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

Minutes of April 14, 2019

President Bev Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. at the Moberly Tech Center in Moberly MO.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. (5 Executive Board / 14 District Directors / 8 Staff & Past Presidents)

President Bev Stuart thanked the hosts, NE District and all their clubs for a wonderful District Dance and for a great luncheon.

Approval of Minutes: President Stuart asked for corrections or additions to the February minutes. Edythe Weber moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: In Rosa Davis's absence, Penny read her report from an email she sent. Penny reported a beginning checking balance as of January 31, 2019 of \$11,558.85. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,691.14 and Expenses of \$4,727.14. The ending checking account balance as of March 31, 2019 is \$8,522.85. Academy Bank Money Market balance \$266.45. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,507.37 for Total Funds on hand of \$59,296.67. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Penny continued reading Rosa Davis's report. The Pioneers Club in the SW District has been added to the Roster. There are now 47 clubs in the Missouri Federation.

There are no badges to be awarded at this meeting.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Cards that were signed by everyone and sent out were: A Get-Well card to Ray Wittman; Sympathy cards to Leroy Conrad & family for the passing of his mother and Aaron Wells family for the passing of his mother.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers reporting. We have tabled the changing of the boundaries for now (some clubs will be upset if we try to move them into another district). We will give it a little more time and see if the problems work themselves out eventually. We have

made some changes to the letters (one for Clubs that are members and one for Clubs that are not yet members) and they will be mailed out pretty quickly. We will need lists from everyone, of a good contact name and address to send them too. Thanks in advance, for your help.

Constitution and Bylaws: Fred & Carolyn Goucher reporting. Standing Rules changes are being made on items that have already been voted on, Marvin & Bettyrae Fluke Memorial Dance off, should be Last Square Standing; William B. Morris Memorial Scholarship should be Missouri Federation Scholarship; Sounding of the Halls need to be added. Constitution changes will be voted on at our next meeting.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. Electronic version is doing well. Growing concerns about Non-Federation listings on the website. We had good discussion on Pros and Cons about this issue. May/June issue has some ad placement changes.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting.

We had 1 club miss the deadline for this last magazine. Please watch the deadline. I have made a suggestion to the Southwest District for a page for the next two issues for info on the State Festival. We need to update the dancers on how plans for the festival are coming along and what they have planned. Especially since it is the 60th Festival.

Dave has worked hard and created some new ads for the Doin's to showcase the state programs, such as Toot Our Horn, the Swirl State Dress, and others. We hope you like them. We plan on using them in alternate months.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions 331, 2 exchange copies and 17 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 350. Electronic Doin's emailed 41.

We received 33 renewals, 6 new subscriptions and 2 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 34 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the May/June issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$923.50. Expense of postage and supplies amounted to \$20.83. A check for \$902.67 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer. In Dave's absence, Edythe Weber reported. The balance brought forward on February 17, 2019 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$616.00 and total expenses (postage) was \$7.35. A check for \$608.65 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on April 14, 2019, is \$100.00

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. Absent. Fred Goucher reported. Grant to: Capital City Squares for \$360.00 to help out with their lessons.

State Festival Site Screening: Jack & Becky Rockaway. No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber. In Jim's absence, Edythe Weber reported. As of April 14, 2019, we have 1,173 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 292 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,465 Missouri dancers. (46 Missouri Clubs).

The USDA Insurance Program has moved to the electronic age. Markel/Bollinger Insurance company has created an online portal for clubs to sign in and complete your insurance forms. Letters was mailed to each club insuring through Missouri Federation, the letter contained information and instruction on how to use the new USDA Insurance internet portal <http://usda.rpsbollinger.com/#/> This info was also given to the district presidents.

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once lessons are over, the dancers are no longer insured until they join a club.

Remember to complete an accident form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of December 9, 2018, is \$255.04; total income of \$427.50 and expenses of \$433.06 leaves us an ending balance on February 16, 2019, of \$249.48. (No new Financial Report was given at the April meeting)

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. 240 total members. 3115 total danglers per all districts handed out as of April 12, 2019.

Financial Statement: Monies carried over from 2018 is **(\$5.32)**. No income for 2019 and no expenses for 2019. Leaving us a balance of **(\$5.32)**

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting. No Report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. When you type a web address on a page, copy it, paste it into your address bar and make sure it goes to the page you want it to go to. If it does NOT, you have the wrong address typed in on your flyer. Please put the date on your flyer, then if you do an update, we can tell easier, if I have the right one on the website. I can add flyers to your dance listings. I can work better with flyers/info if I get the original in word format.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

License Plate: Sharon White. Absent. Carol Morris reported there are a couple of outstanding rebate checks. Please cash them if you have one. Thank you!

