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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. Lebanon, Missouri - October 19, 2003

Place: Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon, MO
Host: Southeast District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: First Vice President Jim Riley
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Eloise Riley
Roll Call: Secretary, Dave Shafer

Introduction of Guests: JD and Jackie Logley, Lost Creek Promenaders, Southwest District Stanly and Carol Forte, Rangers, Southwest District Gil Story, Levis & Laces, Central District Kathryn Hyde, Levis & Laces, Central District Leland and Mary Moyer, Beaus and Bells, Northeast District John and Ida Mae Woolery, Tennants Funtimers, West Central District Mark and Peggy Gentry, Swing n Stars, Southwest District

Approval of August 17, 2003 minutes: The minutes were accepted as read.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that a beginning balance on August 01, 2003: \$13,997.26; August income: \$1,247.60; August expenses: \$5,173.55; September income: \$3.73; September expenses: \$1,529.02; Balance on hand September 30, 2003: \$8,546.02; CD Investments: \$17,000.00; Total funds available: \$25,546.02. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership: J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that club dues are due for payment. Information packets are available to the district presidents to take back to the clubs. Central District has 11 member clubs with 454 members; Northeast District has 8 member clubs with 323 dancers; Northwest District has 24 member clubs with 807 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 17 member clubs with 482 members. There are 119 clubs and 4376 dancers in the Missouri Federation.

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

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

State Festival Site Screening: Jim & Eloise Riley. Springfield is looking at the Oasis Inn as a possible site as the Southwest District Dance. The site screening committee is meeting with state fair personnel the first week in November to see what facilities are available there.

Travel Missouri Program: Jim & Eloise Riley reported that instead of Travel eight, the program will be called Travel Missouri. This includes the 7 districts and the State Festival. Any dance listed in the DOIN's this year will be eligible as a Travel Missouri dance. Next year, only those dances designated as Travel Missouri dances will qualify a dancer for a Travel Missouri dangle. The initial badge can be purchased for \$8.00. Only one dangle from each district will be awarded. Each time a dancer attends a dance, they present a Travel Missouri card to the club visited to receive a signature. That card is then sent in for a dangle. A record of each dancer's attendance and progress will be maintained. The purpose of this program is to encourage dancers to get out and visit clubs in other districts.

Publications: Dave & Barb Turner. No report.

Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame Committee: Barb and Dave Turner. Chuck Guenther was selected as the Caller Hall of Fame recipient for 2003.

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Beginning Balance - \$683.47. Income for August 2003 - \$0.0; Income for September 2003 - \$0.0; Expenses for August 2003 - \$0.0; Expenses for September 2003 - \$0.0; Balance on hand, September 30, 2003 - \$683.47. Enrollment in Plan A - 1189 members, 27 Clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 2085 members, 39 Clubs plus 5 minimum clubs (67 - members).

Historian: Ray & Vicky Wittman. All federation files from 1999 and back are to be turned in for safe keeping. Files and records for 2000 may be submitted at the December meeting. Still looking for pictures, newspaper articles and anything else that can be added to the history files.

Blue Bird: Judy Epperson. No report.

License Plates: Doyle and Linda Collins. Beginning balance: June 9, 2003: \$847.17; Income: \$50.00; Expenses: \$34.56; ending balance on August 17, 2003: \$862.61. Beginning balance: August 18, 2003: \$862.61; Income: \$70.00; Expenses: \$40.00; ending balance on October 17, 2003: \$892.61. To date, there have been 31 square dance license plates purchased.

Member Services: Randy and Juanita Boyles. Request for Reimbursements from clubs for expenses associated with promoting lessons for 2003 need to be submitted by the December meeting.

Dancer of the Year Award: Don and Joann Miller. Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke were recipients of this year's Dancer of the Year Award.

Promotions: Jim & Edythe Weber. Four applications for the Toot Our Horn program were received. For danglers: Tanglefoot Squares - Northeast District; Duck 'n Dive - Central District; Ozark Lakers - Central District; Bluff City Twirlers - Southeast District. Criteria for qualifying for the Toot Our Horn Awards is published in the Doin 's each month.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Make a Lot of Noise - the Promenade Act to make square dancing the National Folkdance. Dancers in Missouri are not making enough noise. No Missouri representatives from the 108th Congress have signed on to co-sponsor the bill. Everyone is encouraged to contact their representatives by mail, e-mail or by phone. Bob Welch has individual letters that can be signed and mailed. The credit card program needs to grow so that more funds will be put in the escrow account to make a distribution back to the affiliates (Missouri is an affiliate and has four votes). If the distribution is prorated like it has been done in the past, Missouri could get another \$400.00. For credit card applications that can be distributed in the districts, contact Jim and Edythe Weber. The prescription discount program is continuing to grow. Bill Shepard, chairman of the program, informs us that 180 prescriptions are filled regularly every month. He receives requests for cards regularly. If you know someone who may have lost their health insurance because of job downsizing, this is great in-between assistance they can use, and it helps square dancing.

