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## *The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs*

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(Subject to Board Approval)

### **Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Florissant, Missouri - August 19, 2001**

**Place:** James F. Eagan Civic Center  
**Date:** August 19, 2001  
**Host:** St. Louis District  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Call to order:** President Bill Morris  
**Invocation:** Carolyn Herren  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Luther Hendrix, Past President  
**Roll Call:** 21 officers and representatives answered roll call.

**Introduction of Guests:** David & Betty Mauzey, State Dance Treasurer, Eileen Cruse, member of the St. Louis Federation and League of Clubs and former caller.

**Approval Minutes:** June 10, 2001 meeting, Minutes were corrected as follows: Dancer of the Year Award deadline is August 1, not 31. Same correction made to the date listed under 2005 Caller/Cuer in the reminder about the deadline date for the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Mark Mortensen made the motion to accept the June 10, 2001 minutes as corrected. Motion seconded, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eloise Riley gave the report. Beginning balance 6/2/01 - \$15,274.01 (SB&T -\$140.30; General Fund - \$14,683.71; Designated Funds (USDA) \$400.00; Memorial \$50.00.) Balance in CD's - \$17,000. Income 6/2 - 8/2/01 - \$2,344.98; Expenses 6/27 - 8/2 - \$3,047.96. Ending Balance 8/2/01 - \$14,571.03 (SB&T - \$162.80; General Fund - \$13,958.23; Designated Funds (USDA) -\$400.00; Memorial - \$50.00.) Balance in CD's - \$17,000. Total funds available - \$31,571.03. Report filed for audit.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations:** Dave and Barb Turner. During a very short meeting, Barb asked districts to help her create a list of district dance dates for the upcoming year. She would like to be able to make this list available for at least one year in advance to help in scheduling future dance dates.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Bob and Shirley Turner. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposed the following amendment to the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Club, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws: That the present Article VII Committees, Section 5. Presidential Appointments be moved to Section 6. And that the following be inserted in the Constitution and Bylaws under Article VII Committees, as Section 5. Section 5. Square Dancer of the Year Selection Committee. The Square Dancer of the Year Selection Committee shall consist of all district presidents. The committee will select a member to act as chairman. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

The committee also has been advised that American Callers Association was left out of the revised Standing Rules to Article X. State Festival Committee, Section 4. Area Callers Committee, B.2. Motion to accept the committee's recommendations made by Dean Osbourne, seconded and carried.

**Membership:** Eloise Riley stated that there were two new clubs. Eloise reminded everyone that dues are due for 2002.

**Site Screening:** Dave and Barb Turner reviewed the reported from the April 22, 2001 meeting. The committee recommended that Liberty High School be selected as the site for the 2002 Missouri State Dance hosted by the Northwest District. Doyle Collins asked about cost of the facility. Answer was approximately \$2400.00 before any Chamber of Commerce, school district or community donations to decrease that cost. Dean Osbourne asked about the layout of the facilities. Barb briefly described the gym and lobby layout. Dean asked about

hotels in the area. Jim Weber responded that approximately 1500 rooms were available within a fifteen minute drive. Six hotels are within 5 minutes of the high school. Bettyrae Fluke made the motion to accept the report committee recommendation. Motion carried.

**Promotions:** Randy and Penny Pratt. Absent - no report

**License Plates:** Mark Mortensen stated that the bill would hopefully be reintroduced again in December 2001.

**Publications:** Jim Weber, in the absence of Jim and Phyllis Monroe. The Publications Committee had a very brief meeting prior to this meeting also. A suggestion had been brought to the committee that the Northeast District be featured in the October Doin's with a two-page spread. Photos and an article giving data of their preparations for State Festival would be featured. The suggestion went on to recommend that the Editor set a schedule each district be featured one time during the year in the Doin's on a rotating basis. This would probably work out to be every other month. The Editor would advise districts what issue they would be in and their deadline. Discussion followed. Committee recommendation carried.

