

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 28, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by President Fred Goucher.

**ROLL CALL:** 8 clubs were represented out of 13-member clubs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2017:** Jack Rockaway moved that the minutes for October 15, 2017 be accepted as printed, motion seconded and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dan Wheeler presented the Treasurer's report, it will be filed for audit.

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**Correspondence:** Carol Hershey presented the correspondence since last meeting.

1. 10/18/17 a get well card was sent to Frances Casteel, 5116 S. Cottage, Independence, MO 64055-5534.
2. 10/18/17 a Sympathy card was sent to Pat Toc, 134 Dockside Circle, Lake Tapawingo, MO 64015-9657.
3. 11/11/17 emailed to all delegates from Missouri Dancers Internet Communication Network (E-Mail tree) Message from 67<sup>th</sup> NSDC Education Chairman.
4. 11/15/17 emailed to Northwest District email from Maysville: It is with a heavy heart that we tell you all that Karen Craig has passed away. I will let everyone know when I find out about the services. ....Maysville Wranglers
5. 11/26/17 emailed to all delegates Obituary for Karen Kay Craig – Bethany, MO
6. 12/4/17 sent get well card to Jan Anslinger, Kindred Hospital, 500 NW 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 106, Kansas City, MO 64118
7. 1/10/18 Sympathy card to Donna and Dana Schirmer and family, 7010 SE 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Berryton, KS 66409
8. 1/23/18 sent sympathy card to Dorothy Claussen, 25214 West 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Westwood, KS 662105
9. Received thank you card from Donna and Dana Schirmer from Gloria Rudy

**District Presidents Report(s):**

**State Meeting Report(s):**

Secretary was asked to extract points of interest from the Missouri Federation Minutes that are posted online: [www.SquareDanceMissouri.com/Missouri/Archive/Minutes-MissouriFederation/2017/12-December.pdf](http://www.SquareDanceMissouri.com/Missouri/Archive/Minutes-MissouriFederation/2017/12-December.pdf)

1. President Dan Reedy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Miller County Fairgrounds 6 in Eldon MO. Minutes read and approved, Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.
2. Treasurer's reported that 39 clubs are eligible for a rebate on their insurance and that 10 other clubs were late in turning in their monies.

Beaux & Belles in the NE District, were awarded a longevity award for 65 years in January.

Western Twirlers in the SW District, were awarded a longevity award for 70 years in January.

3. Constitution and Bylaws: Ron & Marie Selfors . Bob Turner handed out a revision to the By Laws concerning the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs Scholarship. (Article XVII). That has been given to Dan and he will get it updated online.
4. Doin's Editor Edythe Weber: Many late articles and some new writers. PLEASE, when transitioning to a new writer, help them get in the first and/or second articles. Make their transition to this important job go smoothly so they don't feel bad for being late or like they don't know what they are doing.

January 25 for the March/April issue. We will be in Portland, OR for the USDA winter meeting Jan 25-28. We will reply to your email as quickly as possible, but you know you can always send EARLY. We still have clubs that need to give us their 2018-year schedule, you know who you are. If you don't, you will by January 10, we will contact you. Again, the forms for sending items for the Doin's are available and interactive on the web at [www.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.SquareDanceMissouri.com) or you can request we send them to you electronically.

5. Doin's Circulation Jim Weber reported that 334 copies were sent out, there were 74 renewals, 14 new subscriptions and 5 copies sent the students. Post cards will be sent out for renewals for January and February.
6. Dave Shafer for Doin's Advertising reported there was income of \$358 from Doin's ads and Call/Cuer Directory Listings, expenses of \$6.64 leaving \$351.35 to turn into Federation.
7. Promotions, Jack and Becky Rockaway reported that there are "Learn to Square Dance" signs that are available to the clubs. The signs cost MO Federation \$8-\$9.
8. Insurance Coordinator, Jim Weber reported that 1,379 square dancers were insured through the Missouri Federation, 328 dancers insured through other agencies with a total of 1,707 dancers.

Clubs holding lessons: you MUST submit the club sponsored class form, even if your class started in 2017. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once your new dancers graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium and the club submits an additional enrollment form. The 2018 premium is \$4.75 per dancer.

