

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES
January 20, 2019

Fred Goucher called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Carolyn completed a fun Candy Bar Installation of the 2019 Officers and handed the gavel to Carol Hershey and Tom Miller.

Carol and Tom thanked Fred and Carolyn for their years of service to the NW District.

Roll call was answered by 11 of the 13 clubs. Not present were Maysville Wranglers and Shooting Stars. The president and delegates of the newest club in the district, Live Wires, was welcomed. Since several clubs had new delegates present, we went around the table introducing ourselves and what club we represented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 14, 2018 – Fred Goucher made the motion to accept as printed. Motion seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Wheeler read the treasurer's report. Beginning balance 10-14-18, \$6,220.09. \$925.00 income, \$836.37 expenses. Ending balance on hand 1-20-19 is \$6,308.72. Jim Weber gave an explanation of the insurance rebate for the new clubs/delegates.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: In October and November cards were sent to Eldon & Connie Graham and Jerry Belgum. Edythe stated she would send cards to the Grahams and asked if there was any others that she should send cards to. A few names were given; addresses were needed and will be sent to Edythe so she can send cards. Lois Edmiston is to get addresses for the members of Savannah Sashayers.

District Presidents Report: None of our state delegates were present to give a report. Edythe, Carolyn, Jack and Dan reported. Dec. 9, 2018. Insurance rebate checks were distributed to the district presidents to take back to give to their clubs. Jim Weber reported that there will be a change in how clubs report their members for insurance purposes in 2019. There will be more to come on this directly to clubs. The SW District discussed a contest promotion for the 2019 State Festival. (Jim Weber explained how that insurance rebate program worked for new clubs/delegates.)

State Meeting Report: The meeting was held December 9, 2018 in Chillicothe (West Central District hosting).

1. There are 45 clubs that have paid 2019 state dues.
2. Longevity awards for 2019 are for Singles & Doubles, St. Louis District, 45 years; Kountry Kuzins, SW District, 50 years; and Travelers, Central District, 55 years.
3. Boundaries and Relations committee is reviewing possible changes in the boundaries for the districts. This will be an ongoing project for several months. Dave Byers will chair this project.
4. Merle Hall presented an amendment that needs made to the Missouri Federation Constitution so that we can apply for 501C3 status through USDA. Revision carried.

5. There were 323 Doin's magazines mailed for the Jan/Feb 2019 issue. Postcards were sent to 30 subscribers to renew.
6. Insurance report: There are 979 dancers insured through the Missouri Federation (down from 1,283 in 2018), 254 Missouri dancers insured through other federations (down from 335 in 2018), total for 2019 1,233, down from 1,618 in 2018.
7. 2018 State Festival final report – 410 attending out of 420 that registered. Profit \$6,924.86.
8. New officers for 2019: President John and Bev Stuart, St. Louis District, 1st Vice President Jack and Becky Rockaway, NW District; 2nd Vice President Merle and Madeline Hall, NE District; 3rd Vice President Fred and Carolyn Goucher, NW District; Secretary Penny and Dave Byers, West Central District; and Treasurer Rosa Davis, SW District.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack Rockaway asked if the Missouri Federation had been given a final report of the 67th National Square Dance Convention. Other people have asked him "how did the convention do?" The answer from Weber's was that as far as they know, the final report was due to the National Executive Committee 90 days following the convention, which does not necessarily need to include a financial report. He stated that in working with past conventions, as a chairman, he had received a courtesy copy of the final report after it had been submitted to the NEC. But they had not been sent a copy for the 67th NSDC. As for a financial report, Jim said he had heard that all the bank accounts that were opened in the Kansas City area were now closed out and a check to the Marriott had been written. The Missouri Federation, as of the December 2018 meeting, had not received a final financial report. Brief discussion followed. It was felt that the sponsoring organization should ask for that report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Northwest District Dance - August 10: Ramblers will be hosting the dance at Graceway. Flyers are ready to begin advertising.

