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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. Kirkwood, Missouri - August 18, 2002

Place: Community Center
Host: St. Louis District
Date: August 18, 2002
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Barb Turner
Invocation: Annette Thornhill
Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Shafer
Roll Call: Thirty-Three officers and representatives answered roll call.

Introduction of Guests: Bob Pointer, Solo Swingers, Springfield; Wanda Dean, Solo Swingers, Springfield; Eileen Kruse, Hilltoppers, St. Louis.

Approval Minutes: Jim Monroe made a motion that the minutes of the June 09, 2002 meeting be tabled until exact wording of Constitution and Bylaws report can be read at the October meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob and Loretta Welch, Bob gave the report. Hometown Banking Beginning Balance 06/01/02 - \$18,206.97; Income - \$2,295.88; Expenses - \$3,224.46; Ending Balance 07/31/02 -\$17,278.39; Balance in CD's - \$17,000.00; Total funds available - \$34,278.39.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Luann Morrow reported that visitor dangles will be ready for presenting at the October State Festival. It is hoped that the dangles can be dated so that out of state dancers will want to come back for dated dangles each year.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. The committee met on July 6, 2002. Those portions of the recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that were referred back to committee by the Board of Directors were discussed and put together for presentation at the August 18, 2002 meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the Board of Directors would have to vote on whether or not to eliminate the words "all past presidents" from Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws. The changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and Standing Rules recommended by the committee were read. Barb Turner noted that a discussion and vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution would take place at the October meeting. Proposed changes to the Standing Rules would be voted on at this meeting.

The committee recommended the following changes to the standing rules. Change Article XII to read: Memorials, 1) A suitable floral arrangement will be sent upon the death of a present elected officer of the federation as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws. 2) Also included as recipients of floral arrangements upon death will be the past presidents. 3) A suitable floral arrangement or monetary donation to a charitable organization will be sent upon notification of the death of a state caller or cuer. 4) Floral arrangements and/or donations will be of a reasonable amount not to exceed \$75.00 per memorial. Carried. The committee recommended the following be added to the Standing Rules. Article X, Section 5, Select (Temporary/Ad hoc) Committees. 1) Select committees may be appointed for a limited duration for the accomplishment of a specific purpose as a need of a select committee becomes apparent. Chairmen of select committees do not have a vote on the Federation Board of Directors. 2) Select committees shall be dismissed upon completion of the specified purpose, or upon decision by either the Executive Board or Board of Directors not to pursue the purpose further. Carried. The committee recommended the following changes be made to the Standing Rules: that the Insurance Coordinator, currently identified as being filled by one individual, be changed so that it can be filled with either one couple or an individual. It also recommended that the following committees be added to Article X, Section 4: k) Member Services Committee (All district presidents and chaired by presidential appointment), 1) Blue Bird Coordinator (one couple/individual), m) Historian (one

couple/individual), n) License Plate Coordinator (one couple/individual). Carried. Jim Monroe made a motion to table Article X, Section 1, and Article X, Section 3 until the October meeting. Carried. A proposed change to Article X, Section 2 did not carry.

A recommendation made by a member of the Board of Directors for a change in the Constitution and Bylaws adding Section 2 to Article IX, Amendments was opened up for discussion. The proposed addition to Article IX reads: Section 2. Any addition or amendment to the Constitution and bylaws, failing to obtain the required number of votes shall not be considered by the board of directors again, in whole or in part, for a minimum of one year. This change will be voted on at the October meeting.

Membership: Bob and Loretta Welch. There are 119 clubs and 4490 members in Missouri. Central District - eleven clubs, 424 members; Northeast District - 10 clubs, 383 members; Northwest District -22 clubs, 679 members; St. Louis District - 20 clubs, 838 members; Southeast District - 4 clubs, 81 members; Southwest District - 36 clubs, 1,526 members, and West Central District - 16 Clubs, 559 members. Each district is asked to provide a club roster of each club in their district.

Promotions: Jim and Edythe Weber. There have been two applications for the "Toot Your Horn" program. Tangle Foot Squares from the Northeast District and Duck "N Dive from the Central District. District presidents were reminded to encourage their clubs to participate. The information giving the criteria is available to take back to the clubs. The requirements also appear in the "Show-Me DOIN's. The date of each district's district dance was confirmed. Central District, last Saturday in March; Northeast District, fourth Saturday in April; Southeast District, third Saturday in June; Southwest District, third Saturday in May; St. Louis District, second Sunday in February; West Central District, March 29 and October 31; Northwest District, third Saturday in September.

Site Screening: Randy and Penny Pratt. No report at this time.

Publications: Given by Edythe Weber. The computer and computer programs approved for purchase at the last meeting have been purchased for use by the circulation committee of The Show-Me DOIN's. Jim Weber has delivered the computer to Charles and Dorthy and is working with them to familiarize them with the computer. The computer cost \$650.00 and the receipt has been given to the Treasurer.

Doyle Collins recommended that if the DOIN's editor is changed, that the board of directors may wish to look into changing the publishers. It was recommended to wait until it is known what will take place with this position.

Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Balance 06/01/02 - \$454.60; Income for June - \$90.60. Income for July - \$0. Expenses for June - \$88.20. Expenses for July - \$0. Ending Balance - \$457.00. Enrollment in Plan A -915 members, 24 clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 1846 members, 66 clubs insured plus 7 minimum clubs with 94 members.

Historian: Ray and Vicky Wittman. It is planned that the history albums will be present at the State Festival. Those donating pictures are reminded of the importance of labeling pictures with the names of the individuals in the pictures, date the pictures are taken, and what event is taking place at the time of the picture taking.

Blue Bird: Carol Morris presented the report for Judy Epperson. Beginning Balance: \$135.09; 14 sets of blue birds and two sets of braid sold for income of \$97.73; Expenses, \$3.35; Ending Balance: \$229.47. Inventory 193 blue birds and 11 sets of braid.

License Plates: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. House Substitute Bill 1397, was approved by the Missouri State House and Senate and becomes law on August 28, 2002. The emblem that will be on the plates has not been approved but should be approved on August 19th. Any member of the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. may receive the special license plates. Every application for an organization license plate but be accompanied by an "Emblem Use Authorization Statement" which may be obtained from the Missouri Federation License Plate Coordinator for a minimum donation of \$25.00 annual registration or \$50.00 if you choose a biennial (two year) registration.. This authorization will be issued to the vehicle owner upon approval. You will then need to complete the Missouri Department of Revenue Form 1716, "Application for Missouri Personalized and Special License Plates." The application with the "Emblem Use Authorization Statement" with a \$15.00 check or money order for the personalized license plate fee payable to "Missouri Department of Revenue" are mailed to the Missouri Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Bureau. Applicants should give six choices of six characters for their personalized plates in the order of preference. The choices may include letters, numbers, or any combination of letters and numbers, and a dash (-), A dash also counts as one of the six characters. When the license plate is issued, your local license bureau will call you and have you

pick up your new plates. When you pick up your new plates, you will pay your normal vehicle registration fee. If you have current plates, you can turn them in and get your square dancer plates right away and your current fee will be prorated so you are not paying for the full vehicle registration period again. The committee recommends 1,500 applications for emblem use be produced. The cost for the applications is \$250.00.

We can get 100 applications and get our license plates, or we can get 10 applications and pay \$250.00 as a setup fee and get our license plates. The committee recommends the Federation produce tri-folds that provide information about the square dance license plate program, how to apply for the special plates and contains the "Emblem Use Authorization Statement" application as well. The cost is about \$473.00 for 3,000 tri-folds. Dan Wheeler is going to publish the tri-fold on the internet so anyone can get a copy off of the internet. The application and information will also be run in the Doin's. Mark Mortensen made a motion that a check in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable to the Missouri Federation Square Dance License Fund, be provided to Linda Collins so she can set up a license plate bank account, and that a second check be provided in the amount of \$250.00 payable to Earl Hodson for the license plate setup fee. Carried.

Member Services: Bill and Carol Morris. All clubs are encouraged to use the funds that have been reserved for square dance promotions. Carol Morris reported that the Central District is targeting 10 to 12-year-olds and their parents and teachers. They have about 15 youth and 15 adults lined up for lessons. Northeast District is going to be on TV on September 6 .

Dancer of the Year Award: By Bob and Shirley Turner. Bob Turner reported that a square dancer of the year has been selected from the applications. The honored dancer(s) will be announced at the State Festival.

Doin's Report

Editor: Bob and Loretta Welch. The DOIN's is doing well and a new editor may be coming aboard. The working relationship with Cass County Publishing has been exceptional and they have bent over backwards to help. Bob recommended that Cass County Publishing continue with the job. The August issue came out a few days late because the person who works our publication had emergency surgery and other employees had to step in and complete the work on the August issue of the DOIN's as well as continue work on their other projects..

Circulation: Charles and Dorthy Ball. Dorthy reported a beginning balance on hand 05/31/02: \$1,816.03. June income: \$189.95. June expenses - Funds transferred to the Federation Treasurer: \$1,500.00. Balance on hand 06/30/02: \$505.98. July income: \$385.40. July expenses - None. Balance on hand 07/31/02: \$871.38. Petty Cash on hand \$3.16.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave reported balance brought forward 06/09/02: \$100.00. Income during the period: \$356.00. Expenses: \$9.27. Check to Missouri Federation for \$346.00. Ending balance: \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

2002 State Festival: Jim and Edythe Weber reported that packets were distributed to the district presidents and that they should have been distributed to the clubs by this time. Registrations are coming in. The board of directors was reminded that only those who register by October 1 will be eligible for door prizes. Hotel prices are guaranteed until October 1. After that the rooms will be released and regular prices will apply. It is not too late to purchase an advertisement for the program book. Check the web page for the forms pertaining to the fashion show, advertisement sales, and registration. Raffle ticket money is coming. There are still two months so please keep selling the raffle tickets. Remember, half of all the raffle money sold by each club stays in the club. Juanita and Randy Boyles have T-shirts and polo shirts without pockets on sale for \$10.00 each. Close to 100 callers and cuers have been signed up to call at the dance. We had to add a hall so all the callers will be able to call. Remind your clubs to send in the names of any dancers who passed away since the last dance. District officers need to get their pictures in for the program book. All forms for the state festival are on the WEB (Fashion show, advertisement sales forms and registration).

2005/2006 Caller/Cuer: Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. Based on the ballots filled out at the last state meeting, letters were sent to Jay Flowers, Bobby Newman, Tony Oxendine, Tom Roper, Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie and Mike Sikorsky to find out if they are available and interested in submitting a bid. Letters were also sent to Judy and Hank Scherrer, Pat Hilton, Gerry and Bob Tevlin, Larry and Adrienne Nelson and Tom and Glenda Morgan to inquire about their availability and interest in submitting a bid. Three bids from cuers were received. Tom and Glenda Morgan's bid is \$400.00 including meals, lodging and travel. Gerry and Bob Tevlin's bid is \$400.00 for one conducting one workshop and cuing the main dance, and meals and lodging. Pat Hilton's bid is \$400.00

including meals, lodging and travel. A motion that Gerry and Bob Tevlin be contracted as the cuers for the 2006 state festival was made by Charles Ball. Carried.

Three bids from callers were received. Mike Sikorsky's bid is \$600.00 plus round trip airfare from Phoenix, Arizona and lodging. Bobby Newman's bid is \$750.00 flat fee. Tom Roper's bid is \$800.00 plus lodging for one night. Floyd Herren made a motion that Bobby Newman be contracted to call the 2006 state festival. Carried. The committee having fulfilled its duties was dismissed.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Bettyrae Fluke gave the report. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Raddison Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota. About twenty Missouri representatives and delegates sat in the front three rows. Prescription cards have not been used as much as expected. The USDA collected \$ 1408.10 for the September 1st emergency. The money was donated to the Salvation Army Compassion Under Fire. Lyle and Jean Beck, Presidents of the USDA, asked us to report on our donation of 637 pairs of gloves to the workers at ground zero. The national folk dance bill was discussed and everyone is encouraged to promote it. A USDA promotional tape promoting square dancing for our youth was received and reviewed. It is a good tape and will be good in promoting square dancing to our youth. A resolution supporting the formation of an alliance of square dance organizations was read. The USDA supports this alliance. Wisconsin was admitted in to the USDA. Bob and Loretta Welch were elected to the position of Treasurer of the USDA. Everyone is encouraged to apply for and use the USDA credit card. USDA scholarship applications are available and more than one scholarship could be given if money is available. Jim Weber encouraged everyone that received a copy of the video tape to take their tape to their local schools and get the schools to use them.

National Festival: Jim Monroe gave a report on the National Festival. The 51st National Square Dance Convention at St. Paul was a great success. More than 8,800 dancers including many dancers from many foreign countries attended. St. Paul did their very best to make the dancers welcome. Facilities included 19 dance halls housing mainstream, plus, DBD, AI, A2, and C 1,2,3,and 4. There was a live dance band to which many callers called, and many of us danced to. There was dancing for Youth, Handicapable, Contra, Western Line, Clogging, and Rounds and all levels through Phase VI. There were 12 hours of continuous dancing each day. There was a choice of 55 clinics, panels and seminars to attend. A major event was the Parade of States to the Wabasha Street Bridge. Vicki Wittman reported that more than 4000 dancers broke the world record of dancers on a bridge and the world's largest hug (Yellowrock). The bridge was actually shaking while the dancing took place.

Barb Turner reported that the Missouri Showcase of Ideas was awarded a certificate for meeting the theme "Looking to the Stars, Positive Ideas on Square Dancing." Our publication, The Show-Me DOIN's, was awarded an award for being "The Publication That Best Informs Dancers." David Van Doren from Front Royal, Virginia, and Wendy Hogan from Westervill, Ohio won the two gift certificates from Wal-Mart.

New Business

2002 Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame: Bill and Carol Morris. Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame nominations were received and a selection was made. The selection will be made known at the state festival.

2003 State Festival: Bob and Shirley Turner - Bob asked for \$2,000.00 for startup money for the 2003 state festival. Carried.

Funding For Clubs Hosting Tthe State Meetings: Bob Turner made a motion that the amount given to the host club for hosting the state meeting be increased from \$125.00 to \$150.00 retroactive for this year. Carried.

Harvest Moon Dance: Jim Monroe reported that Shepherd of the Hills in Branson, Missouri and the State Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. will sponsor a Harvest Moon Dance at the Shepherd of the Hills on 20 and 21 September and 27 and 28 September 2002. There will be four sessions each day, 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. There will be no admission charge. Dancers must be in square dance attire. Dancers will receive a discount of \$35.00 per night at the Dogwood Inn, and Kings Quarters.

Copying of USDA Video: Barbara Turner suggested that copies of the USDA video be made and distributed to each district. Doyle Collins made a motion that the USDA video be duplicated and brought to the next meeting for distribution to each district. Jim Weber will research the cost of this. Carried.

Congratulations: Bettyrae Fluke congratulated Barb and Dave Turner on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Next State Board Meeting: October 20, 2002, will be hosted by the Northwest District, in Liberty, Missouri at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Jim Monroe made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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