



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

Minutes of April 3, 2022

President Dave Byers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Dave Byers

Roll Call: Edythe Weber. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board; 10 District Directors; 5 Staff/Past Presidents).

Thank you to Host District and Club: President Byers thanked the Southwest District, hosts for the meeting and providing the lunch which was a sample of the bar-b-q dinner being served for the Southwest District Dance and Dinner.

Guests at the meeting were Al & Betty Benz, Northwest District vice-presidents, and Kenton Sullivan, Southwest District Caller, via Zoom, and Monica Reynolds from the Cross Trailers Club in the Northwest District in person.

Approval of January 16, 2022 Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the January 16, 2022 minutes.

Fred Goucher moved to accept the minutes as presented; motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported the beginning checking balance as of December 31, 2021/January 1, 2022 was \$18,081.25, Revenue January through March 24, 2022 of \$2,894.63 and Expenses of \$4,895.19. The ending checking account balance as of March 24, 2022 is \$16,080.69. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$20,832.48 for Total Funds on hand of \$36,913.17. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

There were no meeting host expenses for the January meeting due to the generosity of Dick & Libby Gilbert, Savannah Sashayers, Northwest District and the church did not charge a rental/use fee.

Both of our CDs matured in February and were renewed for another year.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 44 clubs this year.

Longevity award is being awarded to MO-Kan Squares, Southwest District for 40 years in May.

Correspondence: Cards were signed to be sent to Loretta Marron, Jeannie Woodbury, and Rosalie Mortensen.

Boundaries and Relations: Merle Hall reporting: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cathy Hall reporting: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed and approved the proposed changes, identified below, to the current Standing Rules. It is the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that the following change(s) be brought before the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors for the purpose of consideration and adoption. (Refer to proposed changes at the end of the minutes.)

Publications: Chairman is needed for this committee.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting: **Changes for the Show Me Doin's in 2022**

The Doin's deadline schedule:

Doin's Deadlines – Articles & Ads	Writing for which issue
November 15	January, February, March
February 15	April, May, June
May 15	July, August, September
August 15	October, November, December

There were six club article writers I had to contact to see if they were going to send something. Two clubs have not provided a full year schedule and they had to be contacted to check their dates, etc. If this is your job for your club, please put a note on your calendar, a reminder in your phone, whatever it takes to remind you to take care of your responsibility.

If there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Doin's staff.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this period were 195, exchange copies 1, and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 209. We had 67 electronic subscriptions, 86 renewals 9 new subscriptions and 5 copies went to new students. We will be sending out one postcard to a subscriber whose subscription will expire with the July-August-September issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$1,389.97 from subscriptions; expenses amounted to \$28.00. A check for \$1,361.97 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of \$100.00. We took in revenue from DOIN'S subscriptions \$165.00, DOIN'S Ads and Caller/Cuer Directory Listings \$100.00 and \$40.00 from 2021 Festival Shirt sales; expenses totaled \$205.00. A check was given to the Federation for \$100.00; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

Promotions: Fred Goucher. Puxico Squares, Southeast District, and Cross Trailers, Northwest District, sent in the requirements for 2021 Toot Your Horn.

Member Services Committee: Fred & Carolyn Goucher reporting: No report.

State Festival Site Screening: Merle Hall reporting: The Northwest District has selected the Missouri State Fairgrounds for the 2023 State Festival so a site screening was not needed.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting. 932 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 183 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1,113 Missouri dancers in 44 clubs.

- **The 2022 Insurance premium is \$5.00 per dancer**
- You should never delete a dancer from your roster after initial enrollment.
- If you need to communicate with me about insurance, PLEASE use the Missouri Federation Insurance email at moinsurance@kc.rr.com . Do not send insurance info to the Doin's email address. It just delays communication.
- If your club has a new insurance person, please let me know their contact information: Name, Address, Phone and Email. I will make sure they have the instructions on how to use the enrollment portal. It would also be helpful to them if you were to take the time to train them from your end.
- Remember to complete an accident report form for ALL accidents that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time. It is hard to remember who, what, when, where and how weeks later; documentation at the time is best. Keep them on file and submit as needed.
- Remember to send me a roster of lesson names. There is no charge until they graduate.
- If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me. If I do not know the answer, I know who to contact to get it.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of Oct 1, 2021, \$343.56; total income of \$4,402.75 and expenses of \$4,312.80 leaves an ending balance on March 31, 2022, of \$433.51.

Travel Missouri: No report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting: If you send information regarding changes to be made on the website, be sure to identify where the change is needed (helps to include the address of the page)

Dan is also working with QR codes and is willing to help anyone who would like to use them for their dances or events. Can also accept online payment with this.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting: No report.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting: Since my last report of January 16, 2022, all bank statements and account records have been given to Edythe Weber for audit. Encourage others to purchase personalized plates.

Otherwise, there has been no requests for new license plates or renewals, and no deposits or withdrawals have been made.

The checking balance is still \$100.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting: My first meeting as secretary was held in San Diego, California, January 21-22, 2022.

The weather was chilly and sunny, a dance in Balboa Park with the Circulators had about 6 squares dancing. Our meeting was very successful.

Our next meeting will be held in Evansville, Indiana on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, prior to the National Square Dance Convention.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting: No report.

District Presidents' Report: Catherine McLemore reporting. Talked about getting back to dancing.

St. Louis District's Jamboree is May 6-7. The district will also be hosting the July 17 Missouri Federation meeting.

Other dances:

- Central District April 23 in Rolla

- Northeast District April 30 in Brookfield
- Southeast District July 24, their 40th district dance and a meal will possibly be provided.
- Southwest District May 14 – luau theme with full dinner; preregistration would be appreciated, local callers, and a men’s hula contest.
- Savannah Sashayers, Northwest District, May 15 Benefit Dance for PAWS.

Youth and Children’s: Merle Hall reporting: In February and March, Madeline and I taught square and line dancing to 850 plus middle school students in the Macon and Mexico school districts. Each school had 4 days of dance.

Before that we had approximately 40 we taught at Brookfield in one afternoon as part of the bicentennial days celebration.

Leroy Conrad has done a workshop with the Marceline Catholic School.

I have been sending out curriculums and the DVD. I was told South Shelby might be interested.

We will be doing a 4-H group of about 60 in June at Hallsville.

Leroy is teaching a young middle school student and an adult how to call. So maybe we will be getting some new callers in NE Missouri. The young middle school student is wanting to take it to the day of dance at the State Fair and Show. I have forms for judging youth in that effort. I'd like him to sing a tip and we can get some judges from the callers present. Competition can be divided between patter and singers.

Mo Fed Scholarship: No report.

2022 State Festival – Oct 7-9: Dave & Penny Byers: Your 63rd State Festival Committee for 2022 has been pressing forward.

We had our final meeting with Steven at the Sedalia Fairgrounds a few weeks ago. We have decided to go with the Mohler Hall and the two classrooms for the weekend. We will make this work and have a great weekend. We’ve got some surprises up our sleeves.

The raffle is going well. Let Penny know if you have money and stubs to turn in or if you need more raffle tickets. Remember please don’t throw any unused raffle tickets away. We need them all turned back in at the state festival.

We still have 111 registered; 73 are paying registrations. Out of the 38 complimentary registrations, 13 are callers, two are cuers and they each have a guest. I do have a couple more registrations to turn in that is not counted in this total. Thanks so much to those who have registered early. We appreciate it.

We are in the process of working on a new place to get more shirts in the sizes we need. The prison said they still have no estimated time of arrival on their shirts.

We hope to have food trucks available on the fair grounds. That is still a work in progress. The Sedalia Area Visitor & Convention Bureau is contacting various nearby businesses to see if they will extend their hours for us during the weekend. We plan to have these businesses listed in the program book and on posters in various places around the halls.

We have received a bid for sounding the halls for \$700.

Program Booklet / Booklet Advertising (\$30 full pg/\$15 1/2pg/\$8 1/4pg). We hope most clubs will buy an ad in the Program book for their 2023 schedule and any big dances they might have coming up in 2023 you'd like people to know about; or Districts could buy an ad for their District Dances. Watch for more info on this. Thanks in advance.

Hotel: Our Host Hotel is Hampton Inn. Call 660.951.1163 and tell them you are with the 2022 Square Dance group, to get the special rate. Remember they will comp one room and if we have 45 rooms booked, they will comp the second room for us and lower everyone's room rate. (saving us close to \$400 for the caller/cuer's rooms.) We were about 1/2 way there last we checked, so be sure and get those reservations made.

Liz and Billie Jean have the packets ready to go. Please be sure you grab the packets for the clubs in your district and get them handed out to the clubs ASAP. There are deadlines for some of the paperwork, so we need these in each club president's hands just as quick as possible. Thanks!

2023 State Festival – Oct. 13-15: Carol Hershey reporting: Northwest District received the \$2,500 from the Federation which has been deposited into the Missouri Festival 2023 account.

The Missouri State Fairgrounds has been decided as the venue and the deposit and contract has been sent to Steven Sims, Events Manager.

The Committee has decided on the theme of "The Place to Be in '23" with a committee formed to work on ideas for styling and logo ideas for the dance. This committee has met and is developing the artwork.

Invitations to call were sent to five callers and four cuers and they have returned their bids and being negotiated; the decision will be made at our next meeting April 24 and letters will be sent out to the callers/cuers.

Contact has been made with the Sedalia Convention & Visitors Bureau and the list of hotels was used this year will be used again using the Hampton Inn as the host hotel.

There was discussion of vendors, raffles, tours of the area and looking into grants that might be available.

Dan Wheeler has set-up a QR code for people to access to find information regarding the festival and for registering. Online registration will also be available.

Old Business:

Two more delegates are needed for Missouri to be appropriately represented on Wednesday at the USDA meeting at National Convention in Evansville, Indiana in June. This can be one couple with each having a vote, two couples with one vote per couple, or two singles.

Dave and Penny are the other two delegates with each having a vote.

Fred Goucher withdrew his tabled motion from the January meeting (Eliminate guideline 1a. "One who is a designated club caller or cuer of a MFSRD Club").

New Business:

Catherine McLemore made the motion to accept all of the proposed changes to the Standing Rules; motion seconded and carried.

Carolyn Goucher asked if we wanted to keep the requirement of 4 articles or 4 ads in the Doin's for the Toot Your Horn program since we now only have four issues of the Doin's instead of 6. It was the general consensus to keep the requirement as is.

Audit Report: Edythe Weber reporting – The audit committee (Edythe Weber, Carolyn Goucher, and Al & Betty Benz.) met on Wednesday, March 23 to review the following financial records: Missouri Federation General Fund, 2021 Missouri State Festival, Show Me Doin's Circulation, Show Me Doin's Advertising, Missouri Federation Insurance, and License Plate. All accounts were reviewed with all documentation well organized for income and expenses, reconciliation of bank statements, etc.

The committee recommended this audit report be documented in the minutes and accepted by the Federation.

Calendar of Events

April 29 - Missouri Promenaders 40th Anniversary Dance

April 30 - Northeast District Dance Brookfield

July 22-23 - Beaux & Belles Annual Campout Weekend

May 6 – Live Wires Dance; location change to new permanent location in Raymore

April 23 - Central District Dance

July 24 2 to 4 p.m. – Puxico 40th anniversary dance with meal; may also be Southeast District Dance

May 6-7 - St. Louis Jamboree

May 15 - Savannah Sashayers benefit dance for PAWS

May 14 – Southwest District Dance

3rd Annual Route 36 Dance – Sept 16-17

July 17 – Missouri Federation Meeting Hosted by St. Louis District in the St. Peters area

July 16 – St. Peters Dance

The next state board meeting will be July 17, 2022 in the area of St. Peters, Missouri. St. Louis District will host.

A motion was made by Fred Goucher to adjourn, was seconded, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edythe Weber
Acting Secretary

April 3, 2022

PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE STANDING RULES
Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

CURRENT

Article XI: Appointive Committees

Section 4. Standing Committees: (page 11 of current rules)

G. State Festival Featured Caller and Round Dance Cuer Committees

1. The District(s) in charge of the annual State Festival shall appoint a committee to be responsible for hiring the national caller and cuer for the festival that the district(s) is organizing.
2. The committee shall obtain approval of the board of directors prior to hiring the national caller and cuer. This should be done as many years in advance as feasible.

PROPOSED - **Move** this previously approved text from the Standing Committees section to:

Article XII: State Festival Committee

Section 5. Caller/Cuer Committee (pg. 14 - *renamed* from “Area Caller/Cuer Committee”)

- A. State Festival Featured Caller and Round Dance Cuer Committees
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Additionally, re-number existing sub-sections from A-I to B-J.

No changes to text, only a move of placement.

CURRENT

Article XII: State Festival Committee (page 14 of current rules)

Section 5. Area Caller/Cuer Committee

- A. The callers and cuers for the Friday night dance, Saturday morning and afternoon workshops/dances and Saturday night dance shall be scheduled by the host district’s Caller/Cuer committee in a manner equitable to all callers and cuers.
 1. An area caller is defined as:
 - a. One who is a designated club caller or cuer of a MFSRDC club.
 - b. One who is currently a dues paying member of CALLERLAB, American Callers Association, and/or ROUNDALAB.

- c. One who has called or cued for a MFSRDC club (one club or different clubs) a minimum of six (6) times in the previous June 01 to May 31.

