

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES
Sunday, January 26, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Presidents Hershey and Miller.

No guests were introduced.

Missouri program review was added to the agenda under new business.

Roll call was taken by Becky Rockaway in the absence of the secretary. A quorum of 10 of 14 clubs was present. Not present were B-N-R Squares, Friendship Rounds, Maysville Wranglers and Shooting Stars.

Louise Coleman made a correction to the October 13, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Jack Rockaway to approve the October minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and carried.

Dan Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. The district clubs received \$700 for the insurance rebate (\$35 each) for completing paperwork for membership and attendance by the deadline. Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Edythe reported sending cards to the Pitts family in the death of Mary and to Vicki Wittman on the death of her husband, Ray. They were just named Square Dancers of the Year at the State Festival in October and he passed in November.

No additional names were received for deaths in clubs for October, November, December, or January. Names can be sent email to Edythe Weber if there are any.

District Presidents Report(s): Carol Hershey read two reports:

President's Meeting, October 29, 2019, Springfield, MO

Discussion about upping the amount given to a District for hosting the Missouri State Festival from 10% to 15%. It was decided to bring it up in the State Meeting for discussion and vote.

What is happening in the districts?

- Moberly and Macon combined the campout this year: Beaux & Belles and Little Dixie Squares. They also decided to combine lessons and were doing them twice a week, but several couples could not manage both lessons, so they split. There are several couples going to both Moberly on Tuesday and Macon's lessons on Thursday and getting advantages of having lessons twice a week.
- Tanglefoots have theme dances like mattress dance, donkey dance, ice cream dance. Try to come up with something unusual and maybe even give a dangle for it.
- Two clubs folding, Bluff City, Poplar Bluff in Southeast District and Twilight Twirlers in Central District.
- Northwest District: Have a new club, Diamond Rounds. Live Wires had 15 lessoners last class and now have 25.
- St Louis District emails a newsletter and charges \$15 a year.

Discussion on the "Last Dance Standing." It was felt that one square has been dancing together for some time and that other squares need to be given the equal opportunity. There was talk of drawing for couples in the squares so that there was a mix of dancers. This was not acted upon.

“Toot Your Horn.” Discussion on ads. Can be in papers, radio, TV, and form of electronic advertisement.

Missouri Festival will be in Sedalia in 2020.

Liz Rooks asked that the Chairman of the Square Dancer of the Year committee be selected now because of the amount of paperwork that is involved. Was postponed until December.

2020 proposed meetings - February – Northwest; April – Northeast; June – Southeast; August – St Louis; October – West Central; December – Central

The December meeting was postponed because of snow. It was held January 5, 2020.

Jim Weber handed out Insurance Rosters for each district. The incorrect items are to be lined out and write in added items. Mail completed form in before January 19 to Jim Weber.

Missouri Federation of Square ‘n Round Dance Clubs scheduled State meetings confirmed:

Northwest District	February 16	NKC Hospital
Northeast District	April 19	Moberly
Central District	June 7	Eldon
St Louis District	August 16	TBA (Webster Grove)
West Central District	October 18	Sedalia
Southeast District	December	TBA

Discussion on Chairman of Square Dancer of the Year and Liz Rooks was voted Chairman.

District Reports:

- Northeast District: Little Dixies have graduated 5 new dancers; Tanglefoots are beginning lessons; Beaux & Belles will finish in two week with 10 dancers; Capital City Squares have 3 new dancers.
- St Louis District: Working on setting up 4 clubs that will dance mainstream by May. Plus workshop will be in two months. May 1-2 will have District Jamboree
- Southwest District: Starting a new program where visiting business Human Resource to see if they would like to have an In-service program that would build enthusiasm within the company. Square dance lessons would be started.
- Central: Rolla will be having a graduation; Eldon will graduate student in February; Travelers will start lessons January 14.
- Northwest District: Savannah Sashayers graduated 15 dancers. Starting a second class; Cross Trailers graduated 2-3; Live Wires graduated 18.
- West Central: Peppy Promenaders graduated 9 dancers

Discussion followed about how experienced dancers should help the new dancers by making sure they are not all dancing in the same square. That usually leads to disaster. If new graduates get in squares with experienced dancers, they are more likely to not break down and have a better experience than if the square is all new graduates who are not confident enough yet in their ability and their square breaks down a lot.

State Meeting Report(s): Loretta Marron read the summary report for the January 5, 2020 State Meeting in Sedalia:

- COMING SOON from Loretta

OLD BUSINESS:

Missouri State Festival – Oct. 16-18, 2020

Packets will be available by the next meeting. A few flyers were passed out.

The 60th Festival in Springfield did not make as much money as state festivals usually do, but it was a fun dance, the facility was great, and everybody had fun.

24th Northwest District Dance - August 8, 2020 – Host club is going to Live Wires. Dance will be held at Graceway. We have extended the hours, pre-rounds at 6:30 now, and the dance 7-10pm. Live Wires want to have bid pages, not ticket sales, for the silent auction. All cubs are responsible to provide a silent auction item donation.

Carol discussed going back now and discussing hosting the 2021 District Dance.

The Ramblers are going to host the February 16, 2020 Missouri State Federation meeting. Thanks for volunteering. Jim Marron commented that they thought the Santa Fe Trailers were hosting, but they would check on hosting in February 2021. We will be a year ahead of our planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Wheeler discussed using Square to take credit/debit card for payment. Southwest District used that for the State Festival and it seemed to work well. Dan was asked how the Square worked and he explained.