USDA: (United Square Dancers of America) Edythe Weber reporting. Last meeting, we reported that no USDA youth scholarships were received. That was incorrect. There were 4 received. So, our donation to the USDA scholarship fund will possibly help in being able to give out two scholarships if two are warranted. The USDA scholarship committee will make that determination and the announcement will be made in Atlanta, Georgia during the National Convention.

I'm assuming the president has received the request for delegates to the Nationals by now. The next meeting is June 26 in Atlanta. If you are there, you are welcome to attend. The Missouri Federation will have four voting delegates at the meeting, but everyone is welcome to attend.

ARTS: (Alliance of Rounds, Traditional & Square Dance) Edythe Weber reporting. Nothing additional at this time. Next meeting is the morning of Sunday, June 30 in Atlanta, Georgia.

District Presidents' Report: Matt Auriene reporting. All 7 Districts were represented. Talked about merging St. Louis District and St. Louis Metro. Discussed the gender imbalance in square dancing. Most ladies are not interested in learning the "mans" part. It was suggested we call it "left" or "right" hand side, instead of mans part, they may be more apt to learn it.

Youth and Children's Dance: Merle Hall reporting. The Director of the state of Missouri's 4-H Maria Lupita Fabregas met with representatives of the Missouri State Square Dance Federation on March 25th to discuss adding square dance as a 4-H project. Several ideas were discussed. (for the complete list, ask the Secretary).

Maria liked all of our ideas and wanted to start a pilot program in Lynn, Macon, Lewis, and Randolph counties. She suggested we use our normal teaching protocols. However, she did caution that anyone working as a volunteer with 4-h kids would need to get a background check

and take a volunteer course that is provided online concerning proper leader skills and interaction with youth. The background check will not cost anything. She also suggested we focus on healthy living and culture as our avenue into 4-H. Maria mentioned that volunteer project leaders would be required to have a minimum of 6 - 1 to 1 ½ hour meetings. She also mentioned that we might consider doing workshops at 4-H camps. She said there were several throughout the year and throughout the state each year. Apparently, they are heavily attended. She mentioned there are over 60,000 4-h participants. Maybe the kids could demo and teach at the 4-H conferences. I will provide a copy of a flyer for the 4-H clubs in our area to distribute.

We will meet with a few members of the NEC (National Executive Committee) on Saturday at the NSDC in Atlanta.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert Turner reporting. The winner of this year's Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Scholarship is Caleb Ridings from Lee's Summit, Missouri. A soon to be graduate from Blue Springs South High School Caleb is a member of several organizations and received his Eagle Scout award in 2018. He is planning to attend University of Missouri at Columbia this fall. Caleb is the son of Scott and Lori Ridings and the grandson of Bob Pemberton.

2019 State Festival: Darrell & Catherine McLemore reporting. At this time, we have 180 dancers pre-registered, and 107 Banquet tickets sold. We are still on track to be profitable.

The Oasis Hotel is completely filled for Friday, Oct 18, 2019, with 16 rooms available for Saturday, Oct 19, 2019. It is suggested that dancers call the Oasis for cancellations before going to another hotel. Two more hotels have been added to the Lodging page of the Federation website: The Holiday Inn Express at \$119 per day, and the Baymont by Windham at \$115 per day. Neither could match the great price the Oasis gave us. Both are very nearby.

Club packets were distributed to all seven district presidents to take back to their local clubs containing information regarding the Festival, along with five packs of 12 raffle tickets each. Everyone was advised that if they need more raffle tickets, they should contact me, and I will get more to them ASAP. The list of prizes will be posted on the website, and added to as we get more donations: hopefully we will have pictures of the items as well.

The new raffle incentive was explained. The club selling the most tickets will receive \$50, and the club selling second most will receive \$25. All clubs selling \$50 or more will be entered into a drawing to win an additional \$50. Everyone was advised to write their club name and district on the back of the raffle tickets. Also, to make sure all tickets are legibly written.

We would like to request that a Missouri representative going to the National Convention in Atlanta please take flyers and information on the State Festival. Ron Selfors' idea for "Science Fair" boards will cover that need.

At the last meeting Jim Weber advised me he will need a meeting room to hold about 40 participants for the new instruction on insurance. I have secured an adequate meeting room at the Oasis for an additional \$100 fee. I requested the Federation pay this from the treasury since it is not a typical part of the Festival. It was tabled for new business.