**Insurance:** Floyd Herren. Balance 6/1/01 - \$351.39. Income for June \$70.80; Expenses for June \$67.80; Income for July \$25.80; Expenses for July \$24.60. Ending Balance 7/31/01 - \$355.59. Enrollment in Plan A- 1,274 members - 32 clubs; Plan B - 2,651 members - 63 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (53 members).

**Blue Bird:** Carol Morris reported for Judy Epperson. Opened account with \$100.00 from Missouri Federation. Total Income - \$119.00 from 15 sets of birds and 11 sets of braid - \$117.00, \$2.00 change donated. Expenses \$20.57, check to Missouri Federation of \$98.43. Balance left of \$100.00.

**Historian:** Ray and Vickie Wittman. Absent - no report

**Research & Funding:** Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. Bettyrae reported that at the committee meeting they discussed what districts were doing to advertise. Responses ranged from yard signs, tear-off sheets at supermarkets, plastic covered flyers, cardboard signs, festival participation. Bettyrae reminded delegates that districts were to make their own rules for advertising. Be sure to get receipts. It appears that clubs are participating and will be requesting money.

**Dancer of the Year Award:** Bob and Shirley Turner. The Square Dancer of the Year committee met and has selected the first recipient of this award. Selection is confidential until presentation of the award at the State Dance in October. Revisions for the award for next year were discussed.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Bob and Loretta Welch. The Doin's is alive and well. Bob said he would need delegate help to get the district articles in the Doin's.

**Circulation:** Mary Lee Brizendine made the report for Charles and Dorothy Ball. Balance on hand 6/1/01 - \$1,412.12. Income for June, \$348.00; Income for July, \$304.00. Expenses for June, \$1,000 transferred to Missouri Federation. No expenses for July. Balance 7/31/01 - \$1,064.12. Balance in Petty Cash - \$33.17. Doin's mailing for August was 879.

**Advertising:** Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance on hand 6/10/01 - \$100.00. Income for July and August, 2001 - \$766.00; Expenses \$57.87. Check to Missouri Federation for \$708.13. Balance on hand 8/19/01 - \$100.00.

## Unfinished Business

**2001 State Festival:** Leland and Mary Moyer. Leland reported that all he needs is dancers. Please promote the dance. Remind dancers to pre-register. Forty-two callers are signed up. They are still taking ads. Most committees are either finished, about finished, or just gave up. Raffle ticket sales continue. The registration chair needs names of people who will be helping at the registration table on Friday and Saturday. David Mauzey, State Festival Treasurer, came forward to report that to date income is \$14,343.46, expenses of \$4,694.57. There are 158 pre-registrations, totaling 282 people. There are 100 T-shirts left over, all sizes but large and only a few small. Purchase them now. Camping is available in the parking lot at the Civic Center for \$10/weekend. Showers are available in the Civic Center if you are not self-contained.

**2002 State Festival:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim requested \$2,000.00 start up money for the 2002 state festival. Barb Turner made the motion to give the Northwest District the start-up funds of \$2,000. Motion seconded, passed. Jim reported that Don and Margrit Adams of Harper's Hoppers, one of the districts new clubs, had volunteered to be treasurer. Randy and Juanita Boyles have been hard at work already getting bids and working on the design for T-shirts.

**2005 Caller/Cuer:** Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. Bettyrae reported on letters sent, returned and bid responses from callers and cuers for the October 21-23, 2005 State Festival. Kenny Jarvis and Wes Dyer returned a bid of \$850.00, includes fee meals and travel. Tom Roper returned a bid for \$750.00 all inclusive (he did not mention lodging). Shane Greer sent a bid of \$700 plus air fare and lodging, estimating expenses to be about \$900.00. Mike Sikorsky had received the most votes. After talking to him in Anaheim, they re-sent his letter. He called the other day and he is already booked on that 2005 date. No responses were received from Bobby Newman, Marshall Flippo, Dee Dee Dougherty, Tony Oxendine. The committee recommended Tom Roper. Motion seconded. Discussion followed. Vote called for and motion defeated. Mark Mortensen made a motion to hire Big & Little Enis (alias Kenny Jarvis and Wes Dyer) for 2005. Seconded and passed. Bettyrae said she would send letters to Shane Greer and Tom Roper and also send the contract to Patricia Jarvis, who handles booking for Big and Little Enis.

