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

Minutes of February 21, 2021

President Dave Byers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Dave Byers

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Executive Board; 10 District Directors; 10 Staff/Past Presidents).

Approval of December 13, 2020 Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the December meeting 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 January 1, 2021 of \$17,522.12. Since the last report there has been Revenue of \$0.74 and Expenses of \$3,084.50. The ending checking account balance as of January 31, 2021 is \$14,438.36. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$30,528.01 for Total Funds on hand of \$47,765.87. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Since insurance registration was not required until January 15, I could not pay the insurance rebates that are normally paid in December until this year. So, we will have two years of those rebates to be paid this year. (\$2100 paid earlier this month plus another \$2100 to be paid at the end of this year.)

Our original proposed budget predicted a shortfall of \$9745. The additional \$2100 would give a shortfall of \$11,845. This did assume \$5000 revenue from the 2021 Festival. Any amount less than that would further increase the net loss for the year.

In order to have sufficient operating funds for the year, I believe that we should redeem the CD that matures in March.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 43 clubs this year.

Western Grand Squares in West Plains has suspended their club membership.

A Longevity award was announced for the Maysville Wranglers, Northwest District, for 40 years in March.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. Liz read a Thank you card from Vicki Wittman and a Thank You card from Billie Jean Butler on behalf of her granddaughter, Brianna, who received the 2020 Scholarship. A sympathy was sent to Catherine McLemore on the passing of her husband and a Thinking of You card to Dan Reedy who is recovering from Covid-19.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers. Dave cannot continue as chairman of this committee due to being president and is an ex officio member of the committee. He will assign a new chairman.

He shared the committee has received an additional suggestion for redoing the districts to achieve four districts: Let the clubs indicate which district they prefer to be a part of and then the boundary lines would be determined.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cathy Hall reporting. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Cathy Hall, Art Kruse, and Merle Hall) reviewed and approved the final wording of the proposed change(s) to Article VI, Meetings; Sections 1 & 2; Article V, Officers and Their Duties, Sections 3 & 4; Article VII, Committees; Section 6 and Article III: Membership, Section 2 of the Constitution (See these proposed changes at the end of the minutes).

It is the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that these change(s) be brought before the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors for the purpose of consideration and adoption. As these are changes to the Constitution, they must be read at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and be voted on at the next meeting.

Cathy read the report of the current wording of the articles to be changed as well as the proposed changes.

Publications: Carol Morris. No report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. We are continuing to put the "Covid-19" disclaimer at the beginning of each district.

I still do not have all clubs dance dates for 2021 and will try to get that task completed by the end of February.

Just FYI, this is the smallest magazine we have ever printed, just because articles are short and the calendar is full of cancellations. Hopefully things will pick up in the fall.

If dances are cancelled be sure to let Dan Wheeler know for the web version of the Dance Calendar. His will be the most up-to-date.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S the March/April issue are 213, 1 advertiser, 2 exchange copies and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 230. We had 46 electronic subscriptions, 45 renewals, 1 new subscription and no new student copies. We will be sending out 23 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 \$615.00 from subscriptions & DOIN'S dance callers. Expense of postage amounted to \$17.50 and \$82.37 for printer supplies. A check for \$ 515.13 was sent to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

Edythe commented the Doin's are mailed at a bulk rate which requires a minimum mailing of 200. She will work with Ruth Ann to keep our mailing at or above the minimum count to avoid an increase in mailing cost.

Rosa also commented she had budgeted proposed income for 2021 from subscriptions of \$4,125.00; and with the current drop in subscriptions, we are down to \$3,195.00 of income from subscriptions.

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 \$356.00 and expenses totaled \$1.80. A check was mailed to the Federation for \$354.20 leaving a balance of \$100.00.

Dave commented on mailing rates and delivery time for mailing advertising package to the publisher. For several years has used priority mail which was delivered in 2-3 days versus a longer time for 1st class mailing. Recently, it has been taking much longer for priority mail to be delivered and a shorter time for 1st class mail. So is now using the 1st class category.

Dave reported he had been handling the Doin's Advertising for 21 years and he would very much like to hand that over to someone else. Let Dave know, if you are interested or know of someone who might be interested.

Promotions: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No activities to report. Two more members are needed to fill the committee. Contact them if you are interested or want more information on what the committee does.

Member Services Committee: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No activity to report. Rosa has mailed checks for Capital City Squares and Beaux & Belles for their requests.

Audit Committee: Fred reported Audit Committee members are he and Carolyn, Edythe Weber, chairman, and Louise Coleman.

State Festival Site Screening: Madeline & Merle Hall. Checking on some sites but no report at this time.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting. 944 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 256 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1200 Missouri dancers in 43 clubs.

If your club has a new insurance person, please let me know their contact information: Name, Address, Phone and Email. I will make sure they have the instructions on how to use the enrollment portal. It would also be helpful to them if you were to take the time to train them from your end.

If you need to communicate with me about insurance, PLEASE use the Missouri Federation Insurance email at moinsurance@kc.rr.com .

