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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 17, 2004**

**Place:** Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center  
**Host:** St. Louis District  
**Time:** 12:00 noon  
**Call to Order:** President Jim Riley  
**Invocation:** Charles Ball  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Eloise Riley  
**MO. Pledge of Allegiance:** Bettyrae Fluke  
**Roll Call:** Secretary, Vicki Wittman (66 members in attendance)

**Introduction of Guests:** Donna Heimann, Little Dixie Squares, Northeast District; Dave and Mary Lou Marty, Golden Valley Squares, West Central District; Richard Bertel, Travelers, Central District; Tony and Cindy Ahart, Peggy and Mark Gentry, Alice Morlan and Ruban Putz, all from Southwest District.

Approval of Aug. 15, 2004 minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. W. & Jan England. J. W. reported a beginning balance on Aug. 1, 2004 of \$6,784.72; August income \$1,568.19; August expenses \$1,619.97; September income \$152.10; September Expenses \$1,514.25; Balance on hand Sept 30, 2004 \$5,370.79; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$22,370.79. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. J. W. stated that since the checking account balance was getting low, he might have to cash in one of the CDs that was expiring in October.

**Correspondence:** Secretary Vicki Wittman stated the following: A sympathy card was sent to Doyle Rutherford on the passing of his wife, Billie, on Sept. 23, 2004. Article IX Indemnification of Members of the Board of Directors should be included in all District Handbooks. The revised pages are on the front desk. Petitions are being sent around to urge the National Executive Committee and future Chairmen of the National Square Dance Conventions to give Recognition Certificates to the best publication and the best showcase of ideas table.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations:** Bob and Loretta Welch. No report.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave Shafer said the committee members met and discussed Article IV Board of Directors, Section 2 and 2C. They recommend that the word "elected" be added to the sentence of Section 2C, 2nd line, so that it reads: No couple shall serve in more than one federation office or directorship, except that an elected office holder or director may also serve as a presidential appointee identified in Article VII, Committees. Approval of this recommendation will be carried over to December meeting.

**Membership:** J.W. & Jan England. Central District has 10 member clubs with 423 dancers. Northeast District has nine member clubs with 340 dancers. Northwest District has 21 member clubs with 845 dancers. St. Louis District has 22 member clubs with 971 dancers. Southeast District has four member clubs with 85 dancers. Southwest District has 30 member clubs with 1234 dancers and West Central District has 15 member clubs with 451 dancers. At present, there are 111 member clubs with 4,349 dancers listed. J. W. urged District Presidents to have clubs pay dues promptly.

**Promotions:** Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae stated that the Damsite Dancers did all the groundwork - ads, flyers, place, insurance, lunch plans, caller, etc., but nobody came to the class. A big disappointment! Many hours were spent in plans and meetings, but no good work is ever lost. From this came friendship and

organization and who knows how soon it will benefit many people. Many district presidents and representatives mentioned new classes that are starting and the number of dancers that are already taking lessons. Please promote picking up litter through MODOT - sign along roadway with name of club. Missouri pins are still for sale \$10.00 for 25 pins. "Let's Toot Our Horn" is exciting. Bettyrae has three applications already - Travelers and Levi's & Laces of Central District, and Jefferson County Squares of St. Louis District. Please promote the use of the Scrip Pharmacy Solutions - use the card for a discount on prescriptions. USD A gets 25 cents per prescription filled. Please promote the use of the USDA Credit Card.

**Site Screening:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim reported that 2007 and 2008 sites should be screened. The committee can look at several places and then the hosting district festival committee can choose whichever place they want.

**USDA Report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe reported that the Promenade Act will probably not be passed in the 108th Congress this year. Mark Grumbine is working to have a joint bill submitted, which means it will go to the Senate and House at the same time. We will again need co-sponsors, so keep writing to our Federal Senators and Representatives. Jim and Edythe will keep us informed, as it will be assigned a new bill number.

Keep promoting the USDA Credit Card program. In order to receive another distribution sooner than 3-4 years apart, we need more card-carrying members.

The Prescription discount program is continuing to grow. Bill Appel, Chairman of the program, has done extensive research on how good a discount we get and his research says our card is better than the new government card that costs \$35.00 - the USDA Script card is free.

Since square dancers live longer, we are the perfect target for long-term care insurance. For every completed and valid application, whether you take out a policy or not, USDA will receive \$100.00 per application.

The Youth Scholarship application is going to be printed in the November Doin 's. Clubs and districts can make the nomination and write recommendation letters, but the application has to be signed by the affiliate president.

Jim Weber said 500 ARTS survey forms were put out at the festival this weekend and 284 were filled out. This is very good. He thanked everyone who completed the survey.

**Publications:** Barb and Dave Turner. Dave thanked everyone who attended the Doin's dance and renewed their subscriptions. The magazine is doing fine.

**Insurance:** Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance forward Aug. 1, 2004 was \$292.71. Income August \$278.25, Income September \$-0-, Expenses August \$267.65, Expenses September \$-0-, Balance forward Sept. 30, 2004, \$303.31. Plan A has 1041 members - 24 clubs, Plan B 1916 members - 52 clubs insured + 5 minimum clubs (57 members.) Income Plan A \$1145.30, Income Plan B \$1452.00. Plan A Forrest T. Jones & Co. 1041 members -\$1041.00; Plan B USDA Insurance Program 1916 members - \$7,218.40.

**Historian:** Doyle & Linda Collins. Linda reported that she now has the storage boxes, and would like to write a history. She only has a 1974 cover of the Doin's, but has issues from 1975 through 2001.

**License Plate:** Doyle & Linda Collins. Balance Forward Aug. 15, 2004, \$1,027.62, August and September Income \$150.00, August and September expenses \$60.00; Balance on Oct. 15, 2004 \$1,117.61. Doyle reminded everyone that emblem use authorization forms are due every year. Renewals are \$25.00 for one year and \$50.00 for two years.

**Blue Bird:** Carol and Stanley Forste. Since Carol Forste is due to have surgery soon, the report was given by Joann Miller. On hand as of Aug. 15 2004: \$208.86 cash, 90 sets of bluebirds, 66 yards of blue braid and 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds. Sold 5 sets of bluebirds at \$4.50 = \$22.00. On hand as of Oct. 17: \$231.36 cash, 85 sets of bluebirds, 6 sets (66 yards) of blue braid and 26 sets of water damaged bluebirds.

**Member Services:** Ed and Sheryl Schofield. (See the Travel Missouri Report)

**Travel Missouri Report:** Ed reported that as of Oct. 12, 2004 there were a total of 106 bars sold and 476 dangles given out, 76 MO. Dangles, 73 Central, 68 Northeast, 46 Northwest, 36 St. Louis, 37 Southeast, 66 Southwest, 65 West Central. After the festival, there were 143 Travelers, 562 dangles, 19 completed sets. Thanks to Barb Turner for thinking of awarding bluebird dangles for wearing the Missouri State Dress on Friday night of the Festival.

**Square Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. Dallas and Nancy Wheeler were awarded the Square Dancer of the Year ... an award they truly deserved.

**Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame:** Due to the absence of Randy and Penny Pratt, Jim Riley said that Caller Gary Mahnken was a good choice as Caller of the Year. He also stated that a committee will be working on ways to give other good callers some type of recognition ... perhaps for 5, 10, 15, 20 etc. years of calling.

**District President's Report:** Don Harper stated the committee discussed "modernization of registration" at the annual festival and pre-registered dancers needing more information.

Motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded by Floyd Herren that we dispense with the meal after the meetings starting with the February 2005 meeting. Only light snacks are to be set out. Motion carried. \$150.00 will still be given to the district for hall expense and light snacks.

Receipts for new class expenses are needed by Dec. 31, 2004 in order for checks to be disbursed at the February meeting.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Club Dance Dates for 2005 are needed as soon as possible. If you send in the year's schedule, then you only need to send changes during the year. Then, all you need to send monthly is your club article. She also needs your district dance dates for 2005. Use a full sheet of paper when submitting dates or articles. Edythe apologized to Dan Egley for the omission of the Yellow Rock Clubs Oct. 22 dance in the October Doin's. His article made it fine, but the calendar listing got lost somewhere between her computer and the printer. She sends congratulations to the Holden On's of the West Central District for sending in articles for every month from now until May.

**Circulation:** Charles and Dorthy Ball. Balance on hand July 31, \$1,510.95, August Income \$158.61, August Expenses \$750.00 (Ck.#624 for \$750.00 to Missouri Federation), September Income \$169.05, September Expenses \$50.00 (Ck.#625 for \$50.00 to US Post Office for petty cash), Balance Sept. 30, 2004, \$1,038.61, Petty Cash on hand \$48.74. Total subscriptions mail for November Issue 715. Please notify Charles and Dorthy when there is a change of address, because it costs 70 cents an issue to resend. They also need the names of the 100% clubs that subscribe to the Doin's. At the Doin's dance on Sunday of the state festival, \$357.00 in donations were received, 62 subscriptions and expenses were \$39.26.