Then on to the cuer - One cuer had replied. Committee recommended Jerry and Dot Yockey to be the Cuer for 2005. Their bid was \$350.00 plus room. Motion seconded and passed. Other cuers who were sent letters were Paul and Linda Robinson, Rod and Susie Anderson, Gene and Gina McMurtry, and Gene and Dale McGinty.

**USDA Report/National Convention Report:** Carolyn Herren, Bob Welch, Carol Morris. Representatives from the 51<sup>st</sup> National Square Dance Convention made a presentation on the Minnesota convention in 2002. Wisconsin was accepted into membership in USDA. John and Alitia Becker, Youth Advisors, have made a video of youth square dancing. The hope is to implement it in schools. The \$500 USDA youth scholarship was awarded to Rebekah Adkinson from North Carolina. Carol Morris spoke briefly on the Missouri Federation Credit Card contest. The USDA After Party was Friday with 18 callers. New officers were elected. Lyle and Jean Beck, Iowa, Plains Region Vice President, was elected President. Jerry Reed, Callerlab, gave a brief report on the Phoenix Plan and its survey results on the decline of square dancing. A presentation was made on a new discount prescription card. USDA delegates voted to participate in this new program.

Barb Turner reported on the parades and dancing in Disneyland. Barb bragged on Kendra (granddaughter of Bob and Loretta Welch) and Elijah (grandson of Floyd and Carolyn Herren).

Bob Welch talked about the Press Breakfast and how much he enjoyed Bob Osgood's walk down memory lane as feature speaker at the breakfast. Bob Osgood was editor of Sets in Order magazine.

Jim Weber stated that he brought Scrip Prescription cards for each district to take back to their clubs. Jim talked about HJR 15 and asked square dancers needed to contact their congressperson in Washington D.C. about HJR 15. This bill is to have square dancing appointed the National Folk Dance in perpetuity. Hand-written notes or letters are best, but you can e-mail them as well.

Bill Morris reported that at the Showcase of Ideas table, the Missouri Federation had tickets to Silver Dollar City as a raffle prize. Anne Hilgers of Hubbard, Oregon won the tickets in the drawing on Saturday. She donated them back since she didn't think she would get to come to Missouri to use them. Carol Morris sold raffle tickets at the meeting. Carol said the winner would get the tickets and the money will be sent to Anne.

## **New Business**

**Audit Committee:** Rollie and Mary Lee Brizendine. The Audit Committee audited the books for the Insurance from August 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001. All books and ledgers, bank statements and expenditures all appeared to be in order with all supporting documents and appropriate amounts clearly recorded.

**USDA Dues:** Barb Turner made a motion to pay the USDA dues of \$100.00 when it comes due. Motion seconded, passed.

**Nominations Committee:** 2002 Officers, Bettyrae Fluke stated that the slate of officers will be submitted at the next meeting. If anyone is interested in holding an office or recommending someone else for an office, contact a member of the nominating committee.

## **Other New Business**

Jim Downey reported on answering phones for the PBS station in Springfield. This was a great promotion for square dancing. Square dancing was mentioned regularly and signs were visible much of the time. Jim recommended that they try this again.

## Calendar Of Events

Randy Boyles invited everyone to the Northwest District Dance on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home in Liberty. He also asked if anyone could come to Excelsior Springs to help the Fishing River Square put on a demo at the Excelsior Springs River Days on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The West Central District Dance is September 29<sup>th</sup> at Warsaw.

Eileen Kruse talked about the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Benefit Dance, sponsored by the St. Louis Area, for kids with cancer being held at Kirkwood on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be six callers and 3 cuers.

Dave Shaffer reminded everyone to use the Doin's. Advertise!

Carol Morris announced that Carol Forste of Springfield won the tickets in the drawing. A total of \$78.00 was collected and will be sent to Anne Hilgers in Oregon.

**Next State Board Meeting:** Lebanon, Northeast District, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Recognition of Host - Missouri Promenaders

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mark Mortensen, seconded, carried at 2:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Edythe & Jim Weber Secretaries  
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.