9. Travel Missouri: Jim Marr on reporting. As of December 1, 2017, the total number of danglers given out for Missouri was 455 Central 398, Southeast 351, St. Louis 352, Northwest 362, West Central 373, Southwest 402, Northeast 383, The grand total for all districts is 3,076 (since the program began).
10. Webmaster Dan Wheeler asked that schedules, special events, etc. pertaining to your club be emailed to him. Be sure to get these things in to advertise you event.
11. 2017 State Festival: Ray & Vicki Wittman. Attendance this year was 409 which includes 50 non-paying (callers/cuers/past presidents). We had a profit of \$7,703.41, less our districts 10% of \$770.34 = \$6,933.07.
12. National Convention reported by Dave Shafer. There are 1765 registered of which 346 are from Missouri.
13. 2018 State Festival: Larry & Sharon Crisel reporting. For the 2018 State Festival, the Theme is "Bling into Swing in 2018".
14. Ron Selfers: Introduced the proposal for the Federation to offer a \$50 rebate for dancers who go through the Leadership Certificate Program at the National Convention. After some discussion, Madeline Hall moved that the Missouri Federation offer a \$50 rebate to any Missouri dancer that participates in the Leadership Certificate Program and receives a certificate at the 2018 National Convention, with a \$2,000 limit in rebates. Motion was seconded and carried
15. George Roth: Moved to change the Standing Rules Article VIII Section 6  
Current: "The selection committee chairman shall make copies of the nominations received by August 1<sup>st</sup> and mail them to the committee for consideration. The selection will be made at the August federation meeting." Change to: "The selection committee chairman shall make copies of the nominations received by July 15<sup>th</sup> and mail them to the committee for consideration. The selection will be made at the August federation meeting." Motion was seconded and carried.
16. Meeting adjourned.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Installation of 2018 Officers**

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee:** Edyth Weber absent

Concerns were brought up about changes made on Article 3 – Membership; Section 3.

Delegates and their clubs need to discuss suggested changes and see what impact it will have on their club and their delegates and be ready to vote on it at the April 29 meeting. The change discussed in the meeting was Article 3, Section 3 on page 14 of the 2018 Handbook.

**Currently in the 2018 Handbook page 14, it reads like this**

“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.”

**In the past we have let a delegate represent more than one club and the delegate could hold a position on the Northwest District Board. This may not have been the correct interpretation, but that is what has been happening.**

**The change reads as follows:**

“Each club is allowed one (1) vote per club at the district meetings. The voting member can be the president or delegate as designated by the club. If a caller club, the vote can be cast by the caller or a delegate as designated by the caller. An elected official of the Northwest District cannot be the voting member for a club. Voting members cannot be designated as the voting member for more than one club.

**Other changes** are in red in the attached #2. If you have difficulty deciphering the present and the changes, you need to get your copy of the 2018 Northwest District Handbook and compare the changes. These changes in the Constitution can affect your club and several in your club need to review and decide what is best for your club.

**Committee for Visitations:** Report was given by Louise Coleman.

There was discussion on some of the wording.

A motion was made by Carol Hershey to adopt the Friendship Visitation program for two-year trial. Seconded, passed

There was discussion to broaden the program from just the Northwest District to any square dance event anywhere, as promotion of square dancing was a priority. Dan Wheeler moved to change the wording to include other square dance events and clubs outside the Northwest District. Motion seconded and passed.

The program will run from June 1 to June 1 so that awards can be given at the Northwest District dance acknowledging those who participated in the program.

Dan Wheeler moved No club will be allowed to count more than one visit per night! Motion seconded and passed.

Revised Northwest District Friendship Visitation program (Attachment #3)

**June 27-30, 2018 67<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention – Kansas City, MO**

Edythe Weber sent report, Carolyn Goucher presented:

1. Ads for club in the National program book - \$50 per club. Business card size support ad. This is on the website. The district should also purchase an ad. Deadline January 31, 2018.
2. Callers School and Cuers College. The Missouri Federation voted to rebate the registration fee of those callers or cuers who attend the callers school or cuers college held during the national. This is also an opportunity for those who might show an interest in becoming a caller or cuer and want to attend the schools. Flyer and contact information for both are on the National website. I have not gotten the information done for the Missouri website yet. I have one question to clarify before my flyer will be done. But the information on the two schools is on the National website.
3. Youth – rebate the registration fee of any youth dancer that belongs to a Missouri Federation club, up to \$30. Just get them registered to come. Information and flyer is on the Missouri website. Going to be lots of fun in the youth hall!
4. Missouri Federation will rebate registration fee for any dancer who completes the Leadership Certification Program. This is part of the Education program for the National. Ron Selfors has created information and Dan Wheeler has posted it on the Missouri website.

