



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

Minutes of July 18, 2021

President Dave Byers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Blee Room in Macon, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Dave Byers

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Executive Board; 11 District Directors; 5 Staff/Past Presidents).

President Byers thanked the Beaux & Belles of the Northeast District for hosting the meeting. Debbie Moffitt introduced guests from the Beaux & Belles: Dave & Ann Roush, Dee Comstock, and Ellen Crandall.

President Byers read the proclamation from the USDA recognizing Edythe & Jim Weber as Honorary USDA members. He also presented a plaque to Fred & Carolyn Goucher for serving as our 2020 presidents.

Approval of April 18 Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the April 18, 2021 minutes.

Fred Goucher 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, 2021 of \$23,456.70, Revenue of \$630.40 and Expenses of \$4,765.93. The checking account balance as of June 30, 2021 was \$19,321.17. Total CDs amounted to \$20,629.09 for Total Funds on hand of \$39,950.26 as of June 30, 2021. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

The "Budget to Actual" page of the report shows that the Federation has already had a net loss of \$8,200 for the current year

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 43 clubs this year. Longevity awards were awarded to the following clubs: Travelers (Central District) 65 years in September 2019 (I recently learned that the starting date of the club that I had received was in error.), West County Spinners (St Louis Metro) 40 years in August 2021, Capital City Squares (Northeast District) 50 years in October 2021, Santa Fe Trailers (Northwest District) 55 years in October 2021 and Silver Dollars (Northwest District) 70 years in October 2021.

In addition, there are two badges that were announced in previous meetings but not yet distributed: Tanglefoot Squares (Northeast District) 45 years and Duck and Dive (Central District) 65 years; Dave Byers presented these badges to district representatives to present to the clubs.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. A Thinking of You card had been sent to Carol Morris.

Matt and Pat Auriene have a new address: 1319 Woodridge Lane, Moberly, MO 65270

Boundaries and Relations: Merle Hall reporting. The Greenville Grand Squares is a new club in the St. Louis District and the Federation.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cathy Hall. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed and approved the final wording of the below proposed change(s) to the Standing Rules, Article III – Board of Directors’ Meetings, Section 3 (see wording at the end of the minutes). It is the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that the following 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.

Publications: Carol Morris. Based on special budget committee review – a recommendation to move to a quarterly magazine, printing and electronic 4 times a year rather than 6. More info will follow.

DOIN’S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. We have reduced the “Covid-19” disclaimer at the beginning of each district.

I am working on the September/October magazine. So far, and it’s early yet, I have 4 articles. The deadline is July 25. We will see how many I get next week and how many I need to send a note.

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

DOIN’S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN’S this month were 222, exchange copies 1, and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 238. We had 48 electronic subscriptions, 14 renewals 7 new subscriptions

and no new student copies. We will be sending out 11 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the September/October issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$315.00 from subscriptions & DOIN'S dance callers. Expense of postage amounted to \$3.60 and Other \$129.99. A check for \$133.69 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of \$100.00. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$456.00 and two Doin's subscriptions (\$30.00); Expenses totaled \$30.00 (sent subscriptions to Doin's Circulation. A check was given to the Federation for \$456.00; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

Promotions: Fred & Carolyn Goucher: August 7, Columbia Bicentennial celebration dancing from 2:00 to 2:50; would like to have one or two squares to dance. Will have postcards promoting square dancing to hand out.

Member Services Committee: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No report.

State Festival Site Screening: Madeline & Merle Hall. The committee toured the Mathewson Exhibition Center & Lowell Mohler Hall for the purpose of using it for the 2022 state festival and recommends it to the Federation for approval.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting: Financial Report: Beginning balance as of February 1, 2021 \$1,527.15, total income of \$1,220.35 and expenses of \$2,260.75 leaves an ending balance on June 30, 2021, of \$486.75. Has a small deposit to make and a check to write to USDA that will be reported at the next meeting.

1,059 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 256 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1,315 Missouri dancers in 44 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.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. No report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall. No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. The 2021 Missouri Festival Committee needs to check the website to see that the website has all the pages that should be there.

When you request changes to the website, it helps if you tell me where the changes need to be made. Club information, schedule changes & E-mail changes are in a database and I can find them easily, but address & phone number changes can appear in many places. I receive many change requests where the requester fails to mention the club name.

As clubs start having dances, it is more important than ever that you keep me informed of your schedules and dances.

I have received information on individual dances, but not many actual schedules.

There has been a major problem with the websites I do. Our provider has made a change in the way he requires the code be written. It has to do with the code I use on the drop down menus on all the club websites. I have rewritten the code so that it works and I have started updating all the club websites. In the meantime, I have found a work around that seems to be working with the club websites that haven't yet been updated.

If you notice the drop down menus on your club's website are not working properly, let me know and I will fix them.

The new drop down menus look slightly different, but I doubt that you would ever notice the difference unless you had the old pages and new pages side by side.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting. Since last meeting in April, I have had one new license plate request for two years, ten two-year renewals, and one one-year renewal. Therefore, I collected \$575, and given out \$230 in rebates. This leaves me with a balance of \$758.36.

Please encourage all square dancers to consider getting these license plates. They really do attract attention to the activity.

Some are using old Clever address; please us my new address: 3351 E. Seminole Street, Springfield, MO 65804.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The meeting was held Wednesday, June 23 from Jackson, Mississippi. The combo in-person/Zoom meeting went well. We had a little trouble with hearing the Zoom people; but we did the best we could do.

I (Edythe) was elected to USDA Secretary for 2021-2022.

Jim and I were presented with a very long presentation.

I think our delegates should report on the meeting.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. Our hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting went well on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the Visit Jackson meeting room; 14 people were in attendance.

Nothing much going on at this time. We are hope to have more about the video project this fall.

District Presidents' Report: Robert Turner, Southeast District president, reporting. Square Dancer of the Year Committee has only received one nomination; deadline for submitting is August 1.

Wood River, Illinois club St. Louis District will be closing at the end of the year.

Northeast and Southeast have 100% of their clubs dancing and most of the clubs in the Northwest District are dancing.

Planning to have the dates and locations for 2022 state meetings at the October meeting.

Youth and Children's: Merle Hall reporting. Youth (4-H) groups that shut down during Covid have not wanted to get started again.

Mexico and Macon public schools are interested in teaching the square dance curriculum this fall if Merle will help them.

4-H group in Kirksville wants to restart lessons in October.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner. No report.

2021 State Festival: Dave Shafer. 100 registrations have been received; shirts and ribbons have been ordered and will be in shortly. A hand quilted quilt will be raffled; tickets and a picture were handed out to districts present for their help in promoting the festival and the raffle.

He read a list of committee chairmen. Reminded attendees of the Saturday evening meal.

2022 State Festival: Penny Byers. Dave & Penny Byers and Gary & Gay Spencer are the co-chairmen for the 2022 Festival to be held October 7-9. Most of the committee chairmen have been secured, the theme, colors, and shirt design have been selected.

Committee is recommending keeping registration fees and advertising rates the same.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau is working with us to promote the festival and will work with merchants, especially restaurants, to see if they will stay open later in the evening during the festival.

The caller and cuer who were contracted for the 2022 festival are unable to fulfill the contract as they had been contracted for the third weekend. Dan Preedy from Washington state and Bob & Gerry Tevlin have been contracted as the caller and cuer for the 2022 festival.

Old Business:

Cathy Hall gave the second reading of the proposed changes presented at the April meeting to the Constitution and Bylaws. (See wording at the end of the minutes).

President Byers asked for a vote on accepting the proposed Constitution Bylaws change. Vote was in the majority to approve.

President Byers talked about the work of the Budget Deficit Committee appointed at the last meeting with the purpose of reporting today. The committee members are Rosa Davis, Cathy Hall, Bob Turner, and President Byers.

Cathy Hall presented an amended budget for the rest of this year and looking forward to next year reflecting the proposed changes they are recommending and copies were handed out; it was also posted in the reports link on the website. Cathy then explained the proposed changes and the rationale for the changes.

