



(Approved as corrected 4/10/16)

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

Minutes of February 14, 2016

President George Roth called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Northview Center in Springfield, Missouri.

Invocation: Carol Morris

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Bill Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Sharon White

Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds

Introduction and Welcome of Guests: Sharon White introduced the hosts from the Kountry Kuzins, Lisa and Ray Corbitt, Maria Lombardi, Loretta Compton, Carol Morris, and Bill Thomas.

Minutes of December 13 meeting: President Roth asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were no corrections and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reported for Rosa Davis who was absent. As of December 1, 2015, the beginning checking account balance was \$6,302.32. Revenue was \$4,703.01 with expenses totaling \$3,031.67 for an ending balance on February 7, 2016 of \$7,973.64. Total CDs and interest were \$40,172.85 with Total Funds on Hand of \$48,146.49.

Carl reviewed the budget. He compared the year end to the original budget for 2015. Receipts are down considerably, but with the additional Northeast State Festival figures that will be added in, we did well this year. Expenses were less. DOIN's Revenue continues to decline slightly. Subscriptions and Advertising was down a bit, puzzle sales amounted to \$180, and donations to the DOIN's was \$1,200 this year. At the end of the year we ended with cash on hand of \$48,319.57.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone announced and presented longevity awards for the following clubs:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>District</u>
Twilight Twirlers	40	Central
Ramblers	55	Northwest
Silver Dollar Squares	65	Northwest
Maysville Wranglers	35	Northwest
Meramec Valley Promenaders	40	St. Louis
Tanglefoot Squares	40	Northeast
Swingin' Singles	50	Northwest
Duck 'N' Dive	60	Central
Santa Fe Trailers	50	Northwest
West County Spinners	35	St. Louis
Capital City Squares	45	Northeast
Peppy Promenaders	40	West Central

The club roster indicates this year's dues have been paid for 57 clubs and at the present time there are 1,901 club members.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. A card was passed around from Dee Shafer thanking everyone who sent cards and words of cheer while she is recovering.

Boundaries and Relations: Ray and Vicki Wittman – Absent, no report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dan Reedy – no report.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. She thanked everyone for making the transition to Publications so easy. Renewals are coming in daily and she is planning to use a heavier bond paper for the next postcard due to the treatment they receive coming through the mail.

The Webers are requesting help in recruiting a new ad manager. Dave Shafer has given notice that he would like to be relieved of his duties. Please mention this opening at your club or district meetings. There is also a "Help Wanted" in the DOIN's. Dave or Jim Weber will be glad to discuss job responsibilities with all interested parties.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. She reminded everyone of the next deadline – March 25. The club name should always come first in the subject line and then chatter or article reference. A contact person should always be listed with a working cell phone number who will be at the dance in case of an emergency.

There are three clubs dancing at a new location starting in March:

Peppy Promenaders, Grand River Multi-Purpose Center, Chillicothe, Mo;

Knot So Squares. Overland Park Christian Church, Overland Park, Kansas

KC Plus, Leawood Presbyterian Church, Leawood, Kansas

Make sure you notify Dan Wheeler when you make changes in your clubs so he can keep the web site up to date. The forms for all information are on the DOIN's web site at www.squaredancemissouri.com/missouri.

DOIN's Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. He has rewritten a program using Microsoft Access since the mail list no longer works. The new program is working very well. We have 336 paid subscriptions, 1 advertiser, 2 exchange, DOIN's staff and post office for a total of 352 March/April mailing. Renewals received were 69, 1 new subscription, 2 student copies and 21 expiring DOIN's post cards to be mailed.

The Profit and Loss statement, January 1 through February 13, shows total Income of \$1,170 and Expenses of \$1,070 for an ending balance of \$100. A check for \$1,014 has been given to the Treasurer.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. For the period from December 13 through February 14, we had a beginning balance of \$100 plus 2 subscriptions, \$30; four puzzle sales, \$40; and revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer directory listings, \$378 for a total revenue of \$548. Total Expenses were \$36.45. Disbursement of \$411.55 payable to the Missouri Federation left a balance carried forward, February 14, 2016, of \$100. We have made \$1,035 on the puzzles so far and we have 97 puzzles on hand. You can buy 2 puzzles for \$10 each or one puzzle for \$15.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway reporting. There are six clubs receiving "Toot Your Horn" awards today.

Beaux & Belles

Tanglefoot Squares

Western Grand Squares

Rangers

Mo- Kan Squares

Puxico Country Squares

Next year, when your club submits information for the Toot Your Horn Award, please use the web site to print off the form that is under Publicity.