Dan Wheeler moved that an ad be purchased for the Northwest District for the Nation. Motion seconded, passed.

“**Learn to Square Dance,**” signs have been made by Jack Rockaway for the Missouri Federation. There is a place to put a phone number on the bottom of the sign. Clubs can get signs from Gouchers.

**Shooting Stars** received a 40-year longevity pin.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Northwest District Dance July 21:**

Need a sponsoring club and location. Please talk to your club about hosting the dance. Remember The hosting club(s) of the Northwest District Dance will be given 10% of the gross income of the dance. If there is more than one club hosting, they will split the 10%.

If your club is interested, please call Carolyn Goucher so that flyers can be made and passed out at the next meeting.

**Oct. 19-21, 2018 - Southeast District (59th festival)** – Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, 500 East Elm Street, Lebanon, Missouri 65536,

**Start thinking about selection of “Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame” and “Square Dancer of the year” from your club or district.**

It is not too early to start thinking about nominating your caller/cuer or square dancer of the year. There is some preparation that goes into to submitting the forms.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Boyles moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded, passed. 2:50 pm

**2018 MEETINGS:** April 29, July 21 (Saturday 5:00 pm, NW District Dance at 7:30), October 14.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance as of October 15, 2017 \$5946.72

Income:

2018 Dues from Club	
BNR	25.00
Cross Trailers	25.00
Dan's Dancers	25.00
KC Plus	25.00
Lotawana Sailors	25.00
Maysville Wranglers (11-2)	25.00
Ramblers	25.00
Santa Fe Trailers	25.00
Silver Dollar Squares	25.00
Savannah Sashayers	25.00
Shooting Stars	25.00
Swingin' Singles	25.00
Two State Steppers (11-2)	25.00

Mo State Fed Insur Rebate (11 Clubs) 385.00

Total Income; \$710.00

Expenses:

Doin's Orbit for Mike Kelly	20.00
Doin's Obit for Karen Craig	20.00
Printing	83.21
Mileage	62.80
Bars	17.90
2018 Dues to Mo Federation	130.00
Insurance Rebate – 11 clubs	385.00

Total Expenses: \$718.91

Balance as of January 28, 2018 \$5937.81

Treasurer's Report Submitted by:

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

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization will be known as the NORTHWEST DISTRICT, MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

ARTICLE 2 – Objectives

- Section 1. To promote square and round dancing as a recreational activity of the highest standard.
- Section 2. To provide for member clubs promotional and organizational assistance with regard to new or existing clubs within the NORTHWEST DISTRICT.
- Section 3. To encourage, support, and assist the member clubs in their leadership in various phases of square and round dancing activities, such as club management, promotional activities, dance callers and cuers, musicians, etc.
- Section 4. To maintain communications between member clubs with regard to information of square and round dancing activities within the NORTHWEST DISTRICT and MISSOURI FEDERATION.
- Section 5. To promote and take part in the Northwest District Dance, the Missouri State Festival, and other activities which promote square dancing.

ARTICLE 3 – Membership

- Section 1. Membership in the organization will be composed of square and round dance clubs in the area, who desire membership in this association and who desire to demonstrate an interest in the purpose of the association.
- Section 2. Clubs desiring membership in this district will submit an official district membership Application form, roster of members and appropriate fees. 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. **New wording: Each club is allowed one (1) vote per club at the district meetings. The voting member can be the president or delegate as designated by the club. If a caller club, the vote can be cast by the caller or a delegate as designated by the caller. An elected officer cannot be the voting member for a club. Voting members cannot be designated as the voting member for more than one club.**
- Section 4. Roll call will be taken before the start of each general membership meeting. A quorum consisting of a minimum of 1/3 of member clubs in the district must be present before a meeting can be called. **New wording: Roll call will be taken at the start of each general membership meeting. A quorum consisting of a minimum of 1/3 of member clubs in the district must be present for voting business to be conducted. A general information meeting can be held without a quorum if members present so desire.**
- Section 5. Voting will be a show of hands with the exception of election of officers, which will be conducted by secret ballot if there is more than one nominee for office.
- Section 6. Member-at-large: Immediate district past president and any member of a district club elected to state office will be, if they so desire, considered a member-at-large to the