The Northwest District is hosting the Missouri Federation bi-monthly meeting on February 17, 2019. It will be held at the North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion in the Prairie View Room at noon. The Crosstrailers regular dance night is the 16th at the Point, and attendees from across the state coming to the meeting are invited to attend. Crosstrailers will also provide the lunch, which is traditionally served prior to the meeting. The Missouri Federation provides a \$200 stipend to the lunch host club. Meetings are open to all dancers if anyone other than the delegates is interested in attending.

Missouri State Festival – Diamond Jubilee - Oct. 18, 19, 20, 2019 – Hosted by the Southwest District – Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO. The district presidents/delegates will pick up club packets at the February or April State meeting and distributed to clubs at or before our April NW District meeting. The packets include registration and hotel info, ad information for the program book, raffle tickets to sell (50% clubs keep, 50% turned in to the State), and many other things pertaining to the State Festival.

Start thinking about selection of “Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame” and “Square Dancer of the Year” from your club and our district. Due by July 15. Must be submitted by the District President. Apps will be in the State Festival packets or are available on the website. Awards will be presented at the State Festival in October.

Edythe stated that in the festival program book, one page is designated to list all the dancers who have passed away in the past year. She is going to make this an agenda item to have a more accurate list for next year. Carol Hershey already had a few names. A few names were added during the meeting. (Louise Coleman send an emailed list of deceased dancers by email following the meeting.)

Jack Rockaway brought the new supply of promotional square dance lesson signs. These are free to Missouri Federation clubs. He distributed signs to clubs at the meeting. If you need more, contact Jack.

Dan Wheeler stated that when you need to cancel a dance, please get him the info as soon as you can. It is best to send text to (816) 223-0803.

A recommendation was made that clubs include their website address to their articles and ads.

Edythe Weber mentioned that the SW District holds what they call a “Doin’s Dance” each year to give dancers the opportunity to renew or subscribe to the Doin’s. They pay for a 1-year subscription to the Doin’s for callers/cuers who participate. She wondered if the Northwest District could offer to do that for callers/cuers who call/cue at the Northwest District Dance. We realize they are all donating their time for our district dance, and this would be a way of saying thank you to them. Brief discussion followed. Fred Goucher made the recommendation a motion and added to raffle one free new subscription also; motion seconded and carried. If a caller/cuer already subscribes, their subscription will be extended one year. If they do not, they will be added to the subscribers list.

Additionally, it was discussed to donate 10% of the profit from the district dance to the Doin’s. Motion by Fred Goucher; seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Jack Rockaway made the motion to adjourn; seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS: April 28, August 10 (Saturday 5:00 pm, prior to the NW District Dance at 7:30), October 13.

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

Balance on of Oct 14, 2018 \$6220.09

Income:

Club Dues:		
BNR	25.00	
Cross Trailers	25.00	
Dan's Dancers	25.00	
KC Plus	25.00	
Lozawana Sailors	25.00	
Maysville Wranglers	25.00	
Ramblers	25.00	
Santa Fe Trailers	25.00	
Savannah Sashayers	25.00	
Shooting Stars	25.00	
Silver Dollar Squares	25.00	
Swingin' Singles	25.00	
Live Wires	25.00	
MO Fed Insurance Rebates	600.00	
Total Income:		925.00

Expenses:

67 th NSDC Basket (Edythe)	49.17	
2019 Dues to Mo Federation	130.00	
Mileage-Jack Rockaway	35.00	
Jim Marron	22.20	
Insurance Rebate		
BNR	50.00	
Crosstrailers	50.00	
Dan's Dancers	50.00	
KC Plus	50.00	
Lozawana Sailors	50.00	
Maysville Wranglers	50.00	
Ramblers	50.00	
Santa Fe Trailers	50.00	
Savanna Sashayers	50.00	
Shooting Stars	50.00	
Silver Dollars Squares	50.00	
Swingin' Stars Singles	50.00	
Total Expenses:		836.37

Balance on of Jan 20, 2019 \$6308.72

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