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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. Moberly, Missouri - April 27, 2003**

**Place:** Moberly Area Technical Center, Moberly, MO  
**Host:** Northeast District  
**Time:** 12:51 p.m.  
**Call to Order:** President Randy Pratt  
**Invocation:** Millie Crabtree  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dave Shafer  
**Roll Call:** Secretary, Dave Shafer  
**Introduction of Guests:** No guest present.

Approval of February 16, 2003 minutes: Dave Shafer noted the following changes to the minutes of the February 16, 2003 meeting. Page 2, under Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame; Dan should read Dallas. Under Member Services, the amount of expenses reported should read \$31,385.67. Jim Weber made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2003, meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that a beginning balance on February 16, 2003: \$20,366.28; February income: \$3,521.43; February expenses: \$3,500.62; Balance on hand March 01, 2003: \$20,387.09; March income: \$262.44; March expenses: \$3,412.09; Balance on hand March 31, 2003: \$17,237.44; Income from April 01 through April 27, 2003: \$96.53; April expenses: \$1,634.73; Balance on hand, April 27, 2003: \$15,699.24; CD Investments: \$17,000.00; Total funds available: \$32,699.24. Millie Crabtree made a motion to accept the finance report as read. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations:** Jim and Eloise Riley. During the next two meetings, the Travel Eight Promotion will be finalized. Voting on the final format will take place at the August meeting so that it can be kicked off at the State Festival in October.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Jim and Eloise Riley. No report.

**State Festival Site Screening:** Jim & Eloise Riley. The site screening committee made one visit since the last meeting.

**Membership:** J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that Central District has 11 member clubs with 454 members; Northeast District has 7 member clubs with 323 dancers; Northwest District has 23 member clubs with 733 dancers; St. Louis District has 25 member clubs with 1026 dancers; Southeast District has 4 member clubs with 86 members; Southwest District has 29 clubs with 1198 dancers, and West Central District has 16 member clubs with 402 members. There are 115 clubs and 4,222 dancers in Missouri. Ninety-six percent of the clubs has paid their 2003 dues.

**Publications:** Dave & Barb Turner. Cass County Publishing Company has notified us by letter that because of increased supply and other costs that they must bear, they intend to increase our cost of publishing the Doin s. There is a provision in our contract that if costs increase, Cass County Publishing Company can pass that increase on to us. Jim Weber is attempting to contact them about the increase to see if time-saving procedures that we have implemented may influence them to reduce the amount of increase that they are asking for.

**Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame Committee:** Barb and Dave Turner. No nominations have been received. All nominations must be in by August 1, 2003. A letter will be sent to each District President pertaining to the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame seeking nominations.

**Insurance:** Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Beginning Balance - \$576.07. Income for February 2003 - \$449.20; Income for March 2003 - \$41.00; Expenses for February 2003 - \$205.10; Expenses for March 2003 - \$39.00; Balance on hand, February, 2003 - \$822.17. Enrollment in Plan A - 1,158 members, 26 Clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 2,049 members, 37 Clubs plus 5 minimum clubs (67 - members).

**Historian:** Ray & Vicky Wittman. No report.

Blue Bird: Judy Epperson. Randy Pratt gave a report for Judy. Beginning balance: \$265.11; Income \$83.83; Expenses: \$6.28. Ending balance: \$342.71. A check for \$242.71 was turned into the treasurer. Balance carried forward: \$100.00. Inventory: 166 bluebirds and 6 sets of braid.

**License Plate:** Linda Collins. Doyle Collins presented the report. Beginning Balance - \$734.35; Income - 225.00; Expenses - \$97.86; Ending Balance - \$861.49. Jim Weber made a motion that a letter be sent with each approved square dancer license plate authorization notifying applicants that designations SDOY\_\_, CCOY\_\_ are reserved for recipients of the Square Dancer of the Year and Caller/Cuer of the Year awards, and PRES\_\_ is reserved for the Missouri

**Federation Presidents.** Any future designations that may be identified by Board of Directors will be added to the letter at that time. The motion carried.

**Member Services:** Randy and Juanita Boyles. J.W. England presented the final report for 2002 - 2003. The total amount reimbursed to the clubs this past year is \$4,518.98. All reimbursements will be on a calendar year basis starting this year (February 2003 to December 31, 2003). Next year will be from January 01, 2004, to December 31, 2004. This year's applications for reimbursement of expenses associated with promoting square dancing must be in by December 31, 2003.

**Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. Packets for nominating Dancer of the Year were passed out at the meeting.

**Promotions:** Jim & Edythe Weber. Bids were solicited from several companies for creating a Missouri Federation Pin. Two pin designs were received. A pin in the shape of Missouri can be purchased for .58 cents per pin for 1,000 purchased. The second design would cost \$1.09 per pin for 1,000 pins. The committee asked which pin the board would like to pursue? The Board of Directors approved the Missouri shaped pin.

The committee recommended that 5,000 pins be purchased and that 1,000 pins be taken to the National Festival each year for passing out, and that individuals who want to purchase pins for trading can do so by submitting their orders to the Promotions Committee. The motion was passed.

If your club does not have a Web page and wishes to have one, they may contact Dan Wheeler and he will provide assistance in setting up the club Web page. All of the state dance information and forms have been distributed.