PROPOSED (Note: section # changes to B due to insertion on previous page)

Article XII: State Festival Committee

Section 5. Caller/Cuer Committee

- B. The area callers and cuers for the Friday night dance, Saturday morning and afternoon workshops/dances and Saturday night dance shall be scheduled by the host district's Caller/Cuer committee in a manner equitable to all callers and cuers.
 - 1. An area caller is defined as one who is currently a dues paying member of CALLERLAB, American Callers Association, and/or ROUNDALAB and who has called or cued for a MFSRDC club (one club or different clubs) a minimum of six (6) times in the previous June 01 to May 31.

CURRENT

Article XIX: Caller / Cuer Longevity Awards

Rationale: To recognize Missouri Federation callers and cuers for longevity and service to square and round dancing beginning with 20 years of service or at retirement, whichever comes first.

- Section 1. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been a caller or cuer for a period of 20 years or more and meets the eligibility requirements shall be presented a plaque (5" x 7") honoring the recipient for his/her years of service to square or round dancing.
- Section 2. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has received the first plaque and continues to call or cue until announced retirement with 30 total years or more of calling or cueing shall be presented a second plaque (7" x 9") honoring the recipient for his/her years of service to square or round dancing.
- Section 3. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been calling or cueing with 50 years or more and not retired shall receive a plaque (7" x 9") honoring the recipient for his/her service to square or round dancing.
- Section 4. Eligibility requirements
 - A. A caller or cuer must have at least 20 years of calling or cueing, not limited to Missouri.

- B. A caller or cuer must have called or cued during 5 or more Missouri State Festivals.
- Section 5. Special exceptions may be granted for the list of callers or cuers with the majority consent of the Federation Board of Directors.
- Section 6. Administering of this program shall be the responsibility of the Immediate past president. He/she shall:
- A. Report at the January or April Federation Board meeting all callers/cuers who met the eligibility requirements for longevity awards during the past year.
 - B. Order the plaques for those callers and cuers eligible for the longevity awards and present the bill to the Missouri Federation Treasurer.
 - C. Shall present the plaques to the recipients. They may convey this duty to the district president.
 - D. Shall obtain a copy of the caller/cuer sign-in sheet after each annual Missouri State Festival to verify eligibility.
 - E. Information and materials will be passed to the next immediate past president to continue the program.
 - F. Perform any other necessary tasks or duties to administer this program.

PROPOSED (Note: intention is to clarify type of awards and to add awards for 30- and 40-year anniversaries)

Article XIX: Caller / Cuer Longevity Awards

Rationale: To recognize Missouri Federation callers and cuers for longevity and service to square and round dancing beginning with 20 years of service or at retirement, whichever comes first.

- Section 1.** Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been a caller or cuer for the time period indicated and meets the eligibility requirements shall be honored for his/her years of service to square or round dancing as follows:
- A. 20 years calling or cueing – 7"x9" wood plaque with space for future additions of 2"x3/4" plates honoring 10 year calling/cueing anniversaries up to retirement as described in #C below (effective for awards given in 2022 and beyond)
 - B. 30-, 40-, and 50-years calling or cueing – 7"x9" wood plaque. *Exception:* If their 20year anniversary occurred in 2022 or later, the award will be as described in A above.
 - C. Retirement after 30+ years of calling or cueing - 8"x10" wood plaque

Section 2. Eligibility requirements

- A. A caller or cuer must have at least 20 years of calling or cueing, not limited to Missouri.
- B. A caller or cuer must have called or cued during 5 or more Missouri State Festivals.
- C. A caller or cuer must have called or cued a minimum of 30 years to receive a retirement plaque.
- D. A recently deceased caller or cuer will not be awarded a plaque but should be honored and mentioned verbally at the time of presentation of other awards.

Section 5.3 Special exceptions may be granted for the list of callers or cuers with the majority consent of the Federation Board of Directors.

Section 6.4 Administering of this program shall be the responsibility of the Immediate past president. He/she shall:

- A. Report at the January or April Federation Board meeting all callers/cuers who met the eligibility requirements for longevity awards during the past year.
- B. Order the award based on criteria set out in Section 1 for the callers and cuers eligible for the longevity awards and present the bill to the Missouri Federation Treasurer.
- C. Shall present the plaques to the recipients. They may convey this duty to the district president.
- D. Shall obtain a copy of the caller/cuer sign-in sheet after each annual Missouri State Festival to verify eligibility.
- E. Information and materials will be passed to the next immediate past president to continue the program.
- F. Perform any other necessary tasks or duties to administer this program.

Approved as amended July 17, 2022