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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 – December, 12, 2004**

**Place:** Lutheran Church  
**Host:** Central District  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**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 (52 members in attendance)  
**Introduction of Guests:** None

Approval of Oct. 17, 2004 minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. W. & Jan England. J. W. reported a beginning balance on Oct. 1, 2004 of \$5,370.79; October income \$1,990.45; October expenses \$2,066.62; November income \$8,098.72; November Expenses \$1,497.88; December income \$31.50; December expenses \$1,425.52; Balance on hand Dec. 11, 2004 \$10,501.44; CD Investments \$17,000.00; Total funds available \$27,501.44. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. J. W. stated that he did not have to cash in any CDs since the festival proceeds were deposited.

**Correspondence:** Secretary Vicki Wittman stated the following: A card was received by Dallas and Nancy Wheeler expressing their "Thank You" for the "Square Dancer of the Year" award. A get-well card was sent to Carol Forste. A letter was read from the General Chairman, Lee and Barbi Ashwill, of the Oregon 2005 National Square Dance Convention which stated that awards cannot be given for the best publication and Showcase of Ideas, because of no competition being allowed at the convention. An e-mail was received saying that Euna Loyd, wife of Bob, passed away on Nov. 16. A letter was read which was sent to Donna Brackett, manager of the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center and approximately the same letter to the Chamber of Commerce commending them on the excellent job they did servicing our square dance festival.

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave and Dee Shafer. Jim Weber read Dave's report. He stated the following: At the Oct. 17, 2004 meeting of the Board of Directors, it was recommended that Article IV Board of Directors, Section 2C, second line, be changed to read: "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." The word "elected" being added to the sentence. The change was approved.

A meeting of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was conducted on Dec. 12, 2004 in Lebanon, Mo. It is the recommendation that the Standing Rules of the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Article III, Section 3, be changed to read: Section 3. The club(s) hosting a Board of Director's meeting shall be reimbursed \$150.00 by the federation. This recommendation changes the amount reimbursed from \$125.00 to \$150.00, which was previously approved by the board of directors. Recommendation passed.

**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 27 member clubs with 1222 dancers and West Central District has 15 member clubs with 451 dancers. At present, there is 109 member clubs with 4,337 dancers listed.

**Promotions:** Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae thanked the committee for their help. Some of their promotions were accomplished, some were not. They are happy that the Missouri State Flag and the pledge is a part of the federation's opening of their meetings. The Damsite Dancers adopted a roadside clean-up area and has their name on a MoDot sign. They heard that the Southwest District has been discussing the possibility of doing this.

Bettyrae made the motion to have 7500 of the "Welcome To Missouri" trifolds printed. The motion passed. The cost should be less than \$300.00. Jim and Edythe Weber will get these printed.

Bettyrae stated that there are only 725 pins left. Jim Weber said 1,000 pins were given away at the Colorado national convention. It is in our best interest to get more pins. This issue was referred back to the committee.

The committee promotes the use of the USDA credit card and the Scrip Pharmacy Card.

"Let's Toot Our Horn" is winding down for 2004. Applications have been received from ten clubs: Travelers and Levi's & Laces of Central District; Kirksville Country Cousins, Capitol City Squares, Tiger Squares, and Tanglefoot Squares of Northeast District; Jefferson County Squares of St. Louis District; Mountaineers Square Dance Club and Cassville Swing 'N' Stars of Southwest District, and Damsite Dancers and Golden Valley Squares of West Central District. The deadline for turning the applications in is Jan. 30, 2005. They plan to attend District Dances to present the awards.

They are progressing on making the 50th Anniversary Plaque for Ozark Whirlers by next April.

Bob and Shirley Turner stated there are two clubs that have Christmas lighting displays.

**Site Screening:** Jim and Edythe Weber. No Report.

**USDA Report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. No Report.

**Publications:** Barb and Dave Turner. No Report.

**Insurance:** Floyd & Carolyn Herren. Balance forward Oct. 1, 2004 was \$303.31. Income October \$-0-, Income November \$308.10, Expenses October \$242.44, Expenses November \$-0-, Balance forward Nov. 30, 2004 \$368.97. Plan A has 39 members-1 club, Plan B 68 members-2 clubs insured + 0 minimum clubs (0 members.) Income Plan A \$42.90, Income Plan B