The Welcome to Missouri flyer has been printed and is in the Missouri Welcome Centers. District presidents can take some for distribution to their clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc. Toot Our Horn 2003 applications can be submitted as soon as clubs meet the criteria.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Jim & Edythe Weber. Submissions received on the first of the month or later will not be published in the Doin 's. All club newsletters, advertisements and club events should be received no later than the 28th day of each month. All clubs should send a copy of their 2003 dance schedules to the editor so that we can keep the calendar of events up-to-date. In this way, if a club newsletter is not received, the club dances will still be published. Everything is delivered to Cass County Publishing on the first of the month.

**Circulation:** Charles & Dorothy Ball. Beginning balance 01/30/03 - \$2,467.83. February income - \$1,933.10. February expenses - \$2,457.50. Balance 02/28/03 - \$1,943.43. March income - \$785.02. Balance 03/31/03 - \$2,728.45. Check to Missouri Federation - \$2,500.00. There are 841 Doin's mailed in February. There were 847 Doin s mailed in March including 54 free issues to students. There were 811 Doin s mailed in May.

**Advertising:** Dave & Dee Shafer. Report period: 02/17/03 - 04/27/03. Balance brought forward 02/17/03 - \$100.00. Income during the period - \$705.00. Expenses - \$22.98. Check to the Missouri Federation - \$682.02. Ending Balance on 04/27/03 - \$100.00.

**Reconsideration Of Vote:** Barb Turner made a motion that the selection of the Missouri State pin be reconsidered. The motion failed.

## Unfinished Business

**2003 State Festival:** Bob & Shirley Turner. The 2003 State Festival will be held in Lebanon, 17-19 October. A lot of people are working on the festival. Everyone is encouraged to send in preregistrations and save money. Extra raffle tickets, advertising sheets, fashion show forms, etc. were sent to every district president. Sadie is traveling around and having a great time visiting the different clubs.

**2007 Caller/Cuer:** Bill and Carol Morris. Bettyrae Fluke reported. The committee recommended that the list of callers and cuers being considered for the 2007 state festival be expanded by five. Motion carried. A list of callers and cuers was passed out for balloting purposes. Everyone made a selection of five callers and cuers they want considered for the 2007 state festival. The lists were collected and will be used to identify the five most requested callers and cuers. These callers and cuers will be contacted to see if they wish to bid for the 2007 state festival.

**USDA Report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Attended the CallerLab Convention with over 200 callers. The callers have some excellent ideas for promoting square dancing. One club took pictures of their square dancer activities, and printed a paper place mat for use in restaurants. On this place mat was a coupon for one free dance session.

"Make a Lot of Noise" for House Bill 645, the Promenade Act, to make square dancing the national folk dance. Contact your U.S. Congressmen/women and get them to co-sponsor the bill. Contact them in person or by mail to their local offices, or by using either fax, e-mail, or in person.

USDA credit cards send a percentage of your purchases back to each state federation. A portion of the money is used to promote youth and handicapable programs.

**House Bill 645:** Bob and Loretta Welch. Randy Pratt appointed Bob and Loretta Welch to chair a committee that will keep track of HB 645 progress and promotions. All clubs and individuals should notify Bob and Loretta as to the number of letters and petitions mailed in support of the Promenade Act, HB 645.

## New Business

**Audit Committee:** David & Betty Mauzey. The records of the Missouri Federation treasurers Bob and Loretta Welch, DOIN's advertising records of Dave and Dee Shafer, Doin's circulation records of Charles and Dorthy Ball, and License plate coordinator records of Linda Collins was conducted. The records were found to be accurate and without discrepancies. The committee commends each of them for the accuracy and neatness of their records.

The records of the 2002 State Dance treasurer, Margrit J. Adams were audited on April 13, 2003, and found to be in good order and without discrepancies. Margrit J. Adams is commended for the accuracy and neatness of her records.

It was noted during the audit that sales tax was included in some receipts of both the Missouri Federation treasurer records and the 2002 State Dance treasurer records. The committee recommends that members purchasing supplies etc., for the federation be furnished with sales tax exemption certificates so as to avoid paying sales tax on purchases.

**2003 National Convention:** Floyd and Carolyn Herren, J.W. and Jan England, Jim and Eloise Riley, Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke were appointed as delegates to the National Convention. Bob and Loretta Welch were appointed as alternate delegates. Bob and Loretta Welch will chair the ShowCase of Ideas Committee. The theme is "Education is the Key." The set up time is Wednesday, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The USDA meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Edythe Weber made a motion that \$200.00 be allowed for support of the ShowCase of Ideas display. The money will be used to purchase two \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift certificates that will be given away, and decorations for the tables. Motion carried.

**Tote Cart:** Dave Shafer made a motion that a cart be purchased for use by the secretary. The cart is to be used for moving the vast amount of secretarial materials needed at the state meetings. Motion carried.

**Scholarships:** Bob Welch was appointed to oversee the 2003 USDA Scholarship program in Missouri.

## **Calendar Of Events**

Next State Board Meeting, June 8, 2003, Central District

Recognition of Hosts: Little Dixie Squares, Northeast District

Dave Shafer made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave & Dee Shafer Secretary

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