President Byers opened the floor for comments and questions regarding this proposal.

During this discussion period, Catherine McLemore inquired about what she was to do with money from license plate renewals and new plate orders. It was shared for each month or appropriate time frame she should make a report of the income received and expenditures for the license plates keeping a balance of \$100 in the account and forwarding the remainder to the Federation treasurer.

New Business:

Madeline Hall made the motion to adopt the amended budget for 2021; motion seconded and carried.

Penny Byers, on behalf of the 2022 Festival Committee requested the \$2,500 start-up money from the Federation. Larry Crisel made the motion to approve the request; motion seconded and carried.

President Byers asked for approval of the Site Screening Committee's report to approve use of the Mathewson Exhibition Center and Lowell Mohler Hall for the 2022 State Festival. Approval granted.

President Byers asked for discussion and vote on the proposed change to the Standing Rules regarding district/club reimbursement for hosting a state business meeting. If the change is approved, the change would be effective July 19, 2021.

Vote taken and the Standing Rule change was approved. (See wording at the end of the minutes.)

Fred Goucher reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee is recommending the Federation consider the feasibility of changing the length of the terms of the officers.

Following discussion, President Byers will appoint a committee to look at the length of terms of officers, etc.

The committee is recommending carrying over this year's officers to 2022; all have agreed to continue. Vote will be taken at the October meeting.

Dave Shafer reported on the Showcase of Ideas at the 2021 National Convention and shared information regarding missing items we are supposed to have and to be on the lookout for them.

Debbie Moffitt, Beaux & Belles, Northeast District asked about their reimbursement for hosting this meeting. They will be reimbursed under the old policy of \$200 for hosting a meeting.

Carolyn Goucher, Promotions Committee Chairman, asked for clubs who have yard signs promoting square dancing to let them know how many they have on hand as the committee is trying to get an idea of how many are still around or might be needed.

George Roth made a motion for the Federation to adopt the USDA Proclamation for Jim and Edythe Weber be entered in our permanent records. Motion seconded and carried.

Calendar of Events

Beaux & Belles – Thursday, July 22, 7:30-9:30 Special Dance

Beaux & Belles – Saturday, July 31, Regular Dance – Blee Room

Missouri Bicentennial Celebration – Saturday, August 7 – Square dancing 2:00 to 2:50, Columbia

Northwest District Dance – Aug. 14, Graceway Church, Raytown
Missouri State Fair Day of Dance – Wednesday, August 18 – Lowell Mohler Bldg.

Next state meeting: October 10 - Lebanon, Missouri. Central District will host.

Fred Goucher made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rooks
Secretary

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July 18, 2021 – Proposed Standing Rules Change

Subject: Proposed change **Standing Rules**, Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

Standing Rules, Article III – Board of Directors' Meetings

Section 3

Current: The club(s) hosting a board of directors meeting shall be reimbursed \$200 by the federation.

Proposed: The club(s) hosting a board of directors meeting shall be reimbursed by the federation for actual expenses up to a maximum of \$200.

Effective July 19, 2021

July 18, 2021 – Second Reading – Article V

Subject: Proposed change to the **Constitution**, Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed and approved the final wording of the below proposed change(s) to the Constitution as noted below. It is the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that the following 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. Being as this is a change to the Constitution this must be read at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and be voted on at the next following meeting.

Cathy Hall, Committee Chair

AS CURRENTLY READS:

Article V: Officers and Their Duties

Section 1: Officers

Section 2: Duties

Section 3: Terms of office

Section 4: Nominations and elections

Currently, there is no statement within the Constitution regarding the Fiscal Year of the MO Federation. A motion was made at the February 21, 2021 meeting to have it added.

CHANGE TO READ:

Article V: Officers and Their Duties

Section 1: Officers

Section 2: Duties

Section 3: Terms of office

Section 4: Nominations and elections

Section 5: Fiscal Year – The Fiscal Year of the federation shall be January 1 through December 31.

Document Revision Dates:

July 18, 2021 – Article V, Section 5.

Approved October 9, 2021