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

Minutes of January 15, 2023

President Merle Hall called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Branch Library in Springfield, MO.

Invocation: Dave Byers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Merle Hall.

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board; 11 District Directors; 4 Staff/Past Presidents) and 5 other past presidents.

Anieta and Tom England and Kenton and Karen Sullivan were introduced as guests. Karen is the Southwest District alternate delegate.

Thank you to Host District and Club: President Hall thanked the Southwest District as the hosts for this meeting.

President Hall shared his and Madeline's hopes and philosophy as president.

Approval of October 9, 2022 Minutes: President Hall asked for corrections or additions to the October 9, 2022 minutes. There were a few minor corrections in the minutes but none that changed the context in any way.

Dave Shafer moved to accept the minutes as corrected; motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of October 1, 2022 of \$17,349.77. Revenue of \$4,371.32 and Expenses of \$2,962.04. The ending checking account balance as of December 31, 2022 is \$18,759.05. Total CDs and interest \$20,856.67 for Total Funds on hand of \$39,615.72. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

The check register includes a donation of \$3,000 from the Lloyd Wallace Foundation to promote the 2023 State Festival. This is not included in either the revenue or expenses since it was a pass through amount. Rosa gave a check for this amount to the Northwest District.

39 of the 41 clubs were eligible to receive an insurance rebate. Checks were given to the respective districts for distribution to the appropriate clubs.

The Budget to Actual report shows a gain of \$667.80 for the year. This could be misleading since the revenue includes the \$5,000 from the 42nd National Square Dance Convention® Committee.

Rosa reported she had received a check from the Northeast District of \$6,271.04 as proceeds from the 2022 State Festival. She presented a check for the Northeast District for \$1,246.41 for their 20% that goes to the hosting district.

She has also sent a check to ARTS for \$39.00 given by individuals who registered for the festival and gave money for ARTS.

The Doin's expenses could be misleading since they include \$1,861.69 from the 2021 Nov/Dec issue (5 issues total).

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported there are 41 clubs this year. The Coordinators is a new club in the Northwest District.

Longevity awards: Jefferson County Squares in the St. Louis Metro will celebrate 40 years in April.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. Received a Letter of Invitation to the Feb. 12, 2023 Doin's Dance from Anieta & Tom England, Doin's Dance Chairpersons Southwest District.

Cards sent: Get Well Rosa Davis, Sympathy Louise Coleman Family and Evan **Pauley** in memory of his mother. Dave Shafer asked that a sympathy card be sent to the family of Mark Mortensen.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers reporting. Additional committee members Liz Rooks and David and Karen Israel. He shared the committee's first order of business is to get a letter out to all of the clubs in an effort to build relationships with the clubs by letting them know what is happening, how the Federation can help them and asking in what areas they feel they need help.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cathy Hall. No report.

Publications: No report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting: First, I want to recognize Ruth Ann Reynolds for the 5 years as Circulation Manager for the Doin's. We hope to continue seeing her around at meetings and dances in other capacities. We know she will be involved in helping with the next State Festival! Circulation is a big job, keeping track of

subscriptions, keeping track of payments, and making reports to the Federation at each meeting.

The new Circulation Manager will be Penny Byers. We will be making the transition over the next few months. This will involve removing Ruth Ann Reynolds from the Circulation checking account at Central Bank and adding Penny Byers as soon as possible. Check the Doin's for address and contact information.

Some clubs do not send in articles, so it is imperative that those clubs send me a full year 2023 dance schedule. Also, EVERYONE, please notify me of changes in callers, locations, time, etc. if you change something after sending the original schedule, **especially if you do not send articles**. Full year 2023 dance schedules were due by November 15. I am still missing 2023 schedules for about 10 clubs.

Most club article writers have converted 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.

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

DOIN'S Circulation: President Hall announced Penny Byers as the new DOIN'S Circulation Manager.

Edythe Weber reporting. Thanked Ruth Ann Reynolds for all she had done as DOIN'S Circulation Manager.

