

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2012
(revised December 1, 2012)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 1:30 p.m. by the President Jim Weber

ROLL CALL: 6 clubs represented out of 12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 29, 2012 A motion was made by Randy Boyles and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted,. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Dan Wheeler (Attachment #1). It was moved by Becky Good to accept the treasurer's report as read, it was seconded. Motion passed.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence:

- A card from Dana Schirmer for KC Plus expressing and apology for not recognizing leaders from the NW District at the Joe Saltel special.
- Discussed sending minutes out sooner so delegates can report more accurate to the clubs. July minutes were sent out September 12th and again the first of October.
- Clubs who have not sent in their application for membership are:
 - a. St Joe Squares – contacted by email Chris Wildhagen and Marilyn Robinson
 - b. Greg's Gang – contacted by email Greg Edison
 - c. Savannah Sashayers – gave application to Lois Edmiston at District meeting.
 - d. Two State Steppers – Edythe Weber will contact

District Presidents Report(s): August 19th, given by Jim Weber

1. Nominated Square Dancers of the year
2. \$250 was distributed to clubs
3. Insurance forms are available on the website for clubs
4. The 2013 state meeting schedule is as follows:
 - a. February 17th in Northwest District
 - b. April 14th in Central District
 - c. June 16th in Northeast District
 - d. August 18th in St Louis District
 - e. October 13th in West Central District
 - f. December 13th in Southeast District

MO State Meeting Report(s): August 19th report given by Loretta Marron.

1. After the meeting was called to order and attendance taken, minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.
2. Please check club directory for Doins and make sure information is correct.
3. The state still has 207 puzzles to sell.
4. A long discussion was held regarding requirements for the "Toot you Horn" program. Marty requested that you send ideas to him. His information can be found on Missouri web site.
5. Jim Weber stated insurance requirements are on web site.
6. The Doins requested that all clubs should have a contact person listed with both home and cell numbers. It was stated that if someone needs directions to your dance, a home number will not work if you are at the dance, so that is why they asked for cell numbers.
7. Travel Missouri indicated that there are 226 people that have badges with 2504 dangles given out.
8. U.S.D.A. nothing new.
9. Youth and children Committee indicated moving ahead with getting modern Square Dancing information out to teachers. \$300.00 was given to Committee for supplies.
10. It was said that photos will be taken at the 2012 State Dance.
11. The 2013 committee indicated they are on schedule. For the people who sign up at this year's state dance there will be a \$5.00 discount.
12. Bidding for KC to have the 2018 National Convention will be presented at the Arkansas Convention.

October 21, 2012 report given by Loretta Marron.

1. After the meeting was called to order and attendance taken, minutes of last meeting and treasurer report were read and approved.
2. Club longevity—two clubs were listed in October and one in November;
 - a. October, St. Louis District, the St. Peters Squares, 50 years
 - b. October, Northwest District, the Shooting Stars, 35 years
 - c. November, St Louis District, the Country Squares, 45 years
3. The Doins editor asked that information be sent before November 25th as that date is a holiday.
4. We were asked to update any changes to dance locations so the location directory in the January book will be correct.
5. It was also stated that there are 406 subscriptions to the Doins.

6. 5 puzzles were sold at the state dance, but we need to sell 81 more to break even.
7. Jim Weber reminded us that all clubs need to be insured for 2013. If your club is not insured through the state please send Jim a copy of insurance policy. Jim also stated if you are dancing at a nursing home or school let Jim know at least one week before so you can be covered.
8. Dan Wheeler explained new format he is going to use to list dance information on web. He also asked you check your club history and if it needs updating please send him the updated information.
9. Jim Marron indicated that there are 263 total members who have received a total of 2530 dangles for Traveling Missouri.
10. The U.S.D.A. will be holding their January meeting in Kansas City and the Santa Fe Trailers will be hosting them at their dance in January.
11. February 1st is the deadline for the U.S.D.A. scholarship. So get them in early because they need the President to sign them.
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13. A total of 508 dancers were at the dance in Lebanon
14. 2013 State dance has 116 paid registrations as of October 21, 2012
15. Caller of the year was John Stewart of the St. Louis District.
16. Square Dancers of the year were Dan and Jean Wheeler from the Northwest District.
17. The Bone's were elected bid chairman for 2018 bid for Nationals
18. We are looking into tax stats to 305C, so we can use money if we get 2018 NSDC.
19. Election of officers at next meeting.
20. The next meeting for the state will be held in the Northwest district in Liberty.