district; they would be permitted to attend all general membership meetings with full voting privileges. In addition, the immediate district past president will serve on the executive board as an advisor.

#### Article 4 – Club Responsibilities to the District

##### Section 1. The responsibilities of the club are:

- A. Pay district membership dues in accordance with the Working Rules. Include roster of members and appropriate application form and fees. Designate club contacts as requested on application form. Complete address, phone and email are necessary.
- B. Be represented by a delegate or alternate at each of the four yearly district meetings. If unable to have a representative present, contact a representative from another club in writing to vote by proxy for your club.
- C. Delegate should promote and communicate District and Missouri State Federation events and business to the club and its membership.
- D. Clubs should participate in as many District and Missouri State Federation events as possible.
- E. Recommend deleting this unless there is a consequence for not being in good standing. For a club to be in good standing in the district, it should be represented by a delegate at a minimum of two (2) of the district meetings.

##### Section 2. Club Delegate responsibilities are:

- A. Attend district meetings representing your club and voting on their behalf. Make every effort to attend all meetings. Recommend deleting this unless there is a consequence for not being in good standing.: For the club to be in good standing, it must be represented at a minimum of two (2) meetings out of the four held yearly.
- B. Take information back to the club caller and membership, ~~as needed,~~ about District and Missouri State Federation activities.

#### Article 5 – Officers

Section 1. The club members of the Northwest District will elect from its members: a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, two state delegates, and one alternate state delegate. Each officer will be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2. The President will have general responsibility of the affairs of the organization and will preside at all meetings. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees and will perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office of President.

Section 3. The Vice President will serve in the absence of the President and will perform all duties of this office.

Section 4. The Secretary will take minutes of the meetings and will send copies to each member of the executive board, club presidents, club delegates, and club callers and cuers. The Secretary will notify the above-named individuals of all meetings, will be responsible for any correspondence designated by the President, and shall maintain such other records as required.

Section 5. The Treasurer will have custody of all funds and accounts. The Treasurer will be required to make reports of income and expenses of the organization at all regular meetings. A written copy of this report will be made available to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. Treasurer's books will be made available at any reasonable time for inspection. An audit will be performed annually, or as may be required, by a committee appointed by the President.



- 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 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.
- Section 7. Roberts Rules of Order will apply.

#### ARTICLE VI: Elections

- Section 1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Delegates, and Alternate State Delegate will be elected annually (amended 1/17/04).
- 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 president as the last order of old business at the January meeting:
- Section 3. At the expiration of the term of office, by termination or otherwise, of any officer or standing committee chairperson, they will turn over to their successor any monies, books or records of their office that may be in their possession.

#### ARTICLE VII: Committees

- Section 1. The President will appoint the chairperson(s) of all committees. The committee chairperson will appoint their committee members, all of whom will be members of a Northwest District club. Committees will be appointed as needed.

#### ARTICLE VIII: 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those members voting at a general membership meeting or by mail-in ballot.

#### ARTICLE IX: Dissolution

**The Northwest District may be dissolved by vote of two-thirds of the delegates with the required quorum present. If dissolution is approved, any assets remaining after all outstanding obligations are satisfied shall be distributed equally among the member clubs, donated to the Missouri Federation, or distributed to one or more square dance organizations as determined by vote at the time of dissolution.**




