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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. Liberty, Missouri - October 20, 2002

Place: Liberty High School
Date: October 20, 2002
Host: Northwest District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Barb Turner
Invocation: Marylee Brizendine
Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Shafer
Roll Call: Thirty-two officers and representatives answered rollcall.
Introduction of Guests: John and Ida Mae Woolery, Jacks or Better, West Central District.
Approval Minutes: Dorthy Ball made a motion that the minutes of the June 09, 2002, meeting be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Barb Turner called for a vote to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2002, meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob gave the report. Hometown Banking beginning balance 08/01/02 - \$17,278.39; Income - \$849.00; Expenses - \$6,490.52; Ending Balance 09/30/02 - \$11,636.87; Balance in CDs -\$17,000.00; Total funds available - \$28,636.87.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Randy and Penny Pratt. Luann Morrow reported that 75 visitor dangles were ordered and placed in the bags of out-of-state dancers. Twenty five more dangles were ordered. There is no date on the dangles, but the dance site, Liberty, Missouri is on the dangles. Clubs that want to order dangles for their out-of-state dancers can do so by contacting Vi Tennant.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave reported that the committee met at 2:15 p.m. on September 14th, 2002. The committee reviewed the changes proposed at the August 18th meeting of the Board of Directors. It was the findings of the committee that a conflict exists between the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2 and the Standing Rules, Article X, Section 1. Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws sets out the membership of the Board of Directors and provides for voting rights of the members of the board. Article X, Section 1 of the Standing Rules is in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws in that it states that chairmen of standing committees have a vote at the meetings of the Board of Directors. The committee discussed the proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article VII, Section 6 and decided not to make a recommendation to change it.

The proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were read. Joan Critcher noted that the 1st paragraph of the Constitution and Bylaws does not list chairmen of the standing committees as members of the Board of Directors and that the Board of Directors will have a very hard time filling these positions if they do not have a vote. It was determined that not everyone received a copy of the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws in the mail. Jim Monroe made a motion that the vote on the changes being proposed to the Constitution and Bylaws and the Standing Rules be tabled until the December meeting. The motion passed.

Membership: Bob and Loretta Welch. There are 117 clubs and 4,623 members in Missouri. Central District - eleven clubs, 454 members; Northeast District - 10 clubs, 383 members; Northwest District - 21 clubs, 673 members; St. Louis District - 21 clubs, 978 members; Southeast District - 4 clubs, 91 members; Southwest District - 33 clubs, 1,433 members, and West Central District - 17 Clubs, 611 members. Each district is asked to provide a club roster of each club in their district.

Promotions: Jim and Edythe Weber. There have been four more applications for the "Toot Your Horn." Tiger Squares and the Little Dixie Squares from the Northeast District; Ozark Lakers from the Central District, and the Peppy Promenaders from the West Central District. This makes a total of six clubs qualifying for their dangles. District presidents were reminded to encourage their clubs to participate. The information giving the criteria is in the Show-Me DOIN's.

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

Publications: Paul and Joan Critcher. Joan Critcher reported that the DOIN's Dance netted \$470.00 in donations, 11 new subscriptions and 49 renewals. Expenses for the dance totaled \$66.24. There were 20 dozen donuts and they ran out.

Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Balance 08/01/02 - \$452.00; Income for August - \$0. Income for September - \$2.20. Expenses for August - \$0. Expenses for September - \$221.13. Ending Balance - \$238.07. Enrollment in Plan A-917 members, 24 clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 1846 members, 66 clubs insured plus 7 minimum clubs with 94 members.

Under Plan A, dancers are covered for travel. Everyone insured with their club (Plan A), who attend the state board meetings are covered for travel. Under Plan B (Liability), the entire club must be insured. When a district conducts a district dance, the district does the work, but an insured club in a district can request the certificate for liability coverage for district dances.

Historian: Ray and Vicky Wittman. The past history files do not have many pictures of the past state officers. There are a lot of newspaper articles, but no pictures. Need pictures to add to the files. Took a lot of pictures at this festival. If you have any pictures of past state officers or any pictures that you would like to donate, we will gladly accept them. 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: Judy Epperson. No report given.

License Plates: Linda Collins. Barb commended Mark Mortensen and his committee for the hard work they have done. Barb Turner released the committee chaired by Mark.

Doyle Collins reported for August 18th through October 20th. Beginning balance of \$1,000 start-up funds; Received \$625.00 for Use and Authorization fees, and receive a sales tax refund of \$32.76 for a total income of \$1,657.76. Expenses: Checks - \$19.50; JB Enterprises for flyer design and printing - \$155.00; Webster County Printing - \$126.15; Webster County Printing - \$505.76. Total Expenses: \$806.41. Doyle will report at the next meeting about how handicapped plates are to be issued. Eighteen dancers have applied for the license plates. Dancers who want the square dancer plates must fill out the emblem use and authorization form. Mail the form with \$25.00 to the committee and it will be signed and returned to the applicant so they can proceed with registering their vehicle. Mark Mortensen made a motion that for each approved application for the Missouri Federation Square Dance License Plate, the Missouri Federation will rebate to that individual \$10.00 per year upon a favorable opinion by the Missouri State Attorney General. Motion 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 there was not much activity since the last meeting. The deadline for submitting request for reimbursement of promotional money is the February 2003 meeting.

Dancer of the Year Award: Bob and Shirley Turner. Bob Turner congratulated Bob and Loretta Welch for receiving the Square Dancer of the Year Award. Activities for the committee are over until nomination time next year.

Doin's Report

Editor: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob reported that the DOIN's is doing well. Bob announced his resignation as editor and thanked everyone for his being allowed to work as the editor of the DOIN's for the past three years. He then introduced Jim Weber as the new editor. He asked everyone to inform their clubs that all information mailed to the editor must now be mailed to Jim Weber.

Circulation: Charles and Dorthy Ball. Dorthy reported a beginning balance on hand 07/31/02: \$881.38. August income: \$341.00. August expenses - Funds transferred to the Federation Treasurer: \$500.00. Balance on hand 08/30/02: \$722.38. September income: \$711.36. September expenses - \$100.90. Balance on hand 09/30/02: \$1,332.84. Check to the Missouri Federation: \$1,000.00. 92 postcard reminders were mailed out and 27 renewals were received.

We awarded seven 100 percent DOIN's danglers. They were given to the Apple Dumplings, Tiger Squares, Beaus and Bells, Millstone Wheelers, Tanglefoot Squares, Golden Valley Squares, and Ozark Lakers.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave reported balance brought forward 08/18/02: \$100.00. Income during the period: \$305.00. Expenses: \$47.58. Check to Missouri Federation for \$258.15. Ending balance on October 20, 2002: \$100.00. Dave also encouraged district presidents to pick up advertising kits designed to help them solicit advertisements for The Show-Me DOIN's. Also, everyone was encouraged to place their Christmas cards in the DOIN's. Christmas advertisement forms were passed out. Reminded everyone that all advertisements must be sent to the Advertising Chairmen by the 28th of each month. Advertisements that are sent directly to the publisher may not make it into the DOIN's.

Unfinished Business

2002 State Festival: Jim and Edythe Weber reported that the final attendance figures were not yet available, but approximately 1,150 dancers attended. There were 777 dancers pre-registered, 373 who paid at the door and 29 non-dancers. There were fifteen participants in the fashion show. The Knot-a-Belt seminar drew 25 attendees while the Hints on Men's Shirts seminar drew 35. Eight dancers attended the USDA Insurance seminar. Also, 44 callers and their spouses attended. A few callers had to make last minute cancellations. The Caller Appreciation Breakfast was well attended. The festival book made about \$2,000. Hall two was a "sound challenge", but it was always full of dancers and the callers worked hard to correct the problem. Everyone was thanked for attending and supporting the dance. A final report will be presented at the December meeting.

2002 Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame: Bill and Carol Morris reported that Ron McCravy was the Hall of Fame recipient.

2003 State Festival: Bob and Shirley Turner. Bob reported that the callers are Bill Tiner and Curt Davis, and the cuers are Tom and Glenda Morgan. The dance will be in the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon on October 17th, 18th and 19th, 2003. There are 175 preregistered dancers. Promotional items are available.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Youth scholarships are available for high school juniors and seniors who qualify.

New Business

Nominations Committee: Bill and Carol Morris. Bill reported that the nominations for 2003 are: President, Randy and Penny Pratt; First Vice President, Jim and Eloise Riley; Second Vice President, Jim and Edythe Weber; Third Vice President, Bob and Loretta Welch; Secretary, Dave and Dee Shafer, and Treasurer, J.W. and Jan England.

Harvest Moon Festival: Jim Monroe reported that the dance at the Shepherd of the Hills in Branson, Missouri was a success. A total of 184 dancers attended and there were seven to nine squares dancing every day. \$7,665 was contributed to the Branson area economy.

Welcome To Missouri Brochure: Jim Weber passed out the Welcome to Missouri Tri-fold asking that if there are any changes, to let him know by the next board meeting.

Next State Board Meeting: December 8th, 2002, will be hosted by the Southeast District, in Puxico, Missouri at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Ed Scholfield made a motion to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave & Dee Shafer Secretaries
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.