

# ST. LOUIS METRO SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

## WE DONE IT/RAIDING AND RETRIEVING RULES

*Effective January 22, 2024*

1. The purpose of Raiding and Retrieving is to aid other Clubs financially, socially and to preserve the group harmony between dancers and Clubs.
2. Any Square Dance Club, which belongs to the St. Louis Metro Square and Round Dance Association ("Metro"), should participate in Raiding and Retrieving as prescribed in these guidelines. Clubs that do not wish to participate in Raids and Retrieves should make this fact known to Metro. That Club will then become a Non-Raiding member of Metro and will not be required to Raid or Retrieve, nor participate in a "We Done It". Currently, River City Rounds, Shed House 3 and Romney's Stars of St Louis are Non-Raiding members of Metro and therefore do not need to be visited for the "We Done It". If a Non-Raiding Club wishes to start participating in Raids and Retrieves, it needs to notify Metro, at a Board of Directors meeting, of the Club's intent and the date the Club will start participating in Raids and Retrieves.
3. The "We Done It" award requires Raiding or Retrieving all the other participating member Clubs twice with no time limit. Another "We Done It" cannot be started until after completing the previous round of Raids and Retrieves.
4. Raids and Retrieves may be made at any regular Club open Square Dance or any Dance at the discretion of the host Club. If Raiding and Retrieving will not be honored, it must be advertised in advance. Metro sponsored dances are not open for Raiding and Retrieving.
5. Multiple Clubs can Raid or Retrieve and conduct a "We Done It" visit at the same Club, at the same time. A single Club cannot Raid or Retrieve two Clubs on the same day.
6. The number of people needed for a Raid or Retrieve will be eight (8) Club members. The Raid or Retrieve shall be accomplished by visiting the host Club within any four (4) dances. The Club that is Retrieving its banner or Raiding shall be able to attend any four (4) dances of the host Club in order to reach the total of eight (8) Club members. If a Club is not able to complete their Raid or Retrieve in four (4) dances then they will have to start over and they can start the count with the number of attendees from their Club at the fourth dance. The host club shall maintain the record of the number of members of the Raiding and Retrieving Club.
7. The host Club is expected to provide a "We Done It" card to all visiting Clubs with the required number of their Club Members present. If the visiting Club is using the credit card plan, the host Club will keep the card until such time as the visiting Club has brought a total of 8 or more of their Club Members to the host Club dance. The cards are to be retained by the visiting Club until all Clubs that belong to Metro have been Raided and Retrieved twice, and then the cards will be presented to the Metro. These Raid Cards may be obtained at all Metro meetings.

8. The host Club shall determine the number of members from each visiting Club by the sign in sheet. The host Club shall announce the names of each visiting Club and which Club won the host Club's banner (see #10). If on a rare occasion other means are used to determine the count of members from visiting Clubs and should there be a dispute, any of the visiting Clubs shall have the right to challenge the count and ask for a physical head count. Club designation at sign-in shall be the final determining factor of the Club winning the host Club's banner.
9. All Raiding Clubs shall have a traveling banner. The traveling banner will be awarded to the visiting Club at the dance as defined in the Raid guidelines. The banner will be returned to the Club when the Retrieve is completed. Clubs belonging to more than one association should have a banner for each association.
10. If more than one Club has 8 or more dancers participating in a Raid, the travelling banner of the host Club will be awarded to a visiting Club via a drawing. Drawing chances will be awarded in the following manner: One chance for the first 8 dancers visiting; 2 chances for 9-16 dancers visiting; 3 chances for 17-24 dancers; 4 chances for 25-32 dancers. The chances will contain the Club name and then be drawn "from a hat". The winning Club will take the host Club's travelling banner. All Clubs with 8 or more dancers will receive credit for the Raid regardless of winning the banner.
11. When a Club holds another Club's banner, they may pay a social visit to the host Club and receive a card if they have at least eight (8) Club members who have signed in.
12. Host Clubs are obligated to Retrieve their banner as soon as possible.
13. Clubs that dance on the same night may complete a courtesy Raid and receive credit towards their "We Done It".
14. In an effort to encourage visitation to other Clubs, it is highly recommended that a representative couple from each Club attend all other Clubs "We Done It" dances.

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