State Festival Site Screening: Dan Reedy – No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Dancers insured through Missouri total 1,389 with 403 insured through other federations for a total of Missouri dancers at 1,792 with 57 clubs A reminder to all clubs holding lessons. You must submit a class form to cover new dancers in lessons. There is no cost for this. They are insured only at and during lessons at your lessons location. After graduation they must join a club and pay the insurance premium to be insured and the club submits an additional enrollment form. They are not insured until the national insurance coordinator receives the enrollment form. The 2016 premium is \$4.75 per dancer. Remember to document all accidents and keep on file.

Beginning balance on the insurance account was \$419.90. Insurance payments income from clubs was \$460.25. Expenses of USDA insurance payment \$496.05 and postage, \$6.14 left total expenses of \$502.19. The ending balance as of 2/13/2016 was \$377.96.

We have 57 clubs at this time.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of January 12, 2016, dangles passed out in Missouri were 415.

Central	376
Northeast	363
Northwest	328
St. Louis	333
Southeast	323
Southwest	379
West Central	<u>354</u>

Total per all districts is 2,871

We have a total of 274 members. A balance carried over from 2015 amounted to \$48.18 and income for February with 14 new rows and 2 new members amounted to \$100 for a total income of \$148.18. There were no expenses during this time and total money in account was \$148.18. A check will be made out to the Treasurer for \$48.18.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs – Absent, no report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. When you make forms to be listed on the Federation web site, and the form is to have an e-mail address on it, request a Federation email address from me. Using a

Missouri Federation e-mail address will require no changes for you. We look more professional, and the email can be sent to more than one person. Your personal email address does not appear on the internet. If you start receiving large amounts of spam at the Missouri Federation address, Dan can turn that address off. He requested that copies of flyers for special dances be sent to him so he can post on the web site. The on line forms are all working correctly and all the forms have the correct e-mail address.

He requested that a handbook from each district be sent to him, preferably in MS Word. If using Open Office to send a copy of a text file to someone, convert it to an MS Word file. Click on "Save as". When the menu opens, click on the down arrow at the right of "Save as type", click on "Word Document.doc" and then save.

He reminded everyone to make sure that all the forms that belong to their section are current.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. The Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame information is now on the history section of the Missouri Federation web site and also 2015 Square Dancers of the Year. He has added more past minutes of meetings as far back as 2010. From 2000 to 2010, there are still some minutes yet to be found and put on file.

License Plate: Sharon White reporting. Since the last report of August 14, 2015, License Plate Income lists one 1-year renewal, one 1-year new and three 2-year new people for a total income of \$200. License Plate Expenses were rebates of two 1-year rebates and three 2-year rebates for a total of \$80 which leaves \$120 to go to the Missouri Federation. New balance as of February 14 is \$60.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The Executive Committee held their winter meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, January 22-23. Everyone on the committee had the same report – square dancing is down, what can we do to help. Some new publications are being produced that might be of use in marketing square dancing and retaining dancers. Publications should be ready for distribution at the National in Des Moines.

USDA Executive Committee members are assisting or presenting in six educational panels or seminars. We will have the titles later, but please support the Leadership Certification Program (LCP). Check it out on the Des Moines web site.

Also, check out the Showcase of Ideas. There is good information about what other areas of the country are doing and USDA always has the most tables of educational materials there.

The Youth Scholarship Fund is dwindling and soon will disappear without the help of affiliates. The scholarship fund and the fund to assist handicapped dancers to attend the Nationals were funded by a credit card program that gave USDA a subsidy for each card held and each transaction made. That

program ended about eight years ago. Without more contributions to the youth scholarship fund, the program is in jeopardy.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. ARTS is doing two seminars at the National in Des Moines on the Live Lively Square Dance Reimaging campaign and new logo and slogan. The meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26 possibly at the Iowa Events Center. We will confirm the location at a later date.

Jim has the reimaging logo stickers for sale. Place in the back window of your car. They are \$1.00.

District Presidents' Report: Sharon White reporting. There were five districts represented at the President's meeting. Southeast and St. Louis could not attend.

- Mary Sue Darwent, President of the Northeast District, will chair the Square Dancer of the Year Committee
- Discussion was held on ways to attract new dancers
- One recommendation was family friendly dances
- There will be a youth hall at the state dance this year. This may help bring some of the youth throughout the state together in one place
- Once again, we do need a new advertising chairman

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon and Larry Crisel – Absent, no report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Bob and Shirley Turner reporting – Absent, no report. George Roth stated he had received an email from Bob with the reminder that scholarships have to be postmarked by March 1 in order to qualify for the scholarship.

2015 State Festival: Annette Thornhill reporting. Annette thanked everyone for all the help and participation the members gave in making a very successful festival last year. We made a total of \$11,825.52 which included the \$2,500 lent to us from the State. After that deduction, she presented a check for \$9,325.52 to the Federation and the books are ready for audit.

