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## *The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs* www.SquareDanceMissouri.com

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### **Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Nixa, Missouri – February 17, 2002**

**Place:** Senior Center  
**Host:** Southwest District  
**Date:** February 17, 2002  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Call to Order:** President Barb Turner  
**Invocation:** Millie Crabtree  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** David Shafer  
**Memorial:** A moment of silence was observed in memory of State Caller Al Warren.  
**Roll Call:** Thirty-one officers and representatives answered rollcall.  
**Introduction of Guests:** Betty Parker and Annie Carter from Southwest District.

**Approval Minutes:** Jim Weber made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 9th, 2001 meeting. Motion seconded, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob and Loretta Welch, Bob gave the report. Hometown Banking beginning balance 12/09/01 - \$11,482.29 (USDA - \$400.00; Memorial - \$50.00; Disaster fund - 2,538.51); Income - \$13,834.35; Expenses -\$4,059.10; Ending Balance 01/31/02 - \$21,132.54. Balance in CDs - \$17,000, Total funds available - \$38,132.54.

**Committee Appointments:** Barb Turner presented the names of the chairman of the 2002 Standing Committees; Audit Committee - Bill Housman; Boundaries and Relations - Randy and Penny Pratt; Constitution and Bylaws - Dave and Dee Shafer; Membership - Bob Welch; Publications - Paul and Joan Critcher; Promotional - Jim and Edythe Weber; State Festival Site Screening - Randy and Penny Pratt; Caller/Cuer 2006 - Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke; Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame - Bill and Carol Morris; Insurance - Floyd and Carolyn Herren; Parliamentarian - Leland and Becky Browning; Doin s Editor - Bob and Loretta Welch; Doin s Circulation - Charles and Dorthy Ball; Doin s Advertising - Dave and Dee Shafer; License Plate - Mark Mortensen; USDA - Jim and Edythe Weber; Blue Bird - Judy Epperson, and Historian Ray and Vicki Wittman. Members of committees were to be announced during committee reports.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations:** Randy and Penny Pratt. Seven clubs earned their first Toot Your Horn badge in 2001 and thirteen clubs earned a dangle to hang from a previous award. From the Southwest District - Solo Swingers; Rangers; Cassville Swing-N-Stars; Mountaineers, and Pommenaders; Central District - Duck 'n' Dive; Levis & Laces; Travelers; Ozark Lakers; Millstone Wheelers; Ozark Whirlers, and Jeans & Queens; Southeast District - Bluff City Twirlers, and Puxico County Squares; West Central District - Damsite Dancers; Apple Dumplings, and Golden Valley Squares; Northeast District - Grand River Squares; Kriksville Kountry Kouzins; Capital City Squares.

Those serving as members of this committee include Mark and Rosalee Mortensen and Don and Luann Morrow. Several good ideas have been generated and a couple of them will be talked about at the next meeting.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** David and Dee Shafer. Bill and Carol Morris, and Randy and Penny Pratt are members of this committee. A meeting was held on Sunday, February 10th, 2002. Possible changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that were referred to the committee by the executive board were discussed.

**Membership:** Bob Welch. Members serving on the committee include Dave and Dee Shafer, and Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Working to get an up-to-date club listing together. Current membership is: Central District - 11 clubs - 421 dancers; Northeast District - 9 clubs - 329 dancers; Northwest District - 18 clubs - 596 dancers; Saint Louis District - 18 clubs - 773 dancers; Southeast District - 4 clubs - 81 dancers; Southwest District- 36 clubs - 1526 dancers, and West Central District - 16 clubs - 559 dancers. Total clubs - 112, Total number of dancers -4288.

**Promotions:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Dan and Nancy Wheeler, and J.W. and Jan England will serve as members of the Promotional committee. Dan is the Web Master for our Web site. You can get to our Web site at: [www.usda.org/mis-souri.htm](http://www.usda.org/mis-souri.htm).

**Site Screening:** Randy and Penny Pratt, Chairman, and Jim and Eloise Riley, Co-chairman. Jim and Phyllis Monroe and Randy and Juanita Boyles will serve as members.

**Publications:** Paul and Joan Critcher. Jim and Edythe Weber, Rollie and Marylee Brizendine will serve on the committee as well as the staff from The Show-Me Doin s, Bob and Loretta Welch, Editor; Charles and Dorothy Ball, Circulation and Dave and Dee Shafer, Advertising.

**Insurance:** Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Balance 12/01/01 - 268.90. Income for December 2001 - \$4,344.90. Income for January 2002 - \$1,004.90. Expenses for December 2001 - \$3,154.20. Expenses for January 2002 - \$1,015.20. Ending balance - \$449.30. Enrollment in Plan A - 775 members, 22 clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 1565 members, 58 clubs plus 6 minimum clubs with 82 members. There is no correlation between the number of insured members (1565), and the number of dancers listed as members (4288) of clubs in Missouri.

**Historians:** Ray and Vicki Wittman. Barb reported for Ray and Vicki. If anyone has any material, or pictures they would like to donate to the state historical records, turn it in at a Director's meeting or send it to 1875 Yaqui Drive, Florissant, MO 63031. Please be sure to list the names of those appearing in pictures and the date the pictures were taken. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in case further information is needed.

**Blue Bird:** Judy Epperson. Judy reported a balance of \$97.83 brought forward. Nine sets of Blue Birds were sold, 7 sets of braid sold. Total income - \$78.85. Total expenses - \$6.65. Check to Missouri Federation \$70.03. Balance on hand - \$100.00. Inventory includes 214 sets of birds and 16 sets of braid.

**License Plates:**Mark Mortensen. Barb reported for Mark and Rosalee. The bill for the license plate is House Bill 1397. It is sponsored by State Representative Bill Ransdall. If you would like to see the wording of the bill on the Web, it can be seen at [www.house.state.mo.us](http://www.house.state.mo.us).

**Research & Funding:** Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. Bettyrae thanked Barb and Dave Turner, and Randy and Penny Pratt for letting them meet during their times. Bettyrae said it had been great working with all of the District Presidents. During the past year, about \$10,000 was spent by the combined state clubs. St. Louis District spent \$6,495.00, and will get a check for \$500.00; West Central District spent \$2,504.67, and will get a check for \$500.00. Going on the fifty cents back for every dollar spent, Northeast District will get a check for \$239.53; Southeast District will get a check for \$319.29; Southwest District will get a check for \$70.00, and Central District will get a check for \$215.38. A total of \$1,844.20 was reimbursed to the districts.

Bettyrae made a motion that the \$400.00 designated from USDA, and the Monroe Bollinger Memorial fund of \$50.00 be used to wipe out these designated funds as payment in part for these expenses. Edythe Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Dancer of the Year Award:** Barb explained that the Square Dancer of the Year award was started the previous year and will continue on. The committee consists of the District presidents. They will meet one hour early at the April 21 st meeting and elect a chairman.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Bob and Loretta Welch. The January Doin s, primarily in the Central District, was missing eight pages. Cass County Publishing gave us a fifty percent discount on the printing of the February issue, \$590.20. The names of four clubs appeared in the wrong columns in the February issue and steps have been taken to correct them in the future. Four renewals were received at the dance the evening before. At present, the Doin s is self-sufficient.

**Circulation:** Dorothy and Charles Ball. Dorothy reported a beginning balance on hand 11/30/01 - \$2,495.45. 12/01 Income of 1,267.11. Check to Missouri Federation 12/01 for \$2,000.00. Balance on 12/21/01 - \$1,762.56. January 02 income - \$580.92. Expenses in 01/02 - \$23.00. Balance on 01/31/02 - 2,320.48. Check to Missouri Federation 02/02 for \$2,000.00. Balance on hand - \$320.48. There were 859 copies of the Doin s mailed in January and February. Twenty-four new subscriptions, 77 renewals and 10 caller subscriptions were received at the Springfield Doin s dance on February 3rd, 2002. Eighty-three past due renewal post cards were mailed with 23 responses. Names of students graduating from lessons should be sent so they may receive a free copy of the Doin s. Circulation needs their names, club, and address.

**Advertising:** David and Dee Shafer. Dave reported balance on hand 12/09/01 - \$100.00. Income during the period 12/09/01 to 02/17/02 - \$1,742.00; Expenses -\$31.58. Check to Missouri Federation for \$1,710.42. Balance carried forward -\$100.00.

## Unfinished Business

**2001 State Festival:** Leland and Mary Moyer. Presented a check for \$649.61 collected from the 2001 State Festival. A previous check for \$9,000.00 was turned in. Presented an idea for the Doin s to publish a pictorial on the State Festival chairmen so the dancers across the state can get acquainted with them. Made a suggestion that a special issue of the Doin s be considered as a replacement for the State Festival book. The Kirkwood County Dancers sent a thank you for the great turnout at Harry Cross' funeral.