Indemnification: Concern personal liability of our officers and board members in the event we should ever be sued for something. The USDA incorporated an indemnity clause into their constitution and by laws to protect their officers and directors from financial liability. Each organization should adopt a clause indemnifying their officers and directors. We do not have Directors and Officers insurance nor indemnification at this time. An attorney who is a specialist in not for profit organizations has been contacted and we will be meeting soon.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim & Edythe Weber. Five people outside of the Doin's staff attended the Doin's seminar on Saturday morning. Please mail the January and February articles early so they can get processed without too much conflict with the holidays. Some clubs are changing writers. Please pass on the information packets so that the new people do not have to "learn by doing." Using the correct forms really helps in making sure the dance dates and information is entered into the computer correctly. Contact Jim and Edythe if you need the forms. They are available in hard copy and electronic form. It is a pleasure working with all the volunteers that submit their information.

Circulation: Charles & Dorothy Ball. Beginning balance 7/31/03 - \$717.66. August income -\$624.00. August expenses - \$600.00. Balance 8/30/03 - \$741.66. September income -\$244.95. September expenses - \$ 50.00. Balance 9/30/03 - \$936.61. Check to Missouri Federation - \$500.00. Petty Cash on hand 9/30/03: \$13.14.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer. Report period: 08/18/03 - 10/19/03. Balance brought forward 10/20/03 - \$100.00. Income during the period - \$634.01. Expenses - \$10.54. Check to the Missouri Federation - \$623.47. Ending Balance on 10/19/03 - \$100.00. Christmas/Holiday Greetings are being accepted for the December issues. Forms have been distributed and appeared in the October Doin's,

Unfinished Business

2003 State Festival: Bob & Shirley Turner. 850 dancers attended the festival. A pair of sunglasses and a ladies button type pin were turned in to lost and found and have yet to be claimed. All the dancers, callers past festival chairmen, and all the others who worked to put the festival together were thanked. Asked that a committee look into reimbursing callers for their extra work and the use of their equipment in sounding the halls, and the possibility of the Federation purchasing some equipment for this and use at the festival. A full festival report will be presented at the December meeting. Jim Riley stated that an Ad Hoc committee will be considered.

2007 Caller/Cuer: Bill and Carol Morris. Contracts have been signed for the featured 2007 Caller and Cuer. Tim Tyl will be the caller, and Pat and Joe Hilton will be the cuers.

Shepherd of the Hills Harvest Moon Festival: Jim Monroe reported that the Harvest Moon Festival was an outstanding success. 504 dancers from 12 states and Missouri attended. This is double last years attendance. Each of the four days had 7 one-hour sessions starting at noon. One national caller (Lanny Weakland) called on the first day and three Missouri callers called the other days. The round dancing was well received. Four cuers cued the rounds. Rosemary Elsberg, Shepherd of the Hills Program Director was overwhelmed with the success of the festival. In the future, as the festival grows, costs associated with it will also grow. The issue as to whether this is a Southwest or State promotion will need to be referred to the promotions committee and be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Job Descriptions: Jim Riley reminded everyone that job descriptions need to be reviewed and updated, and copies need to be provided to the Secretary for updating books and files.

Club Badge Display: The Club badge display has not been completed. If your club or a club in your district is not represented in the display, please encourage them to submit a badge for the display.

New Business

Nominations Committee: Dave and Barb Turner: The following present the following nominations for 2004. Jim and Eloise Riley, Presidents; Jim and Edythe Weber, First Vice Presidents; Bob and Loretta Welch, Second Vice Presidents; Dave and Dee Shafer, Third Vice Presidents; Ray and Vicky Wittman, Secretaries, and J.W and Jan England, Treasurers. Elections with nominations from the floor being accepted will take place during the next meeting.

2004 State Festival: Floyd and Carolyn Herren: Black and Gold was selected as the colors for next year's festival. The picture of the Ferris wheel used on the shirts was taken from an authentic photo of the Ferris wheel used in the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

Caller's Equipment: Floyd Herren: Callers are complaining about using their equipment at the State Festival because a component was lost or damaged last year. George Dunbar has volunteered to store the equipment if we decide to purchase some. This will be added to the function of the Ad Hoc committee that will be looking into caller equipment issues.

Round Dancing: Gil Story was recognized to speak. He asked that round dancing be moved from the main dance hall into a hall of their own. He stated that square dancers want to dance and that square, dancers spend too much time waiting to dance. New dancers who dance mainstream don't have as many options to dance as those who dance other levels. Jim Riley referred this matter to the 2004 State Festival Committee.

Mid-Missouri Caller's Association Book: Doyle Collins made a motion that the Missouri State Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. purchase a full page advertisement in the Mid-Missouri Caller's Association Book. Motion carried.

District Dances: Jim Riley asked that all District Presidents bring to the December meeting a list of all district dance dates for 2004.

Calendar Of Events

Next State Board Meeting: December 14, 2003, Chillicothe, MO, Northwest District. Recognition of Hosts: Southeast District.

Randy Boyles made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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