

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES
April 23, 2023**

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order at 2 p.m. April 23, 2023 at North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion, Burlington Room, 2790 Clay Edwards Drive, North Kansas City, by President Carol Hershey.

Roll call was answered by ten clubs. A quorum was present.

Bill Barker was introduced as a guest from Live Wires.

President Hershey asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the January 22, 2023 meeting that were emailed to all delegates. Fred Goucher made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded; minutes were approved.

Dan Wheeler read the treasurer's report. Balance January 22, 2023 - \$5,216.38. Income \$515.00. Expenses \$1,360.80. Ending balance April 23, 2023 of \$4,370.58. Report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Two sympathy cards and one get well will be sent.

District Presidents Report(s): (April 16, 2023) – There will be no changes at this time to the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame or Square Dancer of the Year criteria. A question was asked if each district needed to be incorporated, or if the MO Federation incorporation covered them. Discussion was held on a possible caller/cuer scholarship for them to attend caller schools. Packets were distributed to the district presidents to give to their clubs.

State Meeting Report(s): (April 16, 2023) – The St. Louis district asked for the start-up money as the host of the next State Festival. Past Presidents Dave & Penny Byers sent out a letter to clubs (see addendum to minutes). St. Louis asked to change the price of attending the State Festival. New prices for 2024 will increase from \$35 to \$42. There will be early bird registration \$30 only for those who register Saturday night or Sunday morning of the festival weekend. A cancellation fee of \$5 will be assessed to those cancellations received two weeks or more prior to the festival and no refunds after the two-week period. The promotions committee discussed marketing sign cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

27th NW District Dance – August 12, 2023, Graceway Fellowship Hall, Callers: District Callers, Rounds: District Cuers, Mainstream/Plus/Rounds/Lines, Pre-rounds 6:30, Dance 7 – 9:30 PM. Savannah Sashayers will host. Ray Trowbridge will MC. Jordan is going to do some decoration similar to what she is planning for the State Festival. Silent auction items should be valued at a minimum of \$25. Each club should donate one silent auction. Club members should bring refreshments and items for door prizes if they wish.

64th State Festival October 13-15, 2023 hosted by Northwest District: October 13-14-15, 2023.

Update on progress of committees. Need host club for lunch prior to the State Meeting, October 15, 2023 in Sedalia. Can order and have everything catered there in Sedalia. Carol has made a list of all chairman. So far we have 15 callers signed up. T-shirt sales is going well.

Audit Committee Report: Carolyn reported that the audit of the NW District treasurer financial records was completed for 2022 and everything is in fine order.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame nominations from clubs. Due to Carol Hershey by August 1. No changes in the criteria. Following discussion, we do not think the Northwest District has any callers or cuers who qualify at this time.

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Square Dancer of the Year nominations from clubs. Forms must be completed and sent to the district president (Carol Hershey) by July 15th. No changes in the criteria.

NEW BUSINESS:

Friendship Visitation: Cards are due to Carol Hershey. Last date to record dances is May 31. Cards need to be to Carol by June 15. Be sure that club name is on top of each card. The committee is down to one person. Would anyone like to help with the Friendship Visitation program? Carol Hershey, Edythe Weber, Kathy Bean and possibly, Becky Rockaway will work on this.

Report of the Mainstream Blast. People paid \$5 for three hours. They had seven squares. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Dana Schirmer did a fantastic job. A survey after the Blast indicated attendees wanted to do more of these and were very positive.

Report from the Ad Hoc on Club Health and Promotion – Al & Betty Benz. No report.

Appoint Nominating Committee for 2024. Committee members: Fred & Desiree Stone, Ruth Ann Reynolds, Monica Reynolds. Selection of officer recommendations/nominations to be reported at the October 22 meeting. Election at that meeting.

A committee to review the Northwest District Constitution and Working Rules. Members are Edythe Weber, Carolyn & Fred Goucher and Dan & Jean Wheeler. This committee has not met yet.

Club updates:

Desiree reported that the Shooting Stars were doing a demo at the Kearney Farmer's Market on May 20. Flyers are out. Help is always welcome. They plan to start lessons in September.

Stewartsville is doing a demo on August 4 in the Stewartsville Park, 6-7 p.m. Lesson to begin in September.

Fred recommended each NW District club check their website to make sure their information is correct. Send changes to Dan Wheeler, webmaster.

It was suggested that the NW District change the format of the district dance to a dinner/dance for 2024. More discussion to be held on this for next year.

Updated handbooks and club pages were available. Some information has changed since clubs submitted information in November/December 2022.

Future dates and meeting location(s) for 2023: August 12 at Graceway at 5pm prior to the District Dance; October 22, 2023 – 2pm – NKC Hospital Pavilion

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted
Edythe Weber Secretary



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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs
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April 17, 2023

From: Boundaries & Relations Committee
On behalf of Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

To: All Missouri Federation Member Clubs

As your Boundaries & Relations Committee Chair, we would like to reach out to all of the federation clubs and encourage you to keep dancing until the music stops.

There are lots of new faces in square dancing around the state, which is encouraging. If you have any ideas on how we can better promote square dancing, please be sure and share them. Sometimes things you try may not work at first, but then end up working down the road. We just have to keep trying to grow square dancing everywhere we go.

In January the federation unfroze spending. We still need to watch what and how we spend, but it is the desire of the federation to spend money supporting the clubs that make up the federation.

With that being said we encourage you to reach out to us if you need help with lessons or venue costs. There are some funds available. If we aren't able to help you the first time you ask, please request again. There is a committee in place to decide how we spend. We may not be able to meet every need, but rest assured, the people on that committee are passionate about supporting clubs.

Also don't forget you can and should nominate someone from your club, every year, for square dancer of the year and a caller/cuer for caller/cuer of the year. Please work on the Toot Your Horn award. It encourages club activity and participation. We have the Square Dance License Plate you can get to help support square dancing. We have the Scholarship Program for high school seniors. We have the Doin's Magazine once a quarter, as well. We are blessed to have Dan Wheeler doing our website. All the information and forms for these things are on the website: www.SquareDanceMissouri.com

Also, please set aside the dates for the state festival every year, as this is the opportunity to reconnect with square dance friends you only see maybe once a year. It is the one and only event like this that the state puts on and the proceeds go to support the clubs of the federation. In other words, the funds raised go back to support your club.

If you have questions or issues you would like brought up at a federation meeting, please feel free to reach out to us or your state delegates.

As always, it is our pleasure to serve you in this capacity. If you ever have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to call, text, email, drop by or catch us at a dance and let us know.

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