Paid subscriptions for the DOIN'S this period (Jan-March issue) were 199, advertisers 0, exchange copies 1, and 15 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 215. We had 56 electronic subscriptions, 66 renewals, 5 new subscriptions and 34 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 33 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the Jan to March 2023 issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with income of \$1,410.00 from subscriptions and \$595.00 from the Doin's State Festival Dance. Expenses of postage for \$10.40, Doin's State Festival Dance \$135.44, and Other expenses of \$111.86. A check for \$ 1,882.02 was given to the Federation. The ending balance December 31, 2022 is \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting: We had a balance brought forward of \$100.00. Revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$1,373.00 and expenses totaled \$15.00. A check was given to the Federation for \$1,358.00; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

Dave explained we had lost most of our “business” advertisers because they felt our publication was not reaching a large enough audience to make it worth their while to advertise in the Doin’s.

Promotions: Fred & Carolyn Goucher: Puxico County Squares is the only club that has submitted info for the Let’s Toot Your Horn 2022 award. Deadline for clubs to submit their info is February 1st. Please let us know if you have any questions. Many clubs would probably qualify. Please read the qualifications for Let’s Toot Your Horn on the website.

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

State Festival Site Screening: Dave Shafer reporting: Reminded everyone when a district is preparing to host a festival they need to start planning a reasonable amount of time beforehand and to contact the Festival Site Screening Committee to go and look at the possible facilities to see if they will be an appropriate location to hold a festival.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting. Dancers insured through Missouri Federation 810 and 179 dancers insured through other federations for a total of 989 Missouri dancers in 41 clubs.

- *Thank you to the club insurance person who went into the portal and did the club insurance for your club. Everyone did a great job! Thanks for your hard work.*
- **The 2023 Insurance premium is \$5.25 per dancer. This covers new members that join your club that do not have insurance anywhere else.**
- If you add a new member to your club roster, but they are covered by insurance elsewhere, please send me an email telling me that. I need to let the National coordinator know we are not liable for a premium for that person(s).
- 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 or email questions to the Doin’s email address. It just delays communication.
- Remember to send me a roster of lesson names. There is no charge until they graduate.
- 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.
- 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 October 1, 2022 \$498.31; total income of \$4,266.80 Club Insurance Payments and expenses of \$4,275.15 USDA Insurance Payment leaving an ending balance on December 31, 2022, of \$489.96.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of January 9, 2023, the total number of danglers given out for Missouri was 507

Central – 433	Northeast - 413
Northwest - 396	St Louis - 396
Southeast - 378	Southwest – 427
West Central - 411	

The grand total for all districts is 3,361

Financial Report: Balance carried forward from previous years \$24.68; there has been no income or expenses during 2022 leaving a balance of \$24.68.

There are 246 members and 2 nonpaying members.

Mentioned that we only have 6 active districts and the danglers are designed for 7 districts. Asked if we felt the danglers needed to be changed showing the 6 districts.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Penny Byers reporting: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting: 2022 - 19,150 Hits, December – 2495 Hits

Sending me information to update the website: You can't update the website. Only I can.

The best way is to send me an update in an E-Mail. Next best is to text. Next best is to mail it to me. Last is phone. If the update is short, then phone is not so bad. If you call with a lot of information, I may not be in a position to write it down.

Our web space provider "Deerfield Hosting", has recently upgraded our web site to "secure" status. This really doesn't require that you do anything different when you use it. However, it does require that I make a lot of changes in the link addresses. You may have noticed that many addresses start with http://. Now, the pages that are "secure", have been changed to https://.

The only time you should see that http:// or https:// is when you copy a web page address from the address line on your browser.

Since you will not realize in most cases whether a web page is secure or not, if a web address has a "www" in it, it is best to leave the http:// or https:// off when you show a web address on a flyer or in any printed material. The internet can then figure out whether or not a page is secure without your help. If you do include the code without the "s", the page will open with the "Not Secure" notation even if the page can be

opened "Secure". If you do include the "s" for a web page that is NOT secure, it just won't open. Just for the record, ALL web pages with a "SquareDanceMissouri.com" or "WeSquareDance.com" address are secure, and will open with or without the "s".

I'm not sure exactly what advantage there is to having a secure website, but in the past, all providers charged extra for it so it must be better somehow.