Review of MO State Festival: The State Festival was quite successful with 508 attending the weekend festivities. \$1281.00 was made on the silent auction.

Next State Festival will be in Sadalia, October 11-13, 2013

NORTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE: JULY 27, 2013 – need host club, is The Point confirmed as location? President Jim Weber asked that delegates check with their clubs and see if their club would be interested in hosting this event. The location has been decided. Club or clubs (last year two clubs hosted the event) hosting will run the silent auction and take care of refreshments as they come in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of changes in the Constitution & ByLaws from last meeting

The Standing Rules were approved at the last meeting. The motion was made that the Constitution and ByLaws changes be approved as printed in the minutes. Motion passed. (Attachment 2)

NW District is host to the MO State Meeting on December 9. Dance at Shooting Star on 12/8; Ramblers to host meeting. Jim Weber invited everyone to attend the dance and meeting. The Meeting is on December 9th, beginning at noon, at the Liberty VFW at Hwys B&H just past William Jewel College.

Nominating Committee report – officers for 2013 The committee was not at the meeting. President Jim Weber asked if we could continue the nominations. Persons serving terms were asked if they would like to continue serving. All said they would. Jim indicated that he and Edythe would like to step down and move the Gouchers up into the President position. This had previously been discussed by those involved. Randy Boyles will take the Vice President position.

A motion was made that the following persons serve on the Northwest District Board for the next year.

1. President: Fred and Carolyn Goucher
2. Vice President: Randy Boyles
3. Secretary: Carol Hershey
4. Treasurer: Dan and Jean Wheeler
5. State Delegate: Jim and Loretta Marron
6. State Delegate: Frances Casteel
7. Alternate Delegate: Mary Pitts

The motion was seconded and passed

Discussion on July 28, 2013 meeting – holding meeting before dance on July 27 or not? The motion was made to hold the Northwest District meeting at 5:00 p.m., July 28th and not have the meeting on Sunday.

Rescheduling the meeting before the district dance at the Point. The motion was seconded and passed.

State Federation of Missouri has given \$250 to all Districts of use in advertising for lessons. Discussion on how it would be determined which clubs would get monies and how much they would get for lessons. The money is to be used for advertising for lessons only. Cannot use for supplies, refreshments during the lessons.

Clubs are to submit receipts with itemized listing of items purchased by Monday November 26th to Dan Wheeler. A committee of district officers will review the receipts and determine how the money will be submitted to the clubs.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Birthday cake was served for Frances Casteel. Happy Birthday Frances.

2013 Meetings: Jan. 27, April 28, July 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the Point, and Oct. 27, 2013.

Submitted by Secretary:

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**Northwest District
Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance**

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of July 29, 2012		\$ 3,168.52
Income	0.00	
Total Deposits:		0.00
Expense:		
Printing	40.39	
Badges	27.80	
Supplies	25.97	
Hall Donation	100.00	
Total Expenses:		-194.16
Checking Account Balance as of October 28, 2012		\$ 2,974.36

Treasurer's Report Submitted by:

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ATTACHMENT #2

RE: Proposed changes are in bold, underlined italic. I have only included the Articles or Sections with changes, not the entire document. Many of these changes are simply clarification or wordsmithing.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
NORTHWEST DISTRICT
MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

ARTICLE 3 – Membership

- Section 2. Clubs desiring membership in this district will submit an official district membership Application form, roster of members and appropriate fees. **Clubs must meet the current State Federation requirements regarding liability insurance.** A club must consist of at least eight (8) members and hold at least one (1) dance per year.
- Section 3. Voting members of the district consist of district officers, two delegates from each member club (one of which may be the president or vice president or caller of a caller-run club), and members-at-large (as identified in the Constitution). Voting is one (1) per position, maximum two (2) votes per club. **The district president has no vote except in case of a tie.**

Article 4 – Club Responsibilities to the District

- Section 1. The responsibilities of the club are:
- A. Pay district membership dues in accordance with ~~Number 4 of~~ the Working Rules. Include roster of members and appropriate application form and fees. Designate club contacts as requested on application form. Complete address and phone are necessary.

Article 5 – Officers

- Section 1. The ~~club members~~ **delegates** of the Northwest District will elect from ~~its district club~~ members a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, two state delegates, and one alternate state delegate, none of which may be a club caller or cuer. Each officer will be entitled to one (1) vote, **except the president who has no vote except in case of a tie.**
- Section 6. The President and State Delegates or Alternate State Delegate should attend and participate in the meetings of the Missouri State Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc. They will be reimbursed for mileage one way to attend State Board meetings in accordance with ~~Number 12 of~~ the Working Rules if an official request is made. A report of this meeting will be given by the Delegates or Alternate Delegate at the next District meeting. A written copy of this report will be made available to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. (Revised 7/22/07).

ARTICLE ~~6~~: Elections

- Section 1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~2~~ **2** State Delegates, and ~~1~~ **1** Alternate State Delegate will be elected annually.
- Section 2. The President will appoint the Nominating committee at the July meeting. Election will be held at the October meeting. The Nominating committee will recommend the slate of officers, with additional nominations being taken from the floor. Newly elected officers will be installed by ~~the presiding any past~~ **the presiding any past** president **or officer** as the last order of ~~old~~ business at the ~~January~~ **October** meeting.

ARTICLE ~~7~~: Committees

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ARTICLE ~~8~~: Amendments

- Section 1. ~~This constitution may be changed only with written notification of the proposed change to all eligible voting members and with an approval vote of 3/4 of those members voting at a general membership meeting or by mail in ballot. This constitution may be amended only with written notification of the proposed amendments to all eligible voting members. Approval requires the vote of 3/4 of the members as defined in Article 3 Section 3 at a general membership meeting.~~

WORKING RULES

5. Completely eliminating the length and duplicate detail of #5. New #5 wording as follows:

The Northwest District President and Secretary will work together to complete a District Handbook once new membership applications have been received. The Handbook should be complete for distribution by the January meeting for district membership and February for State officers and others.

a. The Handbook should include:

- i. List of district officers, including position, addresses and phone numbers
- ii. List of member clubs, presidents and district delegates (include position, address and phone number), number of members per club and number of students in lessons.
- iii. List of member club callers and/or cuers, addresses and phone numbers.
- iv. Copy of the Constitution and Working Rules
- v. Current information about Missouri Federation membership (How To's)
- vi. Current information about the Show Me Doin's magazine and forms
- vii. List of current Missouri Federation officers
- viii. Information on Missouri Federation programs, such as Travel Missouri, Toot Your Horn, and others as necessary
- ix. Current membership application on back page.

b. The Handbook should be complete for distribution to district membership at the January meeting.

c. The Handbook should be distributed to Missouri State officers and current year State Festival Chairman at the February State Board meeting.

9. a. All ~~square and round~~ dancers attending the dance will pay the door donation, except those with special invitations to attend at no charge.
- d. The Master of Ceremonies will be responsible for the following:
- ii. Scheduling all district callers/cuers and announcement time and level. Dance is to be mainstream with no more than two (2) announced plus tips. Lines and/or rounds subject to availability of cuers.
10. A committee appointed by the president will review the constitution and by-laws ~~each year. The president shall appoint the committee in July, with results and recommendations, if any, presented at the October meeting. at the request of the membership or as recommended by the delegates.~~

