

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
Meeting was held by ZOOM.
July 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Miller.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Jim Weber asked to add "Insurance information during this pandemic" to be added to the agenda. President Miller added under New Business.

ROLL CALL: Edythe took roll call as people signed in for the meeting. Eleven of 14 clubs were represented. Not present were KC Plus, Lotawana Sailors and Maysville Wranglers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 26, 2020. Al Benz made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion second and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan reported no activity since the April meeting. Two outstanding checks from February; Jean is reissuing one to the Ramblers and needs to find out about one issued to the Lotawana Sailors. (See report)

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: None

District Presidents Report(s): no meeting.

State Meeting Report(s): Attachments sent with meeting notice. Discussion on the redistricting reports/maps sent out. Most agreed the one with five (5) districts seems to be clustered better. Dave Byer, chair of the committee, says that the district a club is in probably will not make any difference in the dance visit routine. The redistricting is mainly to try to regroup clubs to help make it easier to host a state festival. Also discussed was changing the number of State Federation meetings held per year from six to four.

OLD BUSINESS:

24th Northwest District Dance - August 8 – CANCELLED due to Covid-19 pandemic

Friendship Visitation Program Report - Louise Coleman. 3,678 dancers visiting this year. They will be mailing the awards out soon. Top three are B-N-R Squares with 24%, Cross Trailers with 18%, and Savannah Sashayers with 15.8%. Nine clubs participated in the program.

Missouri State Festival – Focus on Dance 2020 – October 16-18

West Central District is still working on this as though the dance will go on.

- a. Carol reported one nomination for Square Dancer of the Year has been received at this time. Deadline to Carol/Tom – August 1
- b. Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame – our district has no callers/cuers eligible for nomination at this time.
- c. Edythe asked about the district donating a silent auction item. Jean Wheeler will be responsible for purchasing a gift card to donate. Purchase will be closer to the festival date, just in case the dance is cancelled.

Other Old Business: Edythe commented that in the April meeting minutes, it was mentioned there were changes in the NW District Handbook. Changes are page 8, Live Wires and page 16, Heartland Squares. At this time, no other changes have been sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: Ruth Ann reported that they have a slate to present in October. Lois Edmiston, Louise Coleman, Ruth Ann Reynolds

Other New Business: Jim Weber reported on a document he received from the USDA Insurance National Coordinator. He has emailed this out to clubs, but it is included in these minutes as an attachment.

Al Benz asked about waivers of liability on Covid-19 from facilities. Jim answered, "If your facility is listed on your club liability insurance as "additional insured", the waiver is not really necessary. If the facility requires you to sign it or you can't dance there, then sign it. It is no big deal. Make sure your facility knows that they have USDA \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage and USDA will take care of handling any law suits that might be filed."

Lynn said many clubs get confused because the USDA insurance is two parts. (1) Liability coverage for the club and facility. (2) Accidental medical for the dancer.

Several clubs are trying to reopen to dancing: Heartland Squares, Live Wires, Cross Trailers. Diamond Rounds have been dancing since June. They were limited to 10 people at first. Now the limit is 25, but they normally have about 15 people. They wear masks and social distance, which is easier for round dancing than square dancing. Ramblers officers decided to not host dances until January 2021. Hopefully numbers will go down and a vaccine will be available by then.

Lynn Nelson reported that Mike Sikorski is out of the hospital, non-Covid-19 related, but very serious with pneumonia and MRSA. Also Jerry Story and wife, Kristi, were diagnosed with Covid-19 almost 8 weeks ago. He and his wife and mother-in-law are recovering.

ADJOURNMENT: ZOOM meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

2020 MEETINGS: ~~January 26, April 26, August 8 (Saturday 5:00 pm, prior to the NW District Dance at 7:30),~~ October 11.

Respectfully submitted
Edythe Weber, Secretary

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

Balance on of April 19, 2020	\$6120.10
Income:	
Total Income:	0.00
Expenses:	
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Balance on of July 24, 2020	\$6120.10

Treasurer's Report Submitted by

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Checks still not posted:		
2057-Lotawana Sailors	50.00	
2126-Ramblers	23.00	

Answers to Your Insurance Questions

1. Will our insurance cover dancers who have contracted the COVID-19 virus?

No. Our insurance is for medical benefits associated with an accident at any regularly scheduled and sponsored activity. The USDA insurance has never covered any type of virus.

2. If our state has said no public gatherings will our insurance cover our dances?

No. If your state says no public gatherings and your club meets then the law has been broken and there is no coverage.

If your state is opened up for public gatherings and allowing groups to gather and the clubs are following CDC guidelines, then your club would be covered.

3. If someone sues?

When a dancer sues the club and/or club officers, that dancer will have to complete a claim. The claim will be submitted to the insurance company. The insurance company will then be in charge of the claim. NO LONGER will the club have any involvement with the lawsuit. The insurance company and their team of lawyers will handle it.

4. Are visitors insured?

Yes and No. If the visitor is a member of another club which is a member of the USDA Insurance program the answer is Yes. If the visitor is not a member of any club or is a member of a club that does not participate in the USDA Insurance program the answer is No. The club should still complete an accident form and keep it on file.

5. Are Students covered by our insurance?

Students are covered for nine months of instruction. After nine (9) months they are no longer insured. When they join the club the insurance fee must be submitted to your insurance chairperson. The rate is not prorated. If they join in December then they still pay the full amount.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 virus the insurance company will acknowledge that there is a break in the 9-month instruction period. The total combined number of weeks of instruction should not exceed 9 months.

6. Accident Claims:

Please have accident forms at all dances. Complete the form for all accidents and submit to your insurance chairperson. Complete the accident form on all dancers whether they are a member of your club or not.

7. Insurance Portal:

Each affiliate must decide how they want the club's information entered in the insurance portal. (1) The clubs can enter all information and submit the enrollment fee plus the club's roster to the affiliate insurance coordinator. OR (2) The clubs can send all enrollment forms plus enrollment fee (this is the same way it was done before the insurance portal) to the affiliate insurance coordinator, then the insurance coordinator would enter all information for all the clubs in the insurance portal.