(Subject to Board Approval)

Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. St Peters, Missouri – April 18, 1999

Place: Fairmount School

Host: St. Peter's Squares

Date: April18, 1999

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Butch Nussbaum, President

Invocation: Don Buck

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Butch Nussbaum

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes: Correction of Feb. 21 minutes; Advertising Expenses was reported as \$1,027.53; Actual expenses reflected a \$5.00 refund to Ozark Lakers. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Robert & Shirley Turner - February 1999: Balance forward - \$10.945.74; Income - \$1,063.53 (includes transfer of \$1,027.53 from Doin's Advertising Account); Expenses - \$7,994.88 (includes purchase of 6 CDs of \$1,000 each); End of month balance: \$4,014.39.

March1999: Balance forward - \$14,014.39; Income - \$2,021.00 (includes transfer of \$2,000.00 from Doin's Circulation Account); Expenses - \$1,947.91; End of month balance: \$4,087.48 plus \$13,000 invested in CDs..

Committee Reports

Membership: Bob & Shirley Turner-federation currently has 120 paid clubs with 2561 members. There are still some clubs and districts not reporting all statistics.

Boundaries & Relations: Bill & Carol Morris-Recommendation that eight counties in Mineral District be reassigned to Southeast District, with proviso that they be returned if Mineral District desires to re-apply to the federation; Mark Mortensen agreed to accept recommendation, Jim Weber seconded; motion carried.

Additional motion was made to combine Paragraph F and G of Article VII of Working Rules; This supports inclusion of Mineral District into Southeast District.

Constitution & By-laws: Dave & Barb Turner-A large number of changes will be recommended for both the Working Rules and By-laws at the June meeting; motions and votes can be held at August meeting.

Promotions: Marvin & Bettyrae Fluke-Petition was circulated to propose that the U.S. Postal Service mint a commemorative square dance stamp. The promotional program that started last December, "Let's Toot Our Horn" is going well. Several clubs are submitting articles to newspapers and AARP Magazine. Bettyrae moved that the program be accepted and that the federation underwrite expenses of horns and bars; seconded and passed. Mark and Rep. Bill Ransdall are still optimistic about getting square dance license plate bill passed, and Rep. Ransdall will remain vigilant in getting it through.

Publications: Mark & RosaLee Mortensen-Re: USDA News article by Rusty Fennell about Quick Start: Article suggests that, instead of having lessons for new students, have them join clubs and learn to dance at regular club dances so they feel like part of a club from the beginning. Mark asked that subject of raising Doin's subscription rates from \$9 to \$12 per year be un-tabled; motion passed; Mark moved to raise Doin's subscription rate to \$12 annually, effective August 1, 1999 and to change Working Rules to accommodate the change; Seconded by Jim Weber; Dean Osbourne requested secret ballot; count was 27 yes, 2 no; Subject of Subscription dances and Doin's dances received long discussion.

Site Screening: Butch & Evelyn Nussbaum-No Report.

Blue Bird Account: Don & Berneita Buck-No Report.

Insurance: Bob Turner-Provided report of Audit of Insurance Committee's financial records for the period of July 1, 1998 - January 31, 1999; Bob found records to be accurate and complete. Mark Mortensen provided financial report of current insurance program; Balance brought forward on February 1, 1999 was \$395.28; February Income: \$314.78; Expenses: \$338.35; March Income: \$274.84; Expenses: \$236.09; Ending Balance: \$410.46.

Historian: John & Lois Bess-Request for more photos and information for historical files.

State Fair Dance: Bob & Marian Anderson-Request has been made for dance to be held on August 16,1999 in the air-conditioned MO Ag Building.

Doin's Report

Editor: Doyle & Linda Collins - No Report.

Circulation: Jim & Eloise Riley-Report provided reflecting circulation account activity from December 30,1998-April 18,1999: Income: \$3,289,91: Expenses \$1,234,91.

Advertising: Bob & Loretta Welch-Balance forward February 28, 1999; March-April Income-\$1,592.10; Expenses \$11.00; transferred \$1,481.10 to federation treasurer. Balance on hand April 18,1999; \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

1999 Festival: Charles & Dorothy Ball-Stressed need for more pre-registration; letters sent to district presidents asking for designated callers and cuers; response came from only 19 clubs. Deadline for this info is April 30; Ribbon sales info due by June 15; Need more entries for fashion show.

Sales Tax Exemption: Bob Turner-advised that request for sales tax exemption was filed on March 26,1999; awaiting reply.

New Business

Audit Report: Butch & Evelyn Nussbaum-Books are still with CPA being audited. **Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame:** Mark & RosaLee Mortensen-Only one nomination has been received for Caller Hall Of Fame so far.

USDA Report: Jim Weber-National Council Of Square Dance Organizations scheduled for May 15,1999 in Cleveland, OH Annual USDA meeting scheduled for June 23,1999 in Indianapolis, IN at Hyatt Regency Hotel at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend meeting and after-party on Thursday, June 24,1999 in Convention Center, Hall D. **Caller/Cuer 2003:** Mark Mortensen-Ballot circulated with callers and cuers names; Result of balloting: Tony Oxendine will be approached to be featured caller.

Introduction Of Hosts: Appreciation extended to St. Peter's Squares for hosting. Next meeting will be held on June 13,1999 in the Northeast District at Moberly, MO.

Adjournment: Motion by Osbourne; Seconded by Bob Wheeler; Adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Pratt, Secretary

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