298 Boundaries and Relations Committee recommended approval of Peppy Promenaders
299 request to move to the Northeast District as of January 1, 2021.

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301 Site Screening Committee recommended approval of the Cowan Civic Center as the
302 site for the 2022 State Festival. Recommendation was approved.

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304 Fred Goucher tasked the Boundaries and Relations Committee to study the timing of 4
305 state meetings and to report back at our December meeting.

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307 Debbie Moffitt from the Beaux & Belles in the Northeast District reported she had been
308 in contact with Jack Rockaway regarding a request for grant money in the amount of
309 \$500 to help defray their expenses for lessons; however, she has not received a
310 definitive answer.

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312 After further discussion of the process to request grant money, Dave Shafer made a
313 motion to table their request so they can provide receipts for their expenses. Motion
314 was seconded and carried.

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316 Vickie Schroeder from Capital City Squares in the Central District reported she had
317 submitted a grant request three times last year and never received a response. She
318 was advised to present the appropriate documentation to Fred & Carolyn Goucher for
319 consideration.

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321 Liz Rooks asked for permission for the River City Squares and Diamond B's move to
322 the Northwest District; this would dissolve the West Central District.

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324 Upon further discussion, each club needs to submit a letter to the receiving club asking
325 for acceptance and the district needs to submit a letter affirming this move and all of this
326 paperwork submitted to the Boundaries and Relations Committee.

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328 Liz Rooks made a motion for the Federation to send a donation of \$60 (4 meetings \$15
329 each) to FreeConferenceCall.com for the meeting that have been held online. Motion
330 was seconded and carried.

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332 Catherine McLemore made a motion to use the Zoom platform for future online
333 meetings. Motion seconded and carried.

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335 Merle Hall made a motion the Federation purchase a year's Zoom subscription as that
336 provides a better price. Motion seconded and carried.

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338 **Calendar of Events**

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340 October 8-10, 2021 State Festival in Lebanon, Missouri

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342 Beaux & Belles have the following dances scheduled for the remainder of the year at
343 Scotty's Auction Barn: Sunday afternoon October 25, 3:30 to 6:00; Saturday evening
344 November 7, 7:30 to 10:00, and Sunday afternoon December 6 3:30-6:00.

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346 Southwest District: Contact Shirley Winans for information.

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348 Cathy Hall announced she had 3 Live Lively license plate holders left from the 67th
349 National Square Dance Convention available for those interested; they were quickly
350 spoken for.

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352 The next state board meeting will be December 13, 2020 at the Senior Center in
353 Chillicothe, Missouri. Northeast District will host.

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355 A motion was made by Madeline Hall to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.
356 Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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358 Respectfully submitted,

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361 Liz Rooks

362 Secretary
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