

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the Shoal Creek Patrol Division, 6801 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, Missouri by President Carol Hershey.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections were made to the October 22, 2023 minutes that were sent out by email. A motion was made by Desiree Stone to approve the October meeting minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded, vote taken, minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance October 22, 2023, \$5,337.68; ending balance January 28, 2024, \$7,413.68. Report was filed for audit. Additionally, Jean presented a final financial report on the October 2023 State Festival. \$8,379.27 was sent to the State Treasurer.

Eleven clubs qualified for the state insurance rebate. Checks have been sent to those clubs.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: A card will be sent to the family of Jim Bray, Savannah Sashayers.

District Presidents Report(s): January 14, 2024. Reminder of future State meeting dates and hosting districts: April 21 Northeast District; July 14 Southeast District; and October 20 St. Louis District. Districts talked about clubs having lessons. Carol read the report she gave about the State Festival.

State Meeting Report(s): January 14, 2024; James Shaw reporting. BNR Squares receiving 30 year award. Singles & Doubles in St. Louis is 50. Edythe Weber reported that Missouri has 943 insurance dancers in 42 clubs. The 2024 insurance rate is \$5.50 per dancers. The next meeting is in the Northeast District, April 21. The NE District dance is the Saturday night before. July will be hosted by the Southeast District. Then October 20 in Sedalia. Carol Hershey gave the 2023 State Festival final report: 249 attendance, 21 callers/cuers, 150 dinners, Ice Cream earned \$300. Cathy Hall gave a report on the 2024 State Festival: 68 registrations, website is up to date. State Fair Day of Dance is Wednesday, August 14. New business: Members service committee asked for a \$200 donation to help a club in need, board approved. Edythe Weber stated she could transfer \$500 from the insurance account to general funds to help cover the rebate. Rosa asked for an increase from \$25 to \$35 to use up the insurance donation, board approved. Publications chairman position is filled.

65th Missouri State Festival will be held in Sedalia, MO on October 18-20, 2024. Ken Burke is the featured caller and Fred & Cathy Fisher the featured cuer. Price for the dance next year is \$35 for the weekend. They are using the same motels in Sedalia as were used this past year. The website is current with information.

28th Northwest District Dance August 10th. The Ramblers and Shooting Stars have agreed to co-host the NW District Dance. The club's callers, Stan Brooke and Dave King, will share the MC responsibilities for the evening. The hosting club(s) will split the 20% of the gross income of the dance.

Insurance Update: Edythe thanked all the clubs for getting their insurance in on time. All 11 clubs qualified for the rebate in our District. Don't forget to send in the list of names of those in lessons. They are free until graduation and have 30 days to join a club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Carol reviewed all the Missouri Federation programs. Information is available about all these programs on the Missouri Federation website. A printed copy was available at the meeting.

1. Youth Scholarship – deadline March 1. Bob Turner is contact.
2. License Plate – Chairman Catherine McLemore.
3. Travel Missouri – new chairman Debbie Moffitt.
4. Toot Your Horn – Carolyn and Fred Goucher, Chairmen.
5. Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame – district deadline July 1, state deadline August 1
6. Square Dancer of the Year – district deadline July 1, state deadline August 1

Carol reported that for 2025 and 2026, HASSDA has changed their festival weekend date to the 2nd weekend in August, which will be the same weekend of the NW District Dance. At this time she recommended that we move our NW District Dance dates back to 4th weekend in July to avoid the conflict. Following discussion it was agreed to move the 2025 and 2026 NW District dances to Saturdays, July 26, 2025 and July 25, 2026.

A committee to review and make recommendations for any changes of the Northwest District Constitution and Bylaws was appointed. Edythe Weber chairman, members James Shaw and Carolyn Goucher.

CLUB NEWS:

Reminder about the Live Wires Newbie dance on Sunday, February 4.

Reminder about another BLAST on Saturday, March 2. Morning will be Mainstream, afternoon will be Plus.

The Shooting Stars reminded us about their February 10 dance, since their January dance was cancelled.

Stewartsville is starting lessons, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at the Farmer's Bank, not the Firehouse.

Cross Trailers have two squares in lessons.

Maysville had to move their February 3 dance to Stewartsville due to a hall conflict. Larry Liebig will call.

Future Meeting Dates: April 28, August 10, October 27, 2024. The August meeting will be prior to the District Dance. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.