It was advised that we need all the forms in the packet added to the Federation website. I will have those to Dan Wheeler in a day or two.

Unfinished Business:

Audit: Liz Rooks Chair. She is missing the insurance & license plates books.

Show Case of Ideas: Ron & Marie Selfors volunteered to be in charge of this. He is asking for “Science Fair” type boards for display this year. Would like to get as many chairpersons as he can from the different committees to make a display board and bring them to him at the next meeting. You can use a title page, badge/dangle sample, pictures, and typed info.

Sound System: Can’t be fixed. Someday it will just quit, then we will replace it.

New Business:

Merle Hall: Suggested creating a hall for new callers and youth caller’s at the Missouri Festival. Also suggested we have a “New Square Dancer of the Year Award”. No action was taken.

USDA Delegates: Ron and Marie Selfors were the only 2 volunteers we had that will be there on Wednesday for the meeting. They will each have a vote. Penny will get their names and info submitted to the USDA Secretary before May 1. If anyone else is going to be at the Nationals in Atlanta by the meeting time on Wednesday, and would like to volunteer to be a delegate, please let us know.

Bev Stuart: The 70th NSDC in Jackson MI is requesting recipes from us. Email to submit recipes is gtorvik@bellsouth.net or Generalchair@70nsdc.com

Bev Stuart: Suggested a Standing Rules / Constitution change. Constitution – Article VII Section 4, then Standing Rule Article X Section 4 Subsection H can be deleted. Vote will be taken at June Meeting. (Gray highlights will be deleted; yellow highlights will be added)

Change for Constitution:

Section 4. Hall of Fame Selection Committee

The Hall of Fame selection committee shall consist of the immediate past president of the federation as chairman, and four members from the board of directors selected by secret ballot at the February **no later than the April** meeting, with no two members from the same district. The previous year’s recipient is to be a member-at-large. **Nominations from the floor will not be accepted.**

Delete from Standing Rules:

“H. Hall of Fame Selection Committee (six members)

The committee shall consist of: the immediate past president of the Missouri Federation, who will chair the committee, four members to be selected by secret ballot at the February meeting from the board of directors, with no two members from the same district, and the previous year's recipient as a member-at-large.”

Catherine McLemore: moved the Missouri Federation pays the \$100 fee for the USDA meeting room, since they are the ones requesting it. Motion seconded and carried.

2020 State Festival: Liz Rooks reporting. The 2020 State Festival will be October 16-18. 2020 in Sedalia. Theme: Focus on Dance; Colors: Burgundy and ?? (whatever you want); Caller: Romney Tannehill Cuer: Natalie Sprosty. We have plenty of open spots on Committees if

anyone is interested in helping; We are keeping the registration fee the same. Liz requested \$2500 start up money. Fred Goucher moved we give the 2020 Missouri Festival Committee the \$2500 start up money. Motion was seconded and carried.

Edythe Weber: Jim donated a laptop for the Circulation Manager of the Doin's to use. The laptop died. Edythe suggested we purchase a new laptop & programs needed, to be used by the Circulation Manager. Fred Goucher moved we spend approximately \$300-\$350 on laptop and with the purchase of the programs, the total cost not to exceed \$500. Motion was seconded and carried.

Calendar of Events

- May 3 & 4 – St. Louis Jamboree – “Dance the Night Away” – Trinity Lutheran Church – Caller: Ted Lizotte / Cuers: Sally & Bob Nolen – Friday 6:00-10:30pm / Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm & 6:00-10:30pm. \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door.
- May 18 – SW District Dance – “Celebrate Spring” – 6:30-9:30pm – Mt. Vernon – Caller: Lynn Nelson/Cuers: Bob & Gerry Tevlin – All-you-can-eat Ice Cream Social/Square Dance Cake/Dessert Walks/Door Prizes/50/50 Tickets/Silent Auction
- June 1 – Ozark Whirlers – Caller Merle Hall
- July 19 – 21 Macon Annual Square Dance Campout – Caller Kenny Bailey
- Aug 4 – WC District Dance – Lexington – 2:30 – 5pm
- Aug 10 – 23rd NW District Dance – Graceway Church Fellowship Hall – District Callers & Cuers – 7:30-10pm / Pre-rounds-7:00-7:30pm. Door Prizes/Silent Auction
- Sept 28 – Amateur Callers Night at Peppy Promenaders in Chillicothe – 7:30pm to 10pm. Caller Kenny Bailey and Amateur Callers.

The next state board meeting will be June 2, 2019, at the Fairgrounds Building in Eldon, Mo. The Central District will host.

President Bev Stuart adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary