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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. Chillicothe, Missouri - December 14, 2003

Place: Central School, Chillicothe,
Host: Northwest District
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call to Order: President Randy Pratt
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Shafer
Roll Call: Secretary, Dave Shafer
Introduction of Guests: Enza Row, Central District

Approval of October 19, 2003 minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: J.W. & Jan England. J.W. reported that a beginning balance on October 1, 2003: \$8,546.02; October income: \$1,335.98; October expenses: \$2,051.68; November income: \$56.48; November expenses: \$1,2294.31; Balance on hand November 30, 2003: \$6,592.49; CD Investments: \$17,000.00; Total funds available: \$23,592.49. 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 25 member clubs with 633 dancers; St. Louis District has 25 member clubs; Southeast District has 4 member clubs with 86 members; Southwest District has 29 clubs with 1230 dancers, and West Central District has 17 member clubs with 482 members. There are 119 clubs and 3208 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. Visits to three sites made. The dance site in Springfield in the Southwest District was approved. Two sites in West Central District were approved, one in Sedalia and one in Warrensburg. It will be up to West Central District to decide which site they will use.

Publications: Dave & Barb Turner. The contract for printing the Show-Me Doin's is about to expire. Several publishers were contacted for the purpose of soliciting bids for printing and mailing the Show-Me Doin's. Two bids were received. One from Harmony Printing and one from Cass County Publishing Co. Of the two bids, Cass County Publishing Company was the low bidder. The committee moves that Cass County Publishing Company be given a three year contract for publishing the Show-Me Doin's. Motion carried.

Caller/Cuer Hall Of Fame Committee: Barb and Dave Turner. Keep submitting nominations for Caller/Cuer of the year. Competition is really strong and it is very difficult to decide who should receive the award. Don't give up.

Insurance: Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Beginning Balance - \$356.66. Income for October 2003 - \$388.10; Income for November 2003 - \$649.30; Expenses for October 2003 - \$315.85; Expenses for November 2003 - \$0.0; Balance on hand, November 30, 2003 - \$1,078.21. Enrollment in Plan A - 84 members, 2 Clubs. Enrollment in Plan B - 240 members, 5 Clubs plus 1 minimum clubs (12 - members).

Historian: Ray & Vicky Wittman. No report.

Bluebird: Judy Epperson. Balance brought forward, 6/30/03: \$45.45; income: \$116.21; expenses: \$4.38; Ending balance: \$167.38.

License Plates: Doyle and Linda Collins. No report. **Member Services:** Randy and Juanita Boyles. No report. **Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. No report.

Promotions: Jim & Edythe Weber. The following clubs qualified for Toot Our Horn awards. A First time award badge goes to the Ramblers from Northwest District. For danglers: Swing *n Stars, Rangers, and Pommenaders from Southwest District; Levis & Laces from Central District; Golden Valley Squares and Damsite Dancers from West Central District; Kirksville Country Cousins, Tiger Squares, Capital City Squares, and Little Dixie Squares from Northeast District. Congratulations to all of these clubs. A total of 15 clubs qualified for the danglers and badges this year.

The tri-folds that are delivered to visitor bureaus, chambers of commerce, etc. need to be updated. A copy of the tri-fold was circulated so that corrections could be made.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Make a Lot of Noise - the Promenade Act to make square dancing the National Folk Dance. No Missouri representatives from the 108th Congress have signed on to co-sponsor the bill. Everyone should contact their representatives by mail, e-mail or by phone and stress to them the importance of signing on as co-sponsors. So far 24 representatives across the country have signed on as co-sponsors. A lot more co-sponsors are needed to force it out of committee.

Indemnification: Jim Monroe reported an attorney specializing in nonprofit corporate law was consulted. The attorney has reviewed our constitution and bylaws. The attorney indicated that any liability lawsuit brought against the Federation would surely name all members of the Board of Directors, including appointees, as co-defendants, and could very well extend to the member districts and their members. The attorney recommended that a Safety Committee be added to the Board of Directors structure. He also recommends that a section be added to our Constitution and Bylaws covering the indemnification of members of the Board of Directors. Another item to consider is the acquisition of Directors and Officers insurance. It was agreed that the secretary would copy the attorney's report and mail it to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the next meeting. Indemnification will be discussed at the next meeting.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim & Edythe Weber. It is very important that club representatives send in their club news article for publication in the Doin's so that we receive it by the 28th of each month. If it is received after that date, the letter may not appear in the Doin's.

Circulation: Charles & Dorthy Ball. Beginning balance 9/30/03 - \$936.61. October income - \$1,753.00. October expenses - \$592.93. Balance 10/30/03 - \$2,096.68. November income - \$784.05. November expenses - \$ 0.00. Balance 11/30/03 -\$2,880.73. Check to Missouri Federation - \$2,500.00. Petty Cash on hand 11/30/03: \$10.64.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer. Report period: 10/19/03 - 12/14/03. Balance brought forward 10/19/03 - \$100.00. Income during the period - \$1,738.00. Expenses - \$22.93. Check to the Missouri Federation - \$1,715.07. Ending Balance on 12/14/03 - \$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

2004 State Festival: Floyd and Carolyn Herren: The state dance is on schedule. Hotel prices have been received and are being added to the flyer. Will be visiting Lebanon to speak with Sam Allen at the Cowan's Civic Center and some businesses. The state dance committee will be visiting all districts.

Election of 2004 Officers: At the October meeting, the Nominations Committee recommended the following personnel to fill offices: 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. Nominations for President was called for. Bettyrae Fluke moved that nominations cease and that Jim and Eloise Riley be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. Barb Turner moved that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

New Business

Release of Committees: Randy Pratt released all committees of their responsibilities and duties with the exception of the AD Hoc Committee to investigate indemnification.

Audit Committee: Randy Pratt nominated the following members to the audit committee: Mark Mortensen, Chairman, Jan Vaughn, member; and Judy and Hardy Pottinger, members.

Newly-Elected Officers: Randy Pratt introduced the new officers: 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. Randy Pratt turned the meeting over to the new president.

Bluebird Coordinator: Jim Riley announced that resumes were being accepted for the Bluebird Coordinator position. Applicants should state why they want the position and how they propose to work it.

Agenda: Jim Riley stated that items to be brought before the Board of Directors should be submitted to the secretary so that they can be placed on the agenda.

Committees: Committees will be in place and functional at the next state meeting. Some of the Committee chairmen include: Boundaries and Relations: Bob and Loretta Welch; Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer; Membership: J.W. and Jan England; Publications: Dave and Barb Turner; Insurance: Floyd and Carolyn Herren; Member Services: Randy and Juanita Boyles, and Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins.

Kansas Bid for National Festival: Edythe Weber moved that a letter be issued by the Board of Directors to the Kansas State Federation, in support of their bid to host a national square dance festival in Wichita, Kansas. The motion carried.

District Handbooks: Dave Shafer announced that each district should submit to the secretary a copy of the district handbook and membership to be included in the 2004 records.

A copy of the Past President's list for inclusion in the Constitution and Bylaws handbook was passed out.

2004 Schedule of State Board Meetings: The following dates were set: February 15, Southwest District; April 18, Northwest District; June 13, Northeast District; August 15, West Central District; October 17, St. Louis District; December 12, Central District.

Calendar Of Events

Next **State Board Meeting:** February 15, 2004, Northview Center, Springfield, MO, Southwest District.

Recognition of Hosts: West Central District.

Ed Schofield made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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