The simple rule of thumb is: If the address has a "www", do NOT include either the http:// or https://. However, ALWAYS include the "www" if the address you copy shows one. I can explain the technical reason for this if any of you are interested.

My problem is that in a few situations, I have links to pages where the link includes the http://, and unless I get it changed to https:// on the website, the link no longer works. I have fixed hundreds of these, but since I don't know where all of these are, it is probable that I have missed a few.

So, if any of you open a page on the Missouri Federation website, and part or all of it doesn't open, please let me know. It takes me only seconds to fix it once I know about it.

Also, if you see "Not Secure" or with some browsers it's a padlock with a red diagonal line through it, at the start of a Missouri Federation web address or a "WeSquareDance" address, let me know and I'll fix it.

Spam E-Mail: When you receive an E-Mail that seems suspicious or just somehow "off" somehow:

1. Hover your mouse over the "from" name or E-Mail address. Most E-Mail programs will then show the actual address that sent the E-Mail. If it ends in two letters other than "us", it came from outside the United States and is very likely spam or "phishing" for your information.
2. Don't reply to the E-Mail without contacting the sender by some method other than replying to the E-Mail. Text or phone are good. Also the E-Mail address you have on file is good.
3. If the E-Mail wants you to open a website or download an attachment, don't do it without contacting the sender by some method other than replying to the E-Mail. Text or phone are good. Looking at the E-Mail is safe, but opening that website link or downloading the attachment may not be.
4. Do not ever provide personal information by replying to any E-Mail that you are not sure of.
5. Maintain a current antivirus program. It won't stop the spam, but it will help prevent any part of the E-Mail from infecting your computer.

When someone tells you that they received a suspicious E-Mail that purports to come from you and it asks for something (money, your help, etc.) or tells you to open a website, it is EXTREMELY unlikely that your E-Mail has been hacked. Ask them to check the E-Mail address it came from (not the name it came from, the actual E-Mail address). If it is not your E-Mail address, you have absolutely NOT been hacked. Even if it is your E-Mail address, it is unlikely that you have been hacked. If I know how to send an E-Mail that appears to come from your E-Mail address, and I actually do NOT know how to hack into your E-Mail account, then lots of people know how to send E-Mail that appears to come from your E-Mail address.

However, if someone has sent an E-Mail that actually used your E-Mail address, this is what you should do:

1. First, change you E-Mail password. At this point, do NOT change your E-Mail address.
2. Wait a few days before changing your E-Mail address. If nothing bad happens, you're done. You have won, and you can stop here. If, after a few days, you are told that someone received an E-Mail you didn't send that actually came from your address (not just your name, but your actual E-Mail address) then it is the time to change your E-Mail.

Because of the websites I do, I am probably more likely to be hacked than most of you. It has happened to me only once. All the other times people have received fake E-Mail that appeared to come from me, my name was there, but the E-Mail address was different.

I found out that I have been hacked because my E-Mail provider sends E-Mail back to me when I try to send an E-Mail to an address that no longer exists. My provider has told me that, on average, 20% of people change their E-Mail addresses every year. The hacker sent an E-Mail to everyone in my address book. Since at least 20% of those addresses were no longer valid, even though I hadn't sent E-Mail to those addresses myself, the undeliverable E-Mail were returned to me with the undeliverable note. Since I hadn't sent the E-Mail to those addresses in the first place, I knew that something bad had happened. I'm a slow learner, so I let it go two days. Then the same thing happened again. I changed my E-Mail password, and it stopped.

Over the last few years, my E-Mail provider has started requiring that all new password protected situations have a password that meets certain requirements. Unfortunately, he allows old passwords to continue to work. I had not upgraded my E-Mail password, and that is what got me into trouble. Most providers now require that password have at least 8 characters. That they have both letters & numbers. That at least one letter be a capital. And they prefer that passwords have at least one non letter or number character, like a ?, #, !. etc. My providers even gives my passwords a score. If they are below a score of 70, he won't accept them. He doesn't like them below 80. He is happy

with anything over 80. If I allow him to, he will even suggest a password. I tried that once, but the passwords he suggests are such that they simply can't be remembered, and they are almost impossible for me to type in correctly. One was 3%*=#791&3 and another was 87=?1337*0.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting: I don't usually have a historian report mainly because I have some trouble separating Historian from Webmaster; but, here are some the historian things that are available on the website:

