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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

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

Minutes of October 9, 2022

President Dave Byers called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. in the large Classroom of the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall.

Invocation: Given by Dave Byers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: President Byers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (5) Executive Board; 11 District Directors; 4 Staff/Past Presidents).

Introduction of Guests: Monica and Scott Reynolds and Kelly Bockover Northwest District, Roslie Mogerman Central District, and Roseann Maxwell Southwest District.

Thank you to Host District and Club: President Byers thanked Mat and Pat Auriene of the Northeast District for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Approval of Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the July 17, 2022 minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 1, 2022 of \$14,074.17. Revenue for July through September of \$ 5,501.94 and expenses of \$2,236.34. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2022 of \$17,349.77. Total CDs including interest of \$20,856.67 for Total Funds on hand of \$38,206.44. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 45 clubs this year.

Five clubs are eligible to receive longevity awards in 2023. Two of those clubs are receiving their awards today. Longevity awards were awarded to Beau & Belles of the Northeast District for 70 years and Western Twirlers of the Southwest District for 75 years.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. No correspondence had been received since the last meeting and no cards had been sent.

Boundaries and Relations: Merle Hall reporting. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cathy Hall. We have the second reading of the proposed change to Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution regarding the third vice-president's position in the Unfinished Business part of our meeting. If this change is approved, there will be a related change needed in the Bylaws which will be read and acted upon under New Business.

Publications: No report. A chairman is needed.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Most clubs are converting to the new deadlines, but a few are still forgetting. Please put a reminder on your phone, your wall calendar, whatever it takes to meet the deadlines.

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

November 15 is a BIG deadline for clubs that dance January to December – your full year dance schedule for 2023 is due to me for the Doin's and to Dan Wheeler for the web. Now that most clubs are back dancing, please make this a priority.

When sending me your club information and dates, I expect you to give me the dates you are dancing, not just tell me "every Thursday" or "every other Saturday". Remember, I have to look those dates up on a calendar. That is not my job. Then when I do look them up, if I see that something conflicts with State Festival or a holiday, then I have to contact you AGAIN to confirm whether you are actually dancing or not. So PLEASE give me the dates the first time around. You might catch that conflict ahead of time if you do. If you see one that might be a problem, but you don't know yet, just put it in and cancel it later. But don't forget to contact me to cancel it. I should not have to read your article (and not all clubs send articles which is a shame in itself) to find out you have cancelled a dance date. I am not a mind reader.

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 199, exchange copies 1, and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 213. We had 63 electronic subscriptions, 46 renewals, 3 new subscriptions

and no student copies. We will be sending out 80 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the October - December issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$900 from subscriptions and expenses of \$114.20. A check for \$ 785.80 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 ads and caller/cuer listings of \$42.00 and no expenses. A check was given to the Federation for \$42.00; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

Several new caller ads were received at this year's state festival.

Promotions: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No report.

Member Services Committee: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. Carolyn reported that Bob Tevlin was receiving a plaque for 30 years of cuing; this was given to Cathy Hall of his district to present to him.

State Festival Site Screening: Madeline & Merle Hall. No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting. 1,013 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 203 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1,216 Missouri dancers in 45 clubs.

Insurance to cover dancers from now through Dec. 31, 2022 is \$5.00. If questions, call Edythe.

You should never delete a dancer from your roster except during initial enrollment. You can delete dancers when you are doing your enrollment for 2023. Edythe will let clubs know via e-mail when the portal is open for 2023 enrollment.

Use Missouri Federation Insurance e-mail address when communicating with Edythe via e-mail regarding insurance matters.

There is no charge for insurance for students while taking lessons, only after they graduate and join your club.

Send Edythe the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if your club has a new person handling the insurance so she can contact them.

Insurance premium for 2023 is \$5.25. The minimum charge for a club is \$50.00 for clubs who do not have enough members to reach the \$50.00 mark or a club whose members are covered by another club.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of July 1, 2022, is \$406.71; total income of \$184.70 and expenses of \$93.10 leaves an ending balance on September 30, 2022 of \$498.31.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. No report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting: Web site hits for September 1,537; for the year 14,077.

The website has a feature that displays a set of directions including a map for every square dance location. The Mathewson Exhibition Center has been visited 5,311 this year; this includes hits from anyone wanting directions to the Exhibition Center. The point is that this feature is very helpful.

It is not too early to send 2023 dance schedules; they can be sent as soon as you have them, even if you have them into 2024.

Every club has a website they can use for sharing all kinds of information regarding their club and its activities. Please let you clubs know about this and that Dan is willing to talk with them about it.

Send Dan flyers for your dances.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting: No report.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting: Checking account balance on hand at the July 17, 2022 state meeting was \$575. There has been no new requests for license plates or renewals. I wrote a check to Rosa Davis, state treasurer, for \$475, leaving the current balance at \$100.

Called everyone's attention to the application information on page 45 of the Doin's reminding folks the plates do create interest and questions asked regarding square dancing.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting: I have already reported on the insurance increase..

