(Subject to Board Approval)

# MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

## **MINUTES FOR April 14, 2013**

President Larry Anslinger called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm at the Community Center, St. Robert, Missouri.

Agenda Change: There were no agenda changes.

Invocation: Carol Morris

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Joann Miller

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**Roll Call:** Ron Selfors: Directors representing 24 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 50 directors and three guests were present.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Larry Anslinger welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of Feb 17, 2012 meeting: The minutes with corrections were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Feb 1, 2013 was \$17,120.71. Revenue received was \$3,458.35. Expenses paid were \$4,150.76. The checking account balance as of Mar 31, 2013 was \$16,428.30. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. No change in CD's. Total funds on hand: \$46,522.42. The report was filed for audit.

**Membership and Club Longevity**: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 66 of 71 clubs on the rolls. 2,263 members are reported.

No new Longevity awards were presented.

**Correspondence**: Ron Selfors reporting. A sympathy card was sent to the Gene McMurtree family.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

**Constitution and Bylaws**: Eleanor Stover reporting. Eleanor provided copies of recent changes to the constitution by-laws and standing rules.

**Publications**: No report.

**DOIN's Editor**: Edythe Weber reporting. When sending in DOINs articles, please put club or district name first in subject line.

Next publication deadline is May 25. Please be early if possible.

**DOIN's Circulation:** Carol Morris reporting. Balance as of Feb 10, 2013, was \$100.00. From Feb 10 through Apr 13, 2013, total revenue was \$1,020.00, expenses were \$14.75, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,005.25. Balance as of Apr 13, 2013, was \$100.00. For the May/Jun 2013 issue, there are 431 paid subscriptions.

**DOIN's Advertising**: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Feb 17, 2013, was \$100.00. From Feb 17 through Apr 14, 2013, total revenue was \$904.00, expenses were \$20.60, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$783.40. Balance as of Apr 14, 2013, was \$100.00.

Another 3 puzzles were sold since the last report. 60 more puzzles need to be sold to break even.

**Promotion & Recruiting**: Ed Schofield reporting. Ed discussed his committee's efforts to determine how state funds should be distributed to districts and clubs to support recruitment and retention. Suggestions include (1) sending equal funds to all districts and let them decide how to allocate to clubs, (2) sending funds to districts based on either number of clubs or number of dancers, (3) reserving some funds for clubs requesting special grants due to local considerations. Suggestions also include the need for clubs/districts to report back with how funds were used and whether successful or not. Also need thoughts on how clubs can better interface with local schools. Ed needs comments by May 1.

Districts need to report on how they used the \$500 previously distributed. Please send email to Ed at <a href="mailto:sherry|1@century|ink.net">sherry|1@century|ink.net</a> by May 1.

Good news from Southeast District. Clubs used some of their state funds last year to purchase vinyl banners, print tri-fold flyers and produce hand-held fans with square dance promotion design on them.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

**Insurance Coordinator**: Jim Weber reporting. Balance as of Feb 18, 2013, was \$218.85. For the period Feb 18 through Apr 14, 2013, program income was \$207.00, and the program expenses were \$152.25. The end balance is \$273.60. Currently, 49 clubs are insured through the Federation; and 12 clubs, through other federations. 1,783 dancers are insured through the Federation. Total insured Missouri dancers is 2,154. Jim can be reached at moinsurance@kc.rr.com or 816-781-3598.

Information and forms are available on the state website (www.Forms.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

**Travel Missouri**: Jim Marron reporting. As of Apr 12, 2013, 1,184 dancers have received 2,598 sets. 56 dancers have their eighth set, 26 dancers have their ninth set, and 24 dancers are have their tenth set. Total income this year is \$6.00. Total expenses are none. Total account balance is \$55.32.

**Blue Bird Coordinator**: Connie Hobbs reporting. One set of bluebirds has been sold at \$4.50. Braid was purchased for \$74.30. Total balance in Bluebird account is \$68.31.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

**Be Careful.** When you get an E-Mail, whether it is from someone you know or not, whether it has a subject or not, if all there is in the message is a web address, no other words or explanation, DO NOT OPEN IT.

**EZ Address.** Whenever you put your club web address in print, as in your district handbook, use the EZ Address at the bottom of each clubs web page.