**Advertising:** Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance brought forward \$100.00. Revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer Listings \$394.00. Expenses \$9.93. Check #214 on Oct. 17 payable to Missouri Federation \$384.07. Balance Forward on Oct. 17 \$100.00. Dave stated that he needs the 2005 Schedule of monthly club ads, and Christmas card ads can be taken out now. You can save money by placing a Christmas greeting, instead of buying expensive cards. You could also give a friend a subscription to the Doin's. The publication needs more advertising.

## Unfinished Business

**2004 State Festival:** Floyd and Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported that 955 dancers attended the 2004 state festival. It was a great dance weekend! Many good suggestions were received which will be passed on to the 2005 festival chairman. She thanked everyone who attended and helped. The treasurer will get all monies together as soon as possible to give to the Federation Treasurer. President Jim Riley asked Secretary Vicki Wittman to send thank you notes to the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center and the Chamber of Commerce. Charlotte Wooten from Arkansas thought the Missouri Festivals were very impressive. She just attended her second one.

**2005 State Festival:** Carol Morris congratulated the St. Louis District for hosting a great state festival. She thanked everyone in advance for promoting the 2005 festival by wearing the T-shirts, polos, sweatshirts and hats. Since the chairman, Paul Critcher, will be a 'partial' snowbird this winter, Bill and Carol, as co-chairman, have an assistant co-chair, Don and Joann Miller. Bob Welch, their key go getter will be visiting the clubs this year. There will be a special promotion ... \$1.00 donation tickets for a Bed and Breakfast overnight at the elegant Elfindale in Springfield, as well as matching ladies and gentleman's Mallard watches, valued at \$390.00. The theme will be "GO SOUTHWEST 05". At each state meeting, the committee will be presenting a brief history of the Butterfield Overland Stage. A treasure chest with imitation gold coins named, "Sylvester Strongbox" will be traveling around the state. Quilt blocks can be sewed with your club name for any club wishing to do this. Contact Punkie Atterbury, 433 Old Aurora Rd., Verona, MO 65769, Phone (417) 498-6515 or e-mail: [grannyp@mo-net.com](mailto:grannyp@mo-net.com). Tee, polo and sweat shirts are being sold in colors of tan and red.

## New Business

Audit Committee: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. Mark stated the following: "The Audit Committee has met and has successfully completed the audit of all of the financial records of the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs for the year 2003. All records were found to be in order." Mark and Rosalee Mortensen, Jan Vaughn, and Hardy and Judy Pottinger signed the audit report.

### Other New Business:

**Nominating Committee:** Carol Morris introduced a Slate of Officers for 2005: President Jim & Edythe Weber - Northwest District; 1st Vice President Bob & Loretta Welch - Southwest District; 2nd Vice President Dave & Dee Shafer - Central District; 3rd Vice President J. W. and Jan England - West Central District; Secretary Vicki & Ray Wittman - St. Louis District; Treasurer Floyd & Carolyn Herren - St. Louis District. Two districts, Southeast and Northeast, have declined officer candidates for the coming year. They are the two districts not currently represented on the Executive Board. According to the constitution, election of officers will be held at the December meeting. Nominations from the floor can be accepted at that time.

Jim Weber stated that we sent a letter to the Wichita, Kansas 2008 National Square Dance Convention Board stating that we would give them our support. The biggest thing we can do for them is to pre-register. Jim Weber was asked to be Chairman of their Education Committee.

## Calendar Of Events

Southwest District is having a Trail dance on Nov. 14 from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Talmage Center, 301 E. Tamage, Springfield, MO.

Roll-A-Ways final dance will be a Christmas dance on Dec. 11.

City Squares is also folding and will have a free final dance in November.

Ozark Whirlers will celebrate 50 years as a club in 2005. Doyle Collins made a motion to have the Missouri Federation buy a plaque to present to them. Enza Row seconded the motion. Motion carried. President Jim Riley asked Bettyrae Fluke to take care of this and she agreed.

Nancy Stull, President of the Northeast District is getting married and will be moving.

Next State Board Meeting: Central District will host at the Lutheran Church in Lebanon, MO on Dec. 12.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki & Ray Wittman, Secretary  
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.,