Louise Coleman handed out proposed changes to the Friendship Visitation Program. Some items are not really changes, but clarifications of guidelines of the program. Carolyn Goucher made a motion that the revised changes to the Friendship Visitation Program be approved. Motion seconded and carried. (See page 5)

Fred Goucher asked about a dangle for the club banner. The top three clubs got a badge, but other clubs do not get anything but the certificate. Discussion followed, but no decision was made.

Carol Hershey discussed the date of the NW District Dance. The district had to move our date from the 4th Saturday in July to the 2nd Saturday in August because of HASSDA moving. However, in 2021 and 2022, HASSDA is moving to the last weekend of July, which leaves the 4th Saturday open again. Do we want to move back to the 4th Saturday in 2021? Carolyn mentioned there might be an issue with a church event in August. It was also mentioned that KAMO Callers is always the 1st weekend in August.

Fred Goucher moved to move back to the 4th Saturday in July in 2021 and following. Motion seconded and carried.

Carol Hershey discussed the district handbook and removal of personal mailing addresses in the handbook. It was decided to keep postal mailing addresses in the handbook.

Missouri Federation Program Review:

Fred Goucher mentioned the scholarship that the Missouri Federation has for high school seniors. He just wants more applicants from our area. The applicant does not have to be a square dancer.

Tom Miller mentioned the USDA scholarship for seniors in high school and freshmen in college. Info available on the web. They do need to be square dancers.

Jack Rockaway talked about the Toot Your Horn program. He is sure many Northwest District clubs qualify, but either do not know about the program or just do not turn in the required application.

Jim Marron discussed the Travel Missouri program and how it worked.

Tom Miller talked about the Missouri square dance personalized license plate. It is \$50 for two years or \$25 for one year with a rebate so that you only pay \$15 per year to Missouri. All personalized plates are due in July. They are good advertising and conversation topic.

Carolyn Goucher made a motion to give the hosting club of the District Dance 20% (change from 10%). This is Working Rules . Motion seconded and carried.

Tom stated that we needed to

Jean Wheeler asked about an audit committee to audit the NW District financial records. Gouchers and Rockaways volunteered.

Carol conducted the “hugs and kisses” installation of officers for 2020.

Carol said the next meeting is Sunday, April 26, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Edythe Weber, Secretary

NORTHWEST DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP VISITATIONS

The purpose of this program is to encourage Northwest District visitations to other clubs in the Northwest District, as well as visitation to organized square dance clubs and square dance events in other areas. Events **being in any location**: State, District, National Festivals, **Special Dances** (counting events by day, not session) as well as Exhibitions or Demonstrations meant to encourage new people to become square dancers. Lessons **and workshops** are not included. Also, to encourage clubs of all sizes to participate by giving each club an equal opportunity to get credit for their members participation at a visitation by awarding on a percentage of membership attending.

Dancers from one club can dance at different events on the same day. Dancers will be counted at all events; the events will count for each dance for that day. This pertains to different dance on same day (i.e. different clubs danced at on one day.)

Each club will have a card to be signed at the visitation, noting the number of dancers attending. This program runs from June 1 to May 31. At the end of the program year, the card(s) will be turned in to the District Visitation Chairman by June 15. **Club Membership will be written on the card as of May 31 by a club officer and percentage will be calculated by the Friendship Visitation committee.**

~~The percentage will be figured by District Secretary from the membership applications turned in at the beginning of the year (Jan-Dec). Each club will have a copy of their percentages published in the Northwest District Handbook.~~

The Friendship Visitation committee will figure the percentage by the number of members written on the last card. A copy of the percentage will not be sent to the clubs unless requested. If the club wants to figure the percentage it is done by dividing the number of members attending a visitation by the total number of club members.

Earned awards will be given at the Northwest District Dance.

1. RED - the club with the highest percentage of members attending visitations, as well as the highest number of clubs visited during the year.
 2. WHITE – the club with the second highest percentage of members attending visitations, as well as the second highest number of clubs visited during the year.
 3. BLUE – the club with the third highest percentage of members attending visitations, as well as the third highest number of clubs visited during the year.
 - ~~4. No club will be allowed to count more than one visit per night!~~
 - ~~5. Any one dancer can only represent one club per dance.~~
4. A Friendship Certificate will be given to all Northwest District Clubs participating in the visitation program upon receipt of the Friendship Visitation Card

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

Balance on of October 13, 2019		\$6272.09
Income:		
Club Dues		
BNR	25.00	
Cross Trailers	25.00	
Dan's Dancers	25.00	
Diamond Round Dance Club	25.00	
Kansas City Plus	25.00	
Live Wires	25.00	
Lotawana 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	
Missouri Federation-Insurance Rebates	700.00	
Total Income:		1050.00
Expenses:		
Ramblers 10% for Hosting NW District Dance	56.00	
Missouri Federation-Club Dues for 14 clubs	140.00	
Gift Card for Silent Auction at MO Festival	54.95	
Obituary Notice in Doin's	20.00	
Insurance Rebates Checks to 14 clubs		
BNR	50.00	
Cross Trailers	50.00	
Dan's Dancers	50.00	
Diamond Round Dance Club	50.00	
Kansas City Plus	50.00	
Live Wires	50.00	
Lotawana Sailors	50.00	
Maysville Wranglers	50.00	
Ramblers	50.00	
Santa Fe Trailers	50.00	
Savannah Sashayers	50.00	
Shooting Stars	50.00	
Silver Dollar Squares	50.00	
Swingin' Singles	50.00	
Total Expenses:		970.95
Balance on of January 26, 2020		\$6351.14
Treasurer's Report Submitted by		
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