**2002 State Festival:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim reported that packets for district presidents to take back to their districts are ready. The packets include a letter from the Caller/Cuer coordinator, Gary Mahnken, requesting the names of all club callers and cuers. Please include their addresses and phone numbers. A flyer, included in the packet, describes a fly-in that is being arranged with a sign-up deadline of May 1 st. Also included is information about advertising in the state festival book; participating in the fashion show; packets of raffle tickets; registration forms and flyers; T-shirt order forms, and booster ribbons. District presidents are asked to distribute the booster ribbons. Deadlines on the forms need to be observed. Jim asked everyone to remind their dancers to preregister and make reservations at the hotels listed on the back of the flyer as soon as possible. There will be several seminars at the festival this year. The Web site for the state festival is: [www.SquareDance.4t.com/festival](http://www.SquareDance.4t.com/festival)

**2005/2006 Caller & Cuer:** Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. Big and Little Enis will call the 2005 dance and Jerry and Dorothy Yockee will cue. Will have a typed list ready for the next meeting so the directors can select callers and cuers to approach for the 2006 dance.

**Report Of BMI Contract:** Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. The BMI contract renewal notice was received mid-December. Called BMI and explained that the bill would have to be approved for payment at the February meeting. Bettyrae moved that the board pay the \$110.00 to renew the BMI contract for 2002. The motion carried.

Jim Monroe made a motion that the BMI contract be paid automatically each year without coming before the board. The motion carried.

**USDA Report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim stated that there was a lot of business conducted at the USDA A in Las Vegas. Good board meeting related to the pharmacy cards. Some early problems with a few pharmacies not honoring the card have been resolved. One thing not on the card that everyone should have is the plan number, MIMNE and the group number is USDA. A free video for schools to use while teaching square dancing will be available at the USDA meeting. It will not be copyrighted so it can be copied if desired.

We now have a first aid kit with about \$200.00 in donated supplies. I am turning in a bill for \$11.88 to cover the cost of the bag.

## New Business

**Audit Committee:** Vicki Wittman, Bill Housman, and John Presser. Carolyn Herren read the Audit Committee Report. Records audited were the State Federation Treasurer's books, the Doin s Advertising books, the Doin s Subscriptions books, the Festival books and the Blue Bird account. All books and ledgers, bank statements and expenditures all appeared to be in order with all supporting documents and appropriate amounts clearly recorded.

**2002 Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame:** Barb read the requirements for serving on this committee. Jim Monroe was named chairman of tellers. On the ballot, only those who have a box next to their names are eligible for election

to serve on this committee. The committee is chaired by the immediate past president of the federation, Bill and Carol Morris, with four members to be elected. The completed ballots were collected and the balloting committee retired to count the votes.

**National Festival:** Selection of delegates to the USDA meeting at the 2002 National Convention was made. Bill and Carol Morris, Floyd and Carolyn Herren, Bob and Loretta Welch, Jim and Phyllis Monroe. Alternates are Randy and Penny Pratt, and Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

**Caller & Cuer Month:** Barb announced that April is Caller and Cuer appreciation month. Please let the clubs know that this is a month to do special things for callers and cuers.

## Other New Business

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave presented recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI, and Standing Rules Articles X, XII and XIII. The recommendations were referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Ed Schofield made a motion to change Article IV, Section 2B, as proposed, to read: The names of all delegates and standing alternates must be recorded with the secretary by January 31 st, each year, in order for those delegates or alternates to be eligible to cast a vote at any meeting. Additionally, any change of delegates or alternates shall be recorded with the secretary prior to the next scheduled meeting. Jim Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Monroe reported on the balloting to select members for the Caller and Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Those elected to serve on the committee are Bob and Shirley Turner; Terry and Annette Thornhill; Charles and Dorthy Ball, and Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Jim made a motion to destroy the ballots. The motion carried.

Carol Morris suggested that the federation have something at the National festival to draw attention to Missouri, such as pins, decorations, drawings, etc. Carol will bring information to the next meeting.

Jim Weber made a motion to continue the Research and Funding Committee renamed Member Services Committee and make it a standing committee with funding reviewed each February. Membership made up of all District Presidents and chaired by a presidential appointment. The motion passed.

Randy Pratt made a motion that the Member Services Committee be able to spend \$1,000.00 per district. Fifty cents reimbursable on each dollar spent by each district for education and advertising of square and round dancing. Motion carried.

Barb presented Bill and Carol Morris a plaque thanking them for the superb work they did as Presidents of the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc. in 2001. A lifetime pass to all Missouri Federation-sponsored events was also presented.

Bob Welch made note that Southwest District wants to be showcased in the May Doins.

Dave Shafer passed out a Parliamentarian job description to be placed in the state handbooks.

**Next State Board Meeting:** April 21st, 2002, hosted by the Central District. Luann Morrow announced that the Ozark Whirlers will dance on April 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Eldon Fairgrounds,

**Adjournment:** Jim Weber made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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