My next big adventure as secretary for the United Square Dancers of America is January 27-29, 2023 when the Winter Meeting will be held in Bismarck, North Dakota. I am not especially looking forward to the cold, but have never been there and think it will be interesting. The hosts are planning a tour of the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum, which they say is very interesting. We will spend two fun-filled days in meetings and attend a square dance while there. I am packing warm clothes for sure in case we do anything outside.

A webinar sponsored by the USDA is coming up regarding marketing square dancing.

Dan Wheeler is the webmaster for USDA.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting: Nothing to report at this time.

District Presidents' Report: Pat Auriene, Northeast District. The following dates were announced for Federation meetings in 2023:

January 15	Southwest District - Springfield
April 16	Northeast District
July 9 or 16	St. Louis District
October 15	Northwest District - Sedalia

Also discussed activities that are happening and planned in the districts. Discussed the future of upcoming state festivals regarding hosting, when held, etc.

Children and Youth: Merle Hall reporting: No report.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner reporting: Received a message from Mark Gentry whose granddaughter received the scholarship a few years ago. She has graduated with straight A's, has started a 2-year graduate program in Arizona and has a great job and benefits with the university. Thanked the Federation for the scholarship.

Would appreciate receiving updates from anyone whose kids or grandkids received a scholarship on how they are doing.

2022 State Festival: Dave & Penny Byers: Was able to return the \$2,500 start-up money this weekend. Financially definitely on the plus side. The raffle to help raise funds for the federation and clubs went well. 23 clubs sold tickets and raised \$2,495 and \$3,355 was raised for the federation. The silent auction raised \$914.00.

Received really good feedback overall from those who completed the evaluation form. One individual fell on Friday evening dancing hex and an incident report form was completed. The individual did not require any health attention.

Approximately 250 people including callers attended the festival. Will have a final report at the January meeting.

2023 State Festival: Carol Hershey reporting: Received 39 paid this weekend and 6 complimentary registrations. Had T-shirts, registration information, etc. ready for the weekend and ready to roll for the second half; still have some chairman spots open. Credit card payments are being accepted.

Lynn Nelson is taking the caller-cuer registrations.

Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers: President Byers read the Nominating Committee's slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor for each of the positions; there were none.

The slate is as follows: Merle & Madeline Hall president, Dave Shafer 1st Vice-president, Cathy Hall 2nd Vice-president, 3rd Vice-president no nominee, Rosa Davis treasurer, and Liz Rooks secretary.

Dave Shafer made the motion to close the floor for nominations and elect the slate as presented; motion seconded and approved.

Approval of Proposed Constitution Changes: Cathy Hall gave the second reading of the proposed Constitution change. There were no changes suggested and the vote was to accept the proposed change to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution. (See the change at the end of the minutes.

President Byers called for a vote on the proposed change to the Constitution. The proposed change was approved.

State Fair Day of Dance: Liz Rooks reporting: Overall it was a successful day; not quite as many dancers as 3 or 4 years ago but still a good number this year.

The Federation approved a quarter page ad for the State Fair Souvenir booklet. An anonymous donor came forward to fund a half page ad and there were two additional quarter page ads so that the Federation essentially had a full page ad in the booklet.

New Business:

Cathy Hall read the Proposed Updates to Article XI, Section 4, Letter C of the Standing Rules (*see the current wording and the proposed wording at the end of the minutes.*)

President Byers called for a vote on the proposed updates; updates were approved.

Rosa Davis commented that in our discussions about the budget we have talked about reducing the amount spent on awards and recognition. In regards to that, she asked about continuing to present the outgoing president with a plaque and gavel. It was the consensus to continue with presenting the plaque and gavel to the outgoing president.

Liz reminded the district presidents they need to send her the names and contact information of the individuals who will be representing their district as president, delegates, and alternate delegates to the state meetings by the end of the year.

Edythe commented that the meeting notice needs to be sent out a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting.

Passing of the Gavel: Presidents Dave & Penny Byers passed the gavel to the incoming presidents Merle and Madeline Hall and released their committees for 2022 effective December 31, 2022.

Calendar of Events

November 1 and December 6, 2022 – Peppy Promenaders Plus Dance

November 8, 2022 - Patriot for Paws Dance

Dec. 31, 2022 - Peppy Promenaders Christmas Eve Dance

July 21 - 23, 2023 - Beaux & Belles Campout

April 15, 2023 - Northeast District Dance

May 5th & 6th, 2023 - St. Louis Jamboree; Carolyn & Tony Ahart are the featured cuers and 2023 State Festival

May 20, 2023 - Southwest District Dance

Last weekend in July 2023 - HASSDA Dance in Arkansas

August 12, 2023 - Northwest District Dance

The next state board meeting will be January 15, 2023 in Springfield, Missouri with the Southwest District hosting.

Dave Shafer made the motion to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rooks
Secretary

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

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

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.

Cathy Hall, Committee Chair

Art Kruse and Merle Hall, Committee members

CURRENT

STANDING RULES

Article XI: Appointive Standing Committees

Section 4 – Standing Committees

C. Constitution and Bylaws Committee (three members)

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(Note: Appointment of committee chairs is already covered under Article XI, Section 1 and does not need to be specified here.)