You should never delete a dancer from your roster after initial enrollment.

The 2021 Insurance premium is \$4.85 per dancer.

Remember to complete an accident report form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time. It is hard to remember who, what, when, where and how weeks later; documentation at the time is best. Keep them on file and submit as needed.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me. If I do not know the answer, I know who to contact to get it.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of October 1, 2020 was \$263.65; total income of \$3,479.25 and expenses of \$2,215.75 leaves an ending balance on January 31, 2021, of \$1,527.15

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. No report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall. No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. We need to start planning ahead. People in Missouri are finally starting to receive Covid 19 vaccinations. It is likely by late summer we will be able to safely start scheduling dances. If your club has not started planning dances, they probably should. Please send those scheduled to Edythe and me.

However, for the time being, the most common activity on the website is changing scheduled dances to "Cancelled".

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting. My previous ledger balance was \$383.36. I received one request for a two-year renewal with a check for \$50. I sent the required refund of \$20. This leaves a current ledger balance of \$413.36.

However, there are three \$20 refund checks that have never been cashed, so the actual bank balance is \$473.36.

I would like to request that everyone cash the refund checks when you get them back. It will make the bookkeeping much easier.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. At this time, USDA is planning on an in-person Annual Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. We are working on a great display for our 40th Anniversary. She will keep us posted if the convention is cancelled.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. At this time, ARTS is trying to decide whether to go with an in-person meeting on Sunday following the National in Jackson, Mississippi, or change to a Zoom meeting in July.

District Presidents' Report. Carol Hershey, Northwest District President, reporting. Four of the six districts were present for the Zoom meeting. B. K. Loynes, St. Louis District, volunteered to be chairman of the Square Dancer of the Year Committee for 2021.

Northeast District volunteered to host the April 18 state meeting. The meeting will be held at the Brees Room, 1404 South Missouri Street, Macon, MO 63552 across from the fairgrounds; enter on the north end of the building. The district will be hosting its district dance the evening of April 17 at the Moberly Municipal Auditorium.

The June or July meeting was discussed; no decision was made as to who would be willing to host the meeting.

Carol Hershey shared information regarding a series of square dance workshops sponsored by USDA and Mike Hogan is promoting these. Information for these workshops is available on the Missouri Federation website.

Youth and Children's: Merle Hall. Currently the youth groups are at a standstill. Three demos are scheduled in March and April with a 4-H group in Eldon. One day will be barn-square dance, one day lines, and one day waltz and 2-step. No one else is dancing at this time.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner. Deadline for submitting scholarship applications is March 1, 2021. Contact Bob for application information. No applications have been received as of today.

2021 State Festival: Dave Shafer. No additional registrations or shirt orders have been received since our last meeting. If greater interest is not shown by the April meeting, may need to consider cancelling the 2021 State Festival.

Old Business:

Merle Hall reported he had submitted the 501 (c) 3 application and received a response from the USDA representative they needed a copy of the Federation's Articles of Incorporation and documentation of what our fiscal year is.

Tony Ahart believes he has a copy of the actual Articles of Incorporation.

Merle made the motion to add a statement to the Missouri Federation Constitution defining that the fiscal. year be January 1 through December 31; motion was seconded and carried.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to add the time frame of the fiscal year to be January 1 through December 31; motion was seconded and carried.

This will be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for appropriate action.

New Business:

Fred Goucher, chairman of the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame Committee reported selecting the members of the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame Committee for 2021 was conducted by e-mail ballot prior to the meeting. Members selected are: Dave Shafer - Central District, Debbie Moffitt – Northeast District, Cathy Hall – St. Louis District, and Bob & Shirley Turner – Southeast District.

Cathy Hall, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman, explained the main purpose of five of the six proposed constitutional changes is in response to the wishes of the Federation Board of Directors to reduce the number of state meetings from six meetings per year to four.

The sixth constitutional change regards the practice of issuing yearly membership cards to all dues paying members which has not been done for several years.

Rosa responded if new members wanted a membership card she could send them as she has a supply available.

Cathy Hall shared many have felt lost in reciting the Missouri pledge as they do not have a copy of it and that it is not used any place else. She has been wondering why the Missouri pledge is recited at our meetings and what the origin of the pledge is. She has done research and can find no record of the State of Missouri having an official pledge.

Dave Shafer shared some historical background information regarding the origination of this. It came about when there was a push from a group of individuals to have an official state pledge, but one was not approved.

Cathy made a motion to remove the recitation of the Missouri pledge from Missouri Federation functions; the motion was seconded and carried.

Edythe Weber reported she had been asked to submit her nomination as a candidate for the position of secretary of the USDA.

Dave Shafer made a motion for the Missouri Federation to submit Edythe's name as a nomination for USDA secretary; the motion was seconded and carried.

Dave & Penny as president of the Missouri Federation will submit the appropriate nomination paperwork to USDA.