% of visitation for clubs 2018

BNR - 19	Crosstrailers 26	Dan's Daners - 10	KC Plus - 36
5% 1	4% 1	10% 1	3% 1
11% 2	8% 2	20% 2	6% 2
16% 3	12% 3	30% 3	8% 3
21% 4	15% 4	40% 4	11% 4
26% 5	19% 5	50% 5	14% 5
32% 6	23% 6	60% 6	17% 6
37% 7	27% 7	70% 7	19% 7
42% 8	31% 8	80% 8	22% 8
47% 9	35% 9	90% 9	25% 9
53% 10	38% 10	100% 10	28% 10
58% 11	42% 11		31% 11
63% 12	46% 12		33% 12
68% 13	50% 13		36% 13
74% 14	54% 14		39% 14
79% 15	58% 15		42% 15
84% 16	62% 16		44% 16
89% 17	65% 17		47% 17
95% 18	69% 18		50% 18
100% 19	73% 19		53% 19
	77% 20		56% 20
	81% 21		58% 21
	85% 22		61% 22
	88% 23		64% 23
	92% 24		67% 24
	96% 25		69% 25
	100% 26		72% 26
			75% 27
			78% 28
			81% 29
			83% 30
			86% 31
			89% 32
			92% 33
			94% 34
			97% 35
			100% 36

% of visitation for clubs 2018

Lotawana Saliors-31	Maysville Wranglers-20	Ramblers-31	Santa Fe Trailers-28
3% 1	5% 1	3% 1	4% 1
6% 2	10% 2	6% 2	7% 2
10% 3	15% 3	10% 3	11% 3
13% 4	20% 4	13% 4	14% 4
16% 5	25% 5	16% 5	18% 5
19% 6	30% 6	19% 6	21% 6
23% 7	35% 7	23% 7	25% 7
26% 8	40% 8	26% 8	29% 8
29% 9	45% 9	29% 9	32% 9
32% 10	50% 10	32% 10	36% 10
35% 11	55% 11	35% 11	39% 11
39% 12	60% 12	39% 12	43% 12
42% 13	65% 13	42% 13	46% 13
45% 14	70% 14	45% 14	50% 14
48% 15	75% 15	48% 15	54% 15
52% 16	80% 16	52% 16	57% 16
55% 17	85% 17	55% 17	61% 17
58% 18	90% 18	58% 18	64% 18
61% 19	95% 19	61% 19	68% 19
65% 20	100% 20	65% 20	71% 20
68% 21		68% 21	75% 21
71% 22		71% 22	79% 22
74% 23		74% 23	82% 23
77% 24		77% 24	86% 24
81% 25		81% 25	89% 25
84% 26		84% 26	93% 26
87% 27		87% 27	96% 27
90% 28		90% 28	100% 28
94% 29		94% 29	
97% 30		97% 30	
100% 31		100% 31	



% of visitation for clubs 2018

Savannah Sashayers-30	Shooting Stars-35	Silver Dollar Squares - 38
3% 1	3% 1	3% 1
7% 2	6% 2	5% 2
10% 3	9% 3	8% 3
13% 4	11% 4	11% 4
17% 5	14% 5	13% 5
20% 6	17% 6	16% 6
23% 7	20% 7	18% 7
27% 8	23% 8	21% 8
30% 9	26% 9	24% 9
33% 10	29% 10	26% 10
37% 11	31% 11	29% 11
40% 12	34% 12	32% 12
43% 13	37% 13	34% 13
47% 14	40% 14	37% 14
50% 15	43% 15	39% 15
53% 16	46% 16	42% 16
57% 17	49% 17	45% 17
60% 18	51% 18	47% 18
63% 19	54% 19	50% 19
67% 20	57% 20	53% 20
70% 21	60% 21	55% 21
73% 22	63% 22	58% 22
77% 23	66% 23	61% 23
80% 24	69% 24	63% 24
83% 25	71% 25	66% 25
87% 26	74% 26	68% 26
90% 27	77% 27	71% 27
93% 28	80% 28	74% 28
97% 29	83% 29	76% 29
100% 30	86% 30	79% 30
	89% 31	82% 31
	91% 32	84% 32
	94% 33	87% 33
	97% 34	89% 34
	100% 35	92% 35
		95% 36
		97% 37
		100% 38

% of visitation for clubs 2018

Two State Steppers -15

7%	1
13%	2
20%	3
27%	4
33%	5
40%	6
47%	7
53%	8
60%	9
67%	10
73%	11
80%	12
87%	13
93%	14
100%	15

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