1. Federation meeting minutes going back over 20 years,
2. A list of all presidents of the Missouri Federation,
3. A list of all Caller Hall of Fame recipients with their pictures and their descriptions,
4. A list of all Square Dancers of the Year recipients with their pictures and their descriptions,
5. Biographies of quite a few callers & dancers,
6. Histories of quite a few clubs, current & past. If your club isn't there or isn't current, it should be. Just send it to me,
7. Obituaries of many prominent square dancers,
8. Histories of square & round dancing,

All this information is easy to find on the Missouri Federation website – www.SquareDanceMissouri.com,

Then click on one of these buttons on the left:
History, it's all here, but you can also go directly to:
Archives,
Obituaries.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting: No requests for renewals or new plates; renewals are in July. Twenty five dancers have square dance plates.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting: January 27-29, 2023 I will be attending the USDA Winter meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota. Our USDA president promises temperatures in the 40's and I'm holding him to that. 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, also. I am packing warm clothes for sure in case we do anything outside and the warm temperatures do not materialize.

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

District Presidents' Report: Catherine Mc LeMore reporting: Four districts were represented. Dave & Penny Byers were selected to chair the Square Dancer of the Year Committee; they are also the chair for the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. They discussed the need to look at possible revisions to the criteria for both of these

awards. Any changes would be a Standing Rules change and could be voted on at the April Federation meeting. With this possibility in mind, the forms and information for both of these awards may not be in the festival packets that will be given out at the April meeting but will have to be sent via e-mail a little later. Reminded everyone nominations are needed.

Discussed the lack of participation from those outside of the Southwest District Doin's Dance. Southwest District is considering discontinuing the dance if there is not better participation from the Doin's Committee and those outside of the Southwest District.

Southwest District Dance is May 20 at the MARC in Mt. Vernon staying with the luau theme; Kenton Sullivan has started square dance lessons at Nixa with 6 brand new dancers and 7 that wanted a refresher. Western Twirlers graduated 4 and 2 in northern Arkansas. Little Dixies had 1 couple and 4 singles.

Northeast District Dance is April 15 at Brookfield. Don Boyer, caller for the Peppy Promenaders, has started having plus dances once a month on Tuesday evening. Macon Beaux & Belles recently graduated three couples; Peppy Promenaders graduated one couple and 3 singles. Route 36 dance will be September 16. Has a committee working on scheduling of dances to avoid have more than one club dancing on the same night.

St. Louis District has had 4 clubs or so giving lessons; about once a month, they will have a "new dancers" dance to allow the students to become acclimated to dancing outside of the lesson arena. St. Louis Jamboree is May 5-6. In December, they had a "free dancer" appreciation dance and had 8 squares.

Central District: Once a month or so Romney Tannehill is doing a plus and advanced level dance.

Northwest District: Carol Hershey has been collecting pictures and posting on the district's Facebook page. Live Wires graduated 16 dancers last year and have started another set of lessons. Heartland Squares have also had some graduates. Three clubs have closed and four new clubs have been started. The district is forming a membership committee to discuss club and member retention, etc. The district dance is Aug. 12 at Raytown.

Bev Stuart reported the Little Squares who danced at the 2022 festival have graduated and there is a waiting list for the 2023 class. They are excited to have been invited back to the 2023 state festival.

Youth and Children's: Merle Hall reporting: Connie Graham is going to be the Youth and Children's Coordinator.

Merle had done several one night dances: One in particular was at Fayette Baptist Church Harvest Fest. One at Brunswick School and private party at Stover south of

Sedalia. We did a demo for adults at the Pickers Market in Macon, the dance day at Independence and one at Brookfield.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner reporting: Liz Rooks read his report “The federation scholarship program is on hold. If the federation wants to restart the scholarship, I recommend it be started for the 2023-24 school year and given out in spring of 2024.”