2016 State Festival: Fred Goucher reporting. He reported everything is going well. So far, 103 registrations have been sold and they are working with the hotels and motels in the area for that date. You can register on line and pay by credit card.

Before moving to Unfinished Business, President Roth stated that Dave Shafer, who has been in charge of the Showcase of Ideas will be unable to do that this year. He made a request for volunteers to step forward and assume this responsibility going forward. The Federation budgets \$100 towards travel expenses for anyone assuming this role.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2016 Budget: Carl Boone reporting. Carl reviewed the proposed budget for 2016 with the estimation that we can maintain around 60 clubs. Total Revenue for General Fund will be around \$21,850. Total General Fund Expenses amount to approximately \$12,500. The DOIN's Fund Revenue is estimated at \$7,625 with Expenses at \$11,550. The Combined Summary of Total Revenue is \$29,475 with Total Expenses at \$24,050 for a Total Net Revenue projected for 2016 of \$5,425.

A motion was made by Dan Reedy and seconded to approve the 2016 budget. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

President Roth presented a plaque and gavel for 2015 to Carl and Cindy Boone for their dedication and outstanding leadership in serving the Missouri Federation Square and Round Dance Clubs. He gave them an honorary Lifetime membership card that gives them free admission to various activities in the Federation.

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. He introduced Dave and Penny Byers, Peppy Promenaders from Chillicothe, who were responsible for putting together the cookbook for the National in 2018. It is at the printers being proof-read and he stated they have done a wonderful job working on the National Committee. They are also new delegates for the West Central District.

Carl passed around the final design for the belt buckle. Dave Shafer's daughter did the graphics. It is a copyrighted artwork with royalty rights and designed for the 67th National. It features the blue bird, wagon and oxen team, Missouri mule, jazz music and the Dogwood. The buckles will be available in pewter or brass. The cookbooks and belt buckles should be ready for sale within the next several months.

Carl also recognized Jack and Becky Rockaway for the excellent job they have done on the Ways and Means Committee.

Cindy reported that they will travel to Cincinnati for the Ohio pre-convention dance the first part of March. The following year, 2017, will be our turn to showcase the Missouri dancers. She encouraged everyone to register for the dance and also volunteer to work on one of the committees. Work with your clubs to get involved because it is all about Missouri.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee: Carl Boone reporting. One of the duties of the Past President is to be the Chairman of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Selection Committee. It is made up of six members. Cindy and Carl (as Past President) four (each from a different district) elected by the Federation body and the last recipient of the award, which would be Kenton Sullivan, member-at-large. Cindy and Carl

represented the Northwest district. He asked for nominations or volunteers to be on the committee. Volunteers included: Annette Thornhill, Northeast; Liz Rooks, West Central; Sharon White, Southwest; Ron Selfors, Central; Dan Reedy, Southeast. Voting was done by secret ballot.

Carl Boone announced the members of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee for 2016. They are Liz Rooks, Annette and Terry Thornhill, Sharon White, Ron and Marie Selfors. A motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Liz Rooks asked about plans to place an advertising ad in the State Fair brochure for the August State Fair Dance. The amount of the ad last year was \$550. There will also be an ad in the DOIN's. A motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded that Liz come back with a proposal to advertise in the State Fair as a matter of business for our next meeting. Motion was approved.

Jim Weber brought up discussion regarding Missouri support of the USDA \$1,000 scholarship. Dave Shafer made a motion, seconded by Fred Goucher, to approve \$300 for the USDA scholarship fund. After discussion, a vote was taken and motion was approved. Jim Weber recommended that the USDA delegate going to the Des Moines National present the check at that time.

President Roth thanked the Southwest District for hosting the great luncheon and the DOIN's afternoon dance.

Calendar of Events

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by the West Central District on Sunday, April 10, 2016. The meeting will take place 12:00 noon at the Grand Oaks Camp Dining Hall, 94563 Hwy 190, Chillicothe, Mo.

Saturday, April 16 Northeast District Dance. Moberly Municipal Auditorium, 201 West Rollins, Moberly, Missouri. Colors – yellow and black
Grand March at 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 PM

Saturday, April 23 Central District Dance. St. Robert Community Center, 114 JH Williamson, Jr. Drive, St. Robert, Missouri. 7:00-10:00 PM, Pre-rounds at 6:30 p.m.
Caller: Ken Burke, Cuer: Carolyn Ahart

Saturday, May 21 56th Southwest District Dance. "The Marc" in Mt. Vernon, Mo., 822 West, Mt. Vernon Blvd. Colors – floral and green
3:00 to 5:00 workshops, 6:00 Opening Ceremony – 10:00 PM

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt
Secretary, Missouri Federation