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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs
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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

Minutes of December 13, 2020

President Fred Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:07p.m. via Zoom. Carolyn let attendees know where to find the “Yes” and “No” voting buttons on their Zoom screen and how they would be used for our meeting.

Invocation: Fred Goucher

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Fred Goucher

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Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board, 12 District Directors, and 9 Staff/Past Presidents)

Approval of October 18, 2020 Minutes: President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the October minutes.

Dave Shafer mentioned the word “times” needed to be added after “three” in line 271.

Dave Shafer moved to accept the minutes as corrected; motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Rosa Davis reported an October 1, 2020 beginning checking account balance of \$14,271.87, Revenue of \$1,920.27 and Expenses of \$2,057.37. The ending checking account balance as of November 30, 2020 is \$14,134.77. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$30,528.01 for Total Funds on hand of \$44,662.78. The Treasurer’s report will be submitted for audit.

The proposed budget for 2021 will be addressed in New Business.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported 44 clubs have submitted their dues for 2021.

A Longevity Badge was announced for the Ramblers of the Northwest District for 60 years in January 2021; it will be presented to them when we can have an in-person meeting.

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40 **Correspondence:** Liz Rooks reporting. Get Well cards - Jerry & Kristy Story, Mike
41 Salerno, and Matt and Pat Auriene; Sympathy - Family of Edith Donath; Thinking of You
42 - Kenny & Debbie Bailey.

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44 **Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers reporting. Diamond B's and River City
45 Squares requested to move from the West Central District to Northwest District. (paper
46 work will be given or sent to the secretary).

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48 This committee recommends we allow Diamond B's & River City Squares to move from
49 the WC District to the NW District.

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51 Do we need to do something with the WC District now that there are no clubs in it?

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53 Edythe Weber shared there was a period of time when the Northwest District did not
54 have any clubs and it was held in an inactive status until there were clubs who wanted
55 to form again. During that time it was not listed in the Doin's, etc.
56 The federation has talked about going down to 4 meetings a year. They have asked us
57 to come up with some dates to discuss. These are the two options that have been
58 discussed:

- 59 a. The 1st month of each quarter (Jan, April, July, Oct)
60 b. Should we make it 5 meetings a year? (Feb, April, July, Oct, Dec)
61 Further discussion and possible vote will be taken up under Old Business.

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63 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave Shafer. No report.

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65 **Publications:** Carol Morris reporting. No report.

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67 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. We are continuing to put what I call the
68 "Covid-19 Disclaimer" at the beginning of each district to help all subscribers know
69 where to go to check on dances being held.
70 As said before, "Once printed, the paper version of the Doin's can't be changed.
71 Updating and resending the electronic version every time a dance is cancelled is simply
72 not possible. Our recommendation for dancers is that if you are thinking about going to
73 a dance, make a call to the club contact in the directory or check the Missouri website."

74 **We have made a decision to postpone the Location Pull-out Section until either**
75 **March/April or May/June. With most locations shut down, and some clubs having**
76 **to decide to move or wait until their location opens back up, we felt this was an**
77 **appropriated decision so that the pull-out section can hopefully be correct and**
78 **accurate. Watch for it in a future issue.**

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80 Many clubs have not sent me a full year 2021 dance date listing. At this point, I honestly
81 do not care if it is complete or not. Even if you have TBA's for callers, I really would
82 appreciate your dance dates. If you know positively that dates are cancelled, please just
83 put that in with the date. We have to fill up space in the magazine. I know how you feel,
84 frustration is everywhere. I made 13 phone calls to find out if clubs were or were not
85 dancing in January or February. It is hard. I do understand.

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87 Remember – Dan is a master at inserting the word “cancelled” by your club dance date
88 for the website. If you have a dance that is cancelled, contact Dan Wheeler, and he will
89 take care of that for you. Fortunately, the website is going to be the most updated
90 version for our dances, and we need your help keeping our dancers informed during the
91 next months.

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93 The next deadline is January 25 for the March-April issue. Please send early.

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95 **DOIN’S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the
96 January/February issue were 233, 2 exchange copies and 14 for staff, historian and
97 post office for a total mailing of 249. We had 54 electronic subscriptions, 48 renewals 2
98 new subscriptions and 0 copies sent to new students. We will be sending out 47
99 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the March-April issue.

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101 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$990.00
102 from subscriptions & DOIN’S dance callers. Expense of postage amounted to \$21.00.
103 A check for \$969.00 was mailed to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

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105 **DOIN’s Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of
106 \$100. We took in revenue from DOIN’S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$368.00;
107 Expenses totaled \$7.75. A check was mailed to the Federation for \$360.25 leaving a
108 balance of \$100.

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110 Reminded clubs who have advertising still need to send something for their spaces.

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112 **Promotions:** Fred and Carolyn Goucher are currently handling this. Documentation
113 has been received from the Capitol City Squares and Beaux & Belles to support their
114 grant requests for funding to help cover the costs of lessons.

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

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118 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber reporting. Shared the following e-mail from
119 the USDA regarding the USDA Insurance Portal:

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121 The 2021 insurance portal is now available. It appears that all the glitches have been
122 corrected.

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124 **The rate for 2021 is \$4.85 per dancer.** Markel/Bollinger did raise the rate for USDA,
125 however USDA is NOT passing that increase on to its members.

126 Here is the link to the 2021 USDA Insurance enrollment
127 system. <http://usda.rpsbollinger.com/>
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129 This year you will continue to use the insurance portal for enrolling your clubs for
130 2021. After you complete the forms in the portal the system will generate them and
131 send a copy to whoever has entered all the information and to the USDA insurance
132 coordinator, Elizabeth Sanders. It does NOT send a copy to me.
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134 PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE ROSTER and send, along with your check for \$4.85
135 per dancer to me. Remember: DO NOT PAY for those members who are insured
136 through another club. ONLY pay for those members insuring through YOUR club. I will
137 send payment to USDA. At that point, Elizabeth will send me your Certificates of
138 Insurance for your dance locations. No certificates will be released until Elizabeth has
139 our payment.
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141 I completely understand the situation with some clubs not knowing if they will be
142 dancing at the same location(s) as in 2019 or 2020. However, “pretend” and list your
143 previous location(s). If you need to add or change locations at a later date in 2021, that
144 is not a problem.
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146 The 2020 portal will remain on the same page so that you can continue to add members
147 for 2020 or request certificates for 2020. It is important that no 2021 information be
148 entered into the 2020 portal or that no 2020 information be entered into the 2021
149 portal. Both are very well marked.
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151 **We have extended the insurance enrollment deadline to January 15, 2021. However,**
152 **the sooner you get it done, the sooner the \$50 per club rebate check will be sent to the**
153 **District for distribution to clubs.**
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155 If you have questions, please let me know. Please have patience with me, as I am
156 learning this job, too. If I do not know the answer to your question, I will go to Elizabeth
157 for help.
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159 **Financial Report:** No change from October 2020.
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161 **Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. No report.
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163 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Madeline Hall reporting. No report
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165 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Please remind your clubs to send me their 2021
166 schedules and flyers if they have any.
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168 Please remind clubs at your district meetings that sending schedules & insurance
169 information to Edythe Weber at my address is not the same as sending information to
170 Edythe and to me.
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172 The last two weeks have been very frustrating. Our website provider told me this
173 summer that some of the coding I have been using for the last 10 years is no longer
174 considered safe and that I should change it. The change involved well over 1000 web
175 pages, and I had no way to locate every page. I updated all the pages I could find.
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177 Then, two weeks ago, he told me that any domain that still had any of the offending
178 pages would be suspended. On three days, week before last, the schedule pages were
179 suspended at midnight. I was able to get them going by about 8:00 AM the next day.
180 It took me all that week to figure a way to locate all the offending pages, and all of last
181 week to get them updated.
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183 All web pages on www.SquareDanceMissouri.com should now be working.
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185 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.
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187 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting. No requests for new license plates or
188 renewals since last meeting. Bank balance as of November 30, 2020: \$423.36
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190 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting. On Sunday, December 6, USDA Insurance
191 Coordinator, Elizabeth Sanders, sent an email to State Insurance Coordinators that the
192 insurance portal was open. I have sent an email to club contacts, and put a page in the
193 Doin's letting clubs know.
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195 The winter meeting of USDA in January, which was to be held in El Paso, Texas has
196 been cancelled for a stay at home ZOOM meeting.
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198 At this time, USDA is planning on the annual meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on
199 Wednesday, June 23, 2021. This is our 40th Anniversary as an organization.
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201 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. Nothing additional to report at this time.
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203 **District Presidents' Report:** Liz Rooks reporting. Was not able to meet today due to a
204 microphone malfunction with Zoom.
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206 **Youth and Children's Dance:** Merle Hall reporting. No report
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208 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner reporting. No report
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210 **2020 State Festival:** Liz Rooks reporting. All records have been closed and all
211 outstanding checks have been processed. A check for \$1,921.32, which is what we had
212 from the \$2,500 start-up money, has been sent to the Federation treasurer.
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214 **2021 State Festival:** Dave Shafer reporting. All information available at this time is on
215 the Missouri Federation website. The menu for the Caller-Cuer Appreciation luncheon
216 and Saturday evening dinner menu have been confirmed with Dowd's Catfish House.
217 Reservations are needed for the evening meal. Please get your reservation and

218 registration in as soon as you can. Prices go up after September 1. T-shirts are mail
219 order only at this point due to not being able to travel to attend dances. Rudy
220 Schroeder has set-up a Facebook page: "2021 MO Federation of Square & Round
221 Dance Clubs Festival".

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223 **Old Business:**

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225 The first item of old business were the grant requests from Capital City Squares for
226 \$250.00 to help with their 2019 lessons and Beaux and Belles for \$500 to help with their
227 mainstream and plus lesson programs in 2020.

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229 Merle Hall made a motion to approve the request from Capitol City Squares; motion
230 seconded and carried.

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232 Penny Byers made a motion to approve the Beaux and Belles request; motion
233 seconded and carried.

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235 The next item of business was a discussion of the number of state meetings to be held
236 during a year.

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238 Cathy Hall made a motion we move to 4 meetings a year (January, April, July, and
239 October); motion seconded and carried.

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241 This will require a constitutional change which needs to be presented at our February
242 meeting and then again at the April meeting to be voted on before it becomes effective.

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244 Lastly, a vote was taken on the recommendation of the Boundaries and Relations
245 Committee to accept the move of the Diamond B's and River City Square Dance Clubs
246 from the West Central District to the Northwest District. The recommendation was
247 approved.

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249 **New Business:**

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251 Fred and Carolyn thanked those who served on committees in 2020 and released them
252 from their positions. They also thanked everyone who had supported them this year.

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254 Fred then turned the meeting over to incoming presidents, Dave and Penny Byers.

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256 Dave took over with approval of the proposed 2021 budget being the first item to be
257 handled. Rosa explained how she had determined the proposed budget. Rosa also
258 commented that if we continue to need to cash in CDs like we have this year, we have
259 enough for three more years.

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261 Dave Shafer moved to accept the proposed budget; motion was seconded and carried.

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263 Carol Hershey, Co-president of the Northwest District, reported they have tentatively
264 reserved the Colonial Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas for our first
265 meeting in 2021 on February 21; this will be dependent on what the guidelines will be at
266 that time for in-person gatherings.

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268 Fred Goucher said he and Carolyn would be glad to take over the Promotions.
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270 Edythe Weber suggested the Grant program needs a thorough review and separated
271 from Promotions; this was referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further
272 action.

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274 **Calendar of Events**

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276 Debbie Moffitt announced the Beaux & Belles have a new dance location for 2021; the
277 Blee Room, 1404 Missouri Street, Macon, MO 63552. For those familiar with Macon it
278 is the Old Sanitarium on the south edge of Macon Hwy 63.

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280 The next state board meeting will be February 21, 2021 at Colonial Presbyterian Church
281 in Overland Park, Kansas. Northwest District will host.

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

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285 Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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287 Respectfully submitted,

288 Liz Rooks

289 Secretary