**Historian**: Dan Wheeler reporting. Please remind your clubs to check their club histories. Update them if they are old, add to them if new events occur.

License Plate: No report.

**United Square Dancers of America (USDA)**: Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting will be on Wednesday at the National Convention in Oklahoma City.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting will be on Sunday at the National Convention in Oklahoma City. All are invited to participate.

**District Presidents' Meeting Report**: Eleanor Stover reporting. The committee discussed dance insurance. Several clubs will be notified that they are no longer members of the federation since they have elected not to be insured either by the federation or another insurance source. They also discussed the fact that federation members who dance at non-federation clubs will not be covered by federation dance insurance.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

**2013 State Festival:** Ed Schofield reporting. The 2013 Festival will be hosted by West Central District and will be at the Sedalia State Fair Grounds, 11-13 Oct. The theme will be "Roaring Ragtime Express." The colors are red, white and black. A highlight of the festival will be dancing on the Katy Trail. There will be a Trail-In Dance on Thursday night.

The festival packets have been distributed to the district presidents and other board members. It is critical that districts and clubs meet the deadlines in the packets.

**2014 State Festival:** Eleanor Stover reporting. The 2014 Festival will be hosted by Central District and will be at the Cowan Center, Lebanon, 17-19 Oct. Dean Dederman will be the featured caller.

Of note, the 2015 festival will be hosted by Northeast District and will be in either Columbia or Jefferson City.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Promotion Pins.** Tony Ahart reporting. Tony discussed the status of finding an affordable source for the enameled metal promotion pins we have made available for dancers to purchase in the past. After discussion, Edythe Weber made a motion that the Promotional Committee be authorized up to \$1,000.00 to develop and make available in time for the 2013 national convention, a pin or equivalent Missouri dance promotional item. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Missouri Bid for 2018 National Convention.** Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. It is unlikely that Bartle Hall in Kansas City will be available for 2018. However, the Overland Park Convention Center in Kansas would be available, and the center staff seems eager to have the convention there. The bid would be made in 2014 at the National Convention in Little Rock. After discussion, Phoebe Sage moved that Carl and Cindy Boone be authorized to proceed with developing an intent to bid for announcement at the 2014 National Convention in Oklahoma City. Motion was seconded and approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Advanced Funds for the 2014 Festival.** Eleanor Stover from committee requested that \$2,500 advanced funding be given to Central District and the 2014 State Festival. The motion was approved.

Eleanor also requested permission to open a checking account for the 2014 Festival. The Treasurer for the Festival, who will have signature authority for the checking account, is Jan Vaughn. The motion was approved.

**Arkansas Pre-Convention:** Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. They and a number of other Missouri dancers participated in the pre-convention meetings and dance in Little Rock. Cindy felt that the convention planners got passing marks for their effort to date and the dance was good.

**Blue Bird Braid Price Increase.** Connie Hobbs, Blue Bird Coordinator, moved from committee that the price of the braid be increased to \$8.00. The motion was approved.

**Oklahoma National Convention.** Carl Boone reporting. Parking passes are now available. They must be ordered prior to June 10. Visit the website, <a href="www.62nsdc.com">www.62nsdc.com</a>, and click on "News", then "Four Day Parking Pass".

**Delegates to the USDA Meeting.** Larry Anslinger asked for volunteers to be state delegates to the USDA annual meeting in Oklahoma City. Larry appointed the following: Ron and Marie Selfors, John and Eleanor Stover, Dave and Dee Shafer, and Don Reedy. He appointed Bob and Shirley Turner as Alternates.

**USDA Plains Region Vice Presidents.** Jim and Edythe Weber asked that the Federation support them for USDA Plains Region Vice Presidents. Dave Shafer made a motion that the Federation support Jim and Edythe's bid to be USDA Plains Region Vice Presidents. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Showcase of Ideas.** Dave Shafer asked for volunteers to be appointed to transport, setup and takedown the Federations Showcase of Ideas display at the Oklahoma National Convention. Larry Anslinger selected Dave and Dee Shafer for the duties.

### **CLOSE**

Larry Anslinger recognized the Central District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting and a great dance the day before. Eleanor Stover recognized members of the Travelers for their support.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Southeast District on Sunday, Jun 9, 2013, at 12 noon, in Puxico, Missouri.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary