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Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Springfield, Missouri - February 16, 2003

Place: Northview Center, Springfield, MO
Host: Southwest District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Randy Pratt
Invocation: Barb Turner
Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Shafer
Roll Call: Secretary, Dave Shafer
Introduction of Guests: Curtis and Roberta McMorris, Tiger Squares, Northeast District

Recognition of Past Presidents: President Randy Pratt thanked Barb and Dave Turner, Immediate Past Presidents, for the wonderful job they did during the past year. He presented them with a plaque and their lifetime membership cards.

Approval of December 8, 2002 minutes: Dave Shafer noted that there was one correction to be made on the last page of the December 8, 2002 minutes. Under Nominating Committee, person making the motion to elect the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee should read Mark Mortensen. Jim Weber made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 08, 2002 meeting as corrected. Motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that a bank account for The Missouri Federation of Square *N Round Dance Clubs, Inc had been opened. December 2002 income: \$22,275.08; December 2002 expenses: \$1,650.23; Balance on hand January 1, 2003: \$20,624.85; January income: \$324.85; January 2003 expenses: \$1,495.53; Balance on hand February 01, 2003: \$19,454.17; February 2003 income: \$2,436.00; February 2003 expenses: \$1,5223.79; Balance on hand February 16, 2003: \$20,366.28; CD Investments: \$17,000.00; Total funds available: \$37,366.28.

Appointment of Committees: President Randy Pratt presented names of the chairman of the 2003 standing committees and asked that they identify their members:

Audit Committee -David and Betty Mauzey (Chair), Donald and Judy Chase, Sheila Franklin and Stephen Rowe (Appointed at end of previous year to conduct annual audit).

Boundaries and Relations - Jim and Eloise Riley (Chair), Charles and Dorthy Ball, and Mary Sue Darwent.

Constitution and Bylaws - Jim and Eloise Riley (Chair), Dave and Dee Shafer, and Jim and Phyllis Monroe.

Membership - J.W. and Jan England (Chair), Ed and Sherryl Schofield, and Jim and Alice Moore.

Publications - Dave and Barb Turner (Chair), Doin's Editor - Jim and Edythe Weber; Doin's

Circulation - Charles and Dorthy Ball; Doin's Advertising - Dave and Dee Shafer; Bill and Carol Morris, and Ray and Vicki Whitman.

Promotional - Jim and Edythe Weber (Chair), Dan and Jean Wheeler, and Bob and Loretta Welch.

State Festival Site Screening - Jim and Eloise Riley (Chair), Jim and Edythe Weber, Bob and Shirley Turner, and Don and Joann Miller.

2007 Caller/Cuer - Dave and Barb Turner (Chair), Bill and Carol Morris, and Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame -Dave and Barb Turner (Chair). Members to be elected by the Board of Directors.

Insurance - Floyd and Carolyn Herren.

Parliamentarian - Jim and Phyllis Monroe.

Member Services - Randy and Juanita Boyles.

License Plate - Linda Collins.

USDA - Jim and Edythe Weber.

Blue Bird - Judy Epperson.

Historian - Ray and Vickie Wittman.

Square Dancer of the Year - Don and Jo Ann Miller

2003 State Festival - Bob and Shirley Turner (Chair), and Larry and Sharon Crisel.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Jim and Eloise Riley. No report.

Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame Committee: Barb and Dave Turner. Barb and Dave Turner passed out ballots for use by the Board of Directors in electing the members of the committee. Members elected: Bob and Shirley Turner, Jim and Linda Downy, Ed and Shirley Schofield, Dan and Nancy Wheeler.

Constitution and Bylaws: Jim and Eloise Riley. The Constitution and Bylaws have been overhaul over the past two years. We need to get comfortable with them. If there are any problems with them that must be addressed, please present those concerns to the committee to consider before bringing them up at a meeting.

2007 Caller/Cuer: Bill Morris passed out ballots for selecting the 2007 Festival Caller and Cuer. Members were instructed to select five callers and five cuers. Completed ballots will be picked up later during the meeting. Carol Morris asked that the list of callers to select from be updated and that the balloting be conducted at the April meeting. The request was approved. Names, addresses and phone numbers of callers and cuers that can be added to this list should be brought to the next meeting.

Membership: J.W. & Jan England. Members of the committee are Ed and Sherryl Schofield and Jim and Alice Moore. J.W. reported that Central District has 11 member clubs; Northeast District has 7 member clubs with 323 dancers; Northwest District has 22 member clubs with 655 dancers; St. Louis District has 19 member clubs with 835 dancers; Southeast District has 4 member clubs; Southwest District has 19 clubs with 762 dancers, and West Central District has 14 member clubs. There are 96 clubs and 2575 dancers in Missouri. Three of the districts don't have club memberships listed. They need to submit their club rosters with membership so that they can be counted.

Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame: Barb Turner passed out ballots for selecting members of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Selected were Bob and Shirley Turner, Jim and Linda Downy, Ed and Sherryl Schofield, Dan and Nancy Wheeler.

Promotions: Jim & Edythe Weber. Members of the committee are Dan Wheeler and Bob and Loretta Welch. Jim and Edythe reported that 24 clubs applied for "Toot Our Horn" awards during 2002. They included first year recipients of Horns - Jefferson County Squares, St. Louis District, and City Squares, Southwest District. Dangles are being awarded to: **Central District:** Duck 'N Dive, Jeans & Queens, Levis & Laces, Millstone Wheelers, Ozark Lakers, Ozark Whirlers, Travelers; **Northeast District:** Capitol City Squares, Kirksville Country Cousins, Little Dixie Squares; Tanglefoot Squares, Tiger Squares; **Southeast District:** Bluff City Twirlers, Puxico County Squares; **Southwest District:** Cassville Swing n Stars, Pommenaders, Rangers, Solo Swingers; and **West Central District:** Apple Dumplings, Damsite Dancers, Golden Valley Squares, Peppy Promenaders.

The Welcome to Missouri flyer has been printed and will be mailed to 7 Missouri Welcome Centers. District presidents will receive some for distribution to the clubs. Jim asked if the board is interested in getting a metal pin made that can be used for promoting Missouri Square Dancing. Randy Boyles made a motion that the Promotions Committee find out how much it would cost to have pins made. The motion carried.

State Festival Site Screening: Jim & Eloise Riley. We need to work with the districts on sites for future dances.

Publications: Dave & Barb Turner. There are more clubs listed in the Doin 's than ever before. Spread the word about the web site. It lists all the dances across Missouri and has a subscription form. The Web address

is on the inside page of the Doin's. Clubs will be able to list their lessons in the calendar of events for three weeks at the beginning of the lessons, but the lessons will be listed in a new section of the Doin's called "Lessons." Lessons will be listed in this section for the duration of the lessons. At the end of each Calendar of Events listing, the district that the club belongs to will be listed. Special dances that will be listed in the Special Events Calendar will be limited to dances such as, special fund raisers, Doin's Dance, major anniversary for a club (20, 25, 30, etc.) District Dance, Caller/Cuer Retirement Dance, Special Festivals or Jamborees.

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Beginning Balance - \$1,037.87. Income for December 2002 - \$3,528.20; Income for January 2003 - \$1,109.60; Expenses for December 2002 -\$3,619.30; Expenses for January 2003 - \$1,480.30; Balance on hand, January 31, 2003 -\$576.07. Enrollment in Plan A- 1074 members, 23 Clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 1924 members, 35 Clubs plus 5 minimum clubs (67 - members)

Historian: Ray & Vicky Wittman. Vicky reported that she and Linda Collins are getting together to put together a booklet of historical things accomplished by the Missouri Federation.

Blue Bird: Judy Epperson. No report.

License Plate: Linda Collins. Beginning Balance - \$916.35; Income - 225.00; Expenses -\$407.00; Ending Balance - \$734.35. License plates have been received by several dancers and are on their vehicles. Rebates have been mailed to those who have ordered their license plates. It takes about four to six weeks to receive license plates after the application is submitted.

Member Services: Randy and Juanita Boyles. Carol Morris reported that \$31,385.67 of expenses has been turned by districts. St. Louis and Southwest Districts will receive \$1,000.00; West Central District will receive \$543.80; Northwest District will receive \$705.05, and Southeast District will receive \$461.00. Committee recommends that in the future, the member services program be changed to run the calendar year with final reports given at the February meeting starting with 2003. Motion carried. **Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. No report.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim & Edythe Weber. Jim reported that all dance activities are listed on the Web site. Jim asked all clubs to send their complete dance schedule to him. This will guarantee that your dances are listed even if the club newsletter is not submitted. This will insure that every dance is listed in the Calendar of Events. Every effort is being made to keep the Doin's as the most informative square dance publication and other improvements are being made. District presidents may submit letters for publication in the Doin's. This will help the district presidents communicate with members of their districts. An information packet pertaining to the Doin's will be distributed at the next meeting

Circulation: Charles & Dorthy Ball. Beginning balance 11/30/02 - \$2,233.63. December income - \$1,106.20. December expenses - \$1,750.00. Balance 12/31/02 - \$1,589.83. January income - \$878.00. Balance 01/31/03 - \$2,467.83. Check to Missouri Federation - \$2,400.00. At the Springfield Doin's Dance, there were twelve new subscriptions and 81 renewals received. There were eleven callers present. 100 percent clubs are Millstone Wheelers, Ozark Whirlers, Golden Valley Squares; Tiger Squares; Ozark Lakers and Apple Dumplings. For February, there are 841 subscriptions. Broken down, they include - 13 advertisers, 7 exchanges, 16 free issues, and 805 paid subscriptions.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer. Report period: 12/08/02 - 02/16/03. Balance brought forward 12/08/02 - \$100.00. Income during the period - \$2,011.00. Expenses - \$11.08. Check to the Missouri Federation - \$1,987.92. Ending Balance on 02/16/03 - \$112.00.

Unfinished Business

2002 State Festival: Jim & Edythe Weber. The bank account for the 2002 State Festival has been closed. Income from the festival - \$22,681.90. Expenses - \$12,165.70. Profit -\$10,516.20. Checks to the Missouri Federation - \$9,000.00 and \$1,516.20. Lessons are now offered in Liberty through the Community Education Program. They pay the caller, conduct the lessons, and there is no cost to the clubs that obtain new members from this program. There are currently 22 people taking lessons. The festival treasurer books are ready for audit.

2003 State Festival: Bob & Shirley Turner. The 2003 State Festival will be held in Lebanon, 17-18 October. Over 200 people have pre-registered. We will be able to use two of the gyms that have wooden floors. We have received \$1,200.00 in sponsorship money from businesses in Lebanon. The State Festival packets have

been passed out to all district presidents. Volunteers interested in helping to plan and stage the festival are welcome. Sharon Crisel reported that at least half of the dancers in Missouri are needed at the festival. Southeast Sadie is a doll that will travel throughout Missouri promoting the State Festival. She has a suitcase that contains disposable cameras that can be used to take pictures of Sadie at their dances and a log of who attended the dance and entries can be made about what she did at each club. When a dance is over, Sadie is to go with someone who will take her to another dance where she will again be passed on. This will continue until she arrives at the State Festival.

Heart of America Relations: Barb & Dave Turner. Barb reported that a meeting was held with Heart of America personnel on February 15th and they are not interested in being affiliated with the Missouri Federation. They want to work with us and exchange ideas. They have to be careful on how they present themselves in the Kansas City area. Their clubs are referred to as "private clubs." If they didn't, they would have to pay entertainment taxes based on the area they are dancing in, regardless of how many participants were present. They have what is called a Vigorous Visitor program that awards their dancers for visiting clubs other than their own. Dancers receive dangles and certificates from the clubs visited a set number of times. It was agreed that publications will be exchanged and that the president of each organization will receive that free subscription. The two magazines (The Show-Me Doin 's and Fed Facts) will exchange special dance information so that members of each organization will know what special dances or events are going to take place. It was agreed that an annual meetings of the Missouri Federation and Heart of America will take place.

USDA Report: Jim & Edythe Weber. Jim reported that the Missouri Federation has nominated William Sundwall as a possible recipient of the USDA \$500.00 scholarship. House Bill 645 (The Promenade Act) with a theme of "Make a Lot of Noise" is being sponsored in the U.S. Congress. This bill, if passed, will make square dancing the National Folkdance. Send letters and cards to your representatives to **Ask Them To Co-Sponsor The Bill.**

Boundaries and Relations: Randy & Penny Pratt. Randy introduced the "Travel Eight" program whereby Missouri dancers are encouraged to attend specially designated dances in each district. Dancers attending specially designated dances are able to purchase a "Travel Eight" dangle from each district they visit, plus the state festival. This program is designed to get dancers to visit clubs throughout the state. This program came from committee. The motion carried. Information about this program will be distributed soon.

New Business

Audit Committee: David & Betty Mauzey. No report.

Secretary Records: Dave & Dee Shafer. Dave asked all district presidents for a copy of their district manuals and club listings for the state records.

Calendar Of Events

Next State Board Meeting, April 27, 2003, Northeast District

Recognition of Hosts: Solo Swingers

Randy Boyles made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

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