2022 State Festival: Dave & Penny Byers: Dave & Penny Byers and Gary & Gay Spencer were the co-chairmen; worked well together. They did not try to micro-manage their committees. A number of additional people from the Northeast District and others from other districts showed up to help the committee with getting everything set-up for the dance. Worked hard for donations to help support the festival; received \$4,000 from the Wallace Foundation, \$500 plus Welcome bags from Sedalia Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, an anonymous \$500 donation for six \$50 door prizes and two \$100 guarantee for each night’s 50/50 pot.

There were 223 paid registrations and 49 complimentary registrations for a total of 272 registrants garnering \$5,458 in registration fees. Felt there were 256 actual attendees; this did not include the special dancers and their families.

Shirt sales did not go as well as hoped due to supply problems. Had to use a second vendor which was more costly so took a loss on the shirts; however, given the situation did better than it might have been.

The Dancer Raffle tickets were a huge success; worked hard to get all of the prizes donated. The goal was to make money for the Federation as well as the clubs to help them be able to fund their activities and promote club visitations.

\$3,458 was made for the committee’s use and \$2,508 for the 22 of 44 clubs that participated. After paying expenses, the committee netted \$2,068.51.

Silent Auction raised \$894 with approximately 45 baskets and other items.

Felt the venue worked well for what the committee was hoping to accomplish: having everyone dancing on the same floor at the same time as much as possible creating more of a party-like atmosphere versus being sparsely spread out.

The caller did a great job of staying with the party theme. The total cost of the hall, tables and chairs, podium, stage, etc. was \$2,974.55 which was considerably less than what Lebanon’s cost would have been.

Caller-Cuer luncheon was great; they seemed to appreciate the hot meal.

Last Square Standing went well with five squares participating. The caller did a great job of with it lasting 30 to 45 minutes; many favorable comments that it lasted more than 10 minutes.

Hampton Inn, the host hotel, comped the rooms for the caller and cuer (2 nights for each). They also lowered the price of the rooms \$10 since so many dancers stayed there.

Campground was good. The only issue that arose was that the price had gone up \$10 per night (\$25 to \$35) since the contract was signed and we had not been notified of that. The campers had to pay that additional \$10 per night.

The decorations and photo opportunities were appreciated. The vendors did well. They were not a booth rental fee but did pay for any tables and chairs they wanted to use.

The sounding equipment was donated by a couple of generous dancers and there was no charge for the set-up; consequently, there was no charge for sounding the halls.

The majority of the comments received have been very complimentary. There was disappointment that there was not a specified time for line dances with cuers. Unfortunately, the cuers that had planned to attend were not able to make it.

2023 State Festival: Carol Hershey reporting: Several meetings have been held since the last Federation meeting moving toward the October Festival.

Edythe Weber is Chairman for the Program book and has an Ad Sheet to use when submitting an Ad. This is an opportunity for clubs to put an ad in the book for publicity.

Fred Goucher will provide the Luncheon for the Callers/Cuers and spouses at noon on Saturday and a Saturday Evening Dinner for dancers. The Callers/Cuers Luncheon will be sandwiches of pulled pork. The Saturday evening Dinner will be smoked chicken with sides and dessert for \$15. We are currently looking for committee members to help in serving at both meals.

Jean Wheeler, Festival Treasurer, has received a \$500 grant from the City of Sedalia and a \$3000 grant from an anonymous donor. These are to be used in promoting Square Dancing.

Jordan Ohl, Decorations, is working with her committee and determining what decorations they already have available and what needs to be gathered. Jordan and the Floor Plan committee will be working together to coordinate positioning of venue

Vendors are being looked at: Edythe Weber will be working obtaining them. We are currently looking at Ma and Pa for engraving. The clothing vendor we are looking at is Do-Si-Do Designs. Brenda Stewart from Mt. Pleasant, TX.

Al Benz, Chairman of Raffles, has a committee that is looking for items to be raffled. Also, Al is working on setting up a schedule for workers during the dance to service the raffle table.

The Festival Committee decided to serve ice cream bars at the evening dance for \$1 donation. A Chairman and committee will be needed at the dance.

The Hampton Inn has been chosen lodging headquarters again this year. Carol Hershey has contacted the hotel and reserved October 13-14 for square dancers. A block of 40 rooms has been reserved with 2 free rooms for the featured caller/cuer. The code for dancers to use when making reservations is SDG (Square Dance Group).

Packets will be put together for clubs with information of Square Dancer of the Year, Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame, raffles, flyers, etc. to be handed out at the April state meeting. Those wanting to advertise for the dance can go online and find flyers, t-shirt and lodging information that can be printed to handout.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

New Business:

2023 Budget approval: Rosa reviewed the information during her treasurer's report. Asked for questions or comments and responded to those. Most of the changes made were based on the number of clubs and related rebates, etc.; pretty much carried over what we had for 2022.

Art Kruse made the motion to adopt the budget; motion seconded. Following discussion the motion was voted on and was approved.

Badges and Bars: Liz reminded attendees that a couple of years ago the Federation decided not to automatically provide a Federation badge and appropriate bar for officers, delegates, etc.; those who want these will be responsible for paying for theirs. Badges are \$8.50 each and bars are \$2.50. Passed around sheets for attendees to fill out if they want a badge and/or bar.

Zoom subscription: Discussed the reasons for renewing the subscription. Art Kruse made the motion to renew the subscription; motion seconded and carried.

Nomination of Edythe Weber to continue as USDA secretary: Fred Goucher made the motion to send a letter of support for Edythe Weber as a candidate for USDA secretary; motion seconded and carried.

Fred Goucher announced the Cross Trailers Square Dance club is offering a one-time \$500 donation for a college scholarship in honor of Louise Coleman and Dortha Campbell to be used by the Missouri Federation Scholarship committee for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Cathy Hall announced the 2024 Festival will be October 18 & 19, 2024 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds with the state meeting and Doin's Dance on Sunday, Oct. 20. The featured caller will be Ken Burke and still working on a cuer.

Dave Byers made a motion to unfreeze the spending that was put in place two years ago while we worked to get our expenses under better control. The rationale for this is to allow the Federation to offer better support to the clubs in the way of helping with lesson costs (caller, hall expenses, etc.) based on criteria and processes that are already specified. Motion seconded by Dave Shafer.

Following discussion Dave Byers and Dave Shafer withdrew their motion and second.

President Hall appointed an Ad Hoc committee of Art Kruse, chairman, Bev Stuart, and Catherine McLemore to manage the handling of the \$5,000 received from the 42nd National Square Dance Convention® as appropriate for educational purposes. Committee will be needed until all of the \$5,000 has been used.

Dave Byers made a motion seconded by Dave Shafer to unfreeze the spending for promotions to help build and foster relationships amongst the clubs and the Federation. Motion carried.

Fred Goucher presented Dave and Penny Byers with a plaque thanking them for their service as our state president for two year.

President Hall appointed an Ad Hoc Caller-Cuer Committee for a period of at least two years to report to the Federation on a regular basis with thoughts of how we can support them better, areas in which they feel changes might be needed, etc. Current members are John Stuart, chairman, and Tony Ahart. Other interested callers or cuers are welcome to be a part of the committee.

President Hall shared thoughts regarding how we do square dance marketing and who our target audience should be. He encouraged those present to get in touch with him with ideas/thoughts, etc. He also discussed the possibility of having an Ad Hoc committee to explore obtaining grants and other ways of getting funds to help with marketing and promotion of square dancing.

Jim Marron, Travel Missouri Coordinator, asked if there was a need to revise the Travel Missouri Badge and Dangles since we now have 6 active districts instead of 7. The consensus was that no revision was needed.

Dave Shafer encouraged the Federation and districts, etc. to invite contra dancers to attend their dances and maybe have a workshop time to introduce to others.

2023 Committees: See accompanying list of Committees

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 12 Southwest District Doin's Dance at the MARC in Mt. Vernon
- Feb. 18 Cross Trailers, Northwest District, dancing at the Point in Raytown
- Apr. 15 Northeast District Dance, Brookfield, Trinity UMC
- May 5 & 6 St. Louis Jamboree
- July 21-23 Beaux & Belles Campout, Macon
- Sept 15 & 16 Route 36 Dance

The next state board meeting will be April 16, 2023 at Chillicothe, Missouri. Northeast District will host.

Motion was made by Fred Goucher to adjourn; motion was seconded and carried.
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Rooks
Secretary