

**Unapproved minutes for:  
NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
April 26, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by President Fred Goucher at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Member clubs 17, number in attendance 11 clubs.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS** Mary and Terry Mackland and Kelly Bockover

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 25, 2015** Motion was made by Jack Rockaway to accept the minutes as printed, with one correction on page 1, under General Reports, District Presidents Report, #1 "The meeting will be held"...should be "hosted." Motion was seconded and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**District Presidents Report(s):** Carolyn Goucher gave report.

1. Discussion on update on Callers/Cuers recommendations for plaques. The Northwest District has already made the changes.
2. Crosstrailers celebrated 65 years of dancing in the Northwest District. This is the second oldest club right now. The oldest club is Western Twirlers of Southwest District with 67 years.

**State Meeting Report(s):** Jim Marron reported on April 12, 2015 meeting held in Sedalia, MO.

1. After the meeting was called to order and attendance was taken, minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report was read and approved.
2. George Roth reporting for the Constitution & Bylaws Committee presented changes to standing rules section 5 (see Attachment 2) this was later tabled until the next meeting so it could be reported to clubs.
3. Edythe Weber reminded everyone sending articles for DOIN'S by email, to put club name first in subject line so it will not get lost.
4. It was stated that 3 more puzzles were sold.
5. Four clubs have received the "Toot your Horn" award.

6. Insurance Coordinator Jim Weber stated we have 1,497 insured through state and we have 37 new dancers, reminding us that new dancers are only insured while at lessons. He also restated you should always fill out an accident report for all accidents no matter how minor.
7. Jim Marron gave the Travel Missouri report.
8. The Web Master, Dan Wheeler, stated the web site had 340 hits this month and 3,000 for this year. He still needs schedules ASAP so he can get them on the web. Make sure your information on the web is correct, cell phone numbers and email addresses. Some districts have not sent in their district directory.
9. Edythe Weber for ARTS suggested we use new logo because the more we use it the more people will understand square dancing. She suggest we print one and put in back window of your car.
10. Sharon Crisel stated there are some callers calling in schools to help spread square and line dancing.
11. There were three requests for the Bill Morris scholarship; a winner has been chosen and will be announced in June.
12. There are 65 registrations for the 2015 state dance, encouraging people to register early as it helps in the set up costs of the dance. Mike Hogan will be the caller for this dance.
13. To advertise square dancing at the Missouri State Fair was discussed. An ad in the big fair booklet will cost \$550.00.
14. 2018 National Convention leaders need more volunteers. Committee is going to advertise in other states, if anyone is going to dance in another state you will be provided with information for the 2018 National Dance to provide at the out-of-state dance.
15. Next meeting is in Southwest District on June 14, 2015.

### **NORTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE: July 25<sup>th</sup>,**

Carolyn Goucher reported that the Ramblers are hosting the District Dance.

1. Each district club should provide at least one nice item for the silent auction. Make this item something that people will “bid on” and want to take home. A good rule of thumb is at least \$15 minimum cost for this item. Theme baskets are always a great idea! Getting donations of items is perfectly acceptable. Individuals can also donate silent auction items if they would like. The more the merrier.
2. Each club should provide at least three (3) door prize items. These items do not have to be expensive (less than \$3), and of course should be something that even you wouldn't mind taking home if you win.

Unwrapped is preferred, but if something with multiple pieces, please put in a bag.

3. Please make sure that all your club members know about the dance and that if they attend they should bring finger foods for the refreshment table. We prefer items that do not require tableware, but there will be some provided if needed.
4. Edythe Weber handed out packets for the District Dance to delegates.

**MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 16-18, 2015 Lebanon, MO.**

Packets were handed out by Carolyn Goucher containing information to the clubs for State dance. Each District Club should receive a packet for this dance. Contact Fred or Carolyn Goucher for packet if you did not receive it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A Motion was made by Dan Wheeler to amend Article 5, Section 6 to include the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for reimbursement. The motion reads as follows: The President, State Delegates or Alternate State Delegates, *Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary*, 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 to attend State Board meetings in accordance with the Working Rules if an official request is made in writing. A report of those meetings 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.

And in the Working Rules Page 22, #10 amends to read:

The President, the two State Delegates, *Alternate Delegate, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary* shall be reimbursed at 20 cents per mile, ONE-WAY mileage, to attend State meetings with a maximum of \$250 combined per meeting. This is not intended to reimburse total expenses. The appropriate reimbursement form must be completed *within 30 days by the treasurer to receive reimbursement.*

The motion was seconded and passed.

## Other Old Business

1. Dan Wheeler indicated that in the clubs present, Knot So Squares had not turned in their schedule. If there are additions or changes in club schedules, notify Dan and he will put it on the Web to publicize activities.
2. Edythe Weber reminded us that students in lessons are covered by the club insurance as long as the lessons are in session. When lessons are over the students are no longer covered and need to find a club to join to be covered by insurance.
3. Edythe Weber indicated that if a club wanted to add a location to the insurance, they needed to use the Certificate of Insurance form. If it was not necessary to name both the club and the location of the dance on a Certificate, then use the Notification of Event form.
4. Jerry Belgum notified Northwest District he was forming a new club and would be turning in the application.
5. Edythe Weber said the dates for 2016 for the Northwest District meetings have not been approved by the North Kansas City Hospital and would need to be check on by the President.
6. Dan moved that the October 2016 meeting be changed to October 16 because of the district dance. Motion seconded and passed.
7. Santa Fe Trailers will dance first Saturday in May as reported by Dan Wheeler.
8. Jim Marron indicated that Lotawana Sailors will be changing their day next year.
9. Kelly Bockover said the Knot So Squares gave April dance portion of the 50/50 raffle to the AIDS Walk KC.
10. Edythe Weber needs articles for Doin's from every club.
11. Mary and Terry Mackland indicated that Mike Kelly is giving Advance lessons at Eastgate at 1:00 p.m. Mary and Terry were asked to send this information to Dan for the Web.
12. Dorotha Campbell announced that Lotawana Sailors were cancelling the May dance and their next dance would be in September at Vesper Hall.
13. Edythe Weber moved that Northwest District put a ½ page add in the State Festival Program. The motion was seconded and passed.
14. The 2015 Handbook has errors for Gouchers email and zip code. Correction has been made on the Web, please make changes in your handbook on pages 2, 4 and 5 (email for both Fred and Carolyn is [fgoucher@gmail.com](mailto:fgoucher@gmail.com)), (Goucher's zip 64734-9143); page 2 (Frances Casteel email [francasteel.ac@gmail.com](mailto:francasteel.ac@gmail.com)); page 15 (Karen Craig's zip 64458-9115).
15. Edythe Weber announced that the State Festival was asking the baskets for the silent auction be brought by clubs (no more than \$15) and the Districts.

Jack Rockaway moved that the Northwest District put together a basket for no more than \$50. The motion was seconded and passed.

Carolyn Goucher will put the basket together

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jim Marron moved that the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded and passed at 2:45 p.m.

**2015 MEETINGS: NW DIST Dance July 25 with meeting at 5; Sunday October 25.**

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**Northwest District  
Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance  
Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account Balance as of January 25, 2015		\$4044.98
Income:		
	\$0	
Total Income:		\$0
Expenses:		
Badges (bars)	\$18.89	
Total Expenses		\$18.89
Checking Account Balance as of April <sup>2</sup> 16, 2015		\$4026.09

Treasurer's Report Submitted by

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**The Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc**  
**Standing Rules**

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Proposed revisions 04/12/15

Section 5. Area Callers Committee

- A. The area callers and cuers for the Friday night dance, Saturday morning and afternoon workshops/dances and Saturday night dance shall be scheduled by the host district's state festival callers' committee in a manner equitable to all caller/cuers.
  - 1. An eligible area caller or cuer is defined as:
    - a. One who is currently a dues-paying member of Callerlab, American Callers Association and/or Roundalab,
    - b. One who has called or cued for a MFSRDC club (a club or different clubs) a minimum of six (6) times in the previous twelve (12) months.
- B. All recipients of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame shall be invited as a caller/cuer for the state festival.
- C. Callers/cuers shall register with the upcoming host district noting available times, level of calling or cueing and any other pertinent information. Registration forms will be provided at the current state festival by the upcoming host district and on the web site. Registrations shall be completed and given to the host district no later than **June 01**.
- D. Host district's Area Callers Committee will devise a caller/cuer schedule slotting callers/cuers based on their available times and level of calling in a manner as equitable as possible considering person and district. MCs (Masters of Ceremonies) will be chosen in an equitable manner.
- E. The tentative caller/cuer schedule shall be available by **July 01** so it may be reviewed by concerned groups. The caller/cuer schedule shall be finalized by **August 01**.
- F. Callers/cuers who do not report for their scheduled times without advanced notice (60 minutes) will not be eligible as a caller/cuer for the state festival the following year.
- G. MCs shall check prior to their scheduled time that all callers/cuers are present and report to the Host District's Area Callers Committee if any problems. Substitutions for callers/cuers that do not report for their scheduled appearance will be made by the MC and the host district's representative.
- H. A committee member or representative from the host district shall be available at all times for consultation.