Art presented information regarding the upcoming Missouri Bicentennial to see if the Federation would be interested in participating in an event or events as a part of the celebration; possibly Aug 5-8 or during the Missouri State Fair. He will get more detailed information for presentation at our April meeting.

Penny let folks know the Federation has a Zoom account for this year and other groups could use it to hold meetings. Contact Liz if you would like to do that.

Dave Shafer reminded all that the Doin's is available for advertising/promoting dances and events.

Calendar of Events

Peppy Promenaders are continuing monthly dances as of Feb. 27.

Beaux & Belles are resuming dancing this week at the Blee's Room, 1404 Missouri Street, Macon, MO 63552; enter on the north end.

Northeast District Dance, Saturday, April 17, Moberly Municipal Auditorium

Tanglefoot Squares in Brookfield, Western Roundup, Saturday, March 20, at Trinity Fellowship Hall, 224 S. Main, Brookfield.

Little Dixie Squares, March 6, Trinity Methodist Church, 101 W. 4th, Moberly

Western Twirlers in Joplin, Southwest District, are dancing on the first Saturday of the month at 7 p.m.

St. Louis clubs will not be dancing until at least May.

The next state board meeting will be April 18, 2021 in Macon, Missouri. Northeast District will host.

A motion was made by Dave Shafer to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rooks
Secretary

Article VI, Meetings; Section 1: Regular

AS CURRENTLY READS:

Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held **six** times a year, hosted by member clubs. Meetings will be held in the district in which the club is a member. A dance, the night before the meeting, shall be held if possible. Meetings shall be on the second or third Sunday **of February, April and August;** the meeting designated as the festival meeting shall be on the Sunday of the annual festival, **and the June and December meetings shall be on the first or second Sunday.** Within ten days of each state meeting, each board of director member will receive uncorrected minutes of said meeting, either by e-mail to those who have e-mail addresses, or mailed to those members who do not have e-mail addresses. Notices of upcoming meetings with a copy of the previous meeting minutes and agenda of all business known to the executive committee to be brought before the board of directors shall be either e-mailed to those with an e-mail address, or mailed to those members of the board of directors who do not have an e-mail address, postmarked at least 10 days before the meeting. The meeting dates for the coming year shall be adopted at the December meeting.

CHANGE TO READ

Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held **four** times a year, hosted by member clubs or **via conference call.** Meetings will be held in the district in which the club is a member. A dance, the night before the meeting, shall be held if possible. Meetings shall be **held on a Sunday in the months of January, April, July and October/November, with the meeting designated as the festival meeting held on the Sunday of the annual festival.** Within ten days of each state meeting, each board of director member will receive uncorrected minutes of said meeting, either by e-mail to those who have e-mail addresses, or mailed to those members who do not have e-mail addresses. Notices of upcoming meetings with a copy of the previous meeting minutes and agenda of all business known to the executive committee to be brought before the board of directors shall be either e-mailed to those with an e-mail address, or mailed to those members of the board of directors who do not have an e-mail address, postmarked at least 10 days before the meeting. The meeting dates for the coming year shall be adopted at the **October/November festival** meeting.

Article VI, Meetings; Section 2: Annual

AS CURRENTLY READS:

The October meeting of the board of directors shall be designated as the annual meeting, time and place to be determined by the president with approval of the executive committee.

CHANGE TO READ:

The October/November meeting of the board of directors shall be designated as the annual meeting and **held on the Sunday of the annual festival, if feasible.**

Article V: Officers and Their Duties; Section 4: Nominations and elections

AS CURRENTLY READS:

A. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers at the **August** meeting of the board of directors. Nominations for each office may also be made from the floor. Consideration should be given to nominating only one officer from a district, if possible, so that representation may be diversified. Consent of nominees must be obtained before their names are presented.

CHANGE TO READ:

A. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers at the **July** meeting of the board of directors. Nominations for each office may also be made from the floor. Consideration should be given to nominating only one officer from a district, if possible, so that representation may be diversified. Consent of nominees must be obtained before their names are presented.

Article V: Officers and Their Duties; Section 3: Terms of office

AS CURRENTLY READS:

Officers shall serve from January 1 to December 31, with the following exception: the incoming president begins his/her term upon receipt of the gavel at the end of the December meeting

CHANGE TO READ:

Officers shall serve from January 1 to December 31.

Article VII: Committees; Section 6: Presidential Appointments

AS CURRENTLY READS:

B. All appointees and committees shall be relieved of their duties at the close of the December meeting.

CHANGE TO READ:

B. All appointees and committees shall be relieved of their duties at the **completion of the calendar year on December 31.**

Article III: Membership; Section 2: Membership

AS CURRENTLY READS:

A membership fee shall be assessed each year from each member square and/or round dance club in each district. This fee shall be due and payable October 1 of each year. Membership cards shall be issued on a yearly basis to all members of dues-paying

clubs. Members may be requested to present their membership cards at any Missouri Federation sponsored function.

CHANGE TO READ:

A membership fee shall be assessed each year from each member square and/or round dance club in each district. This fee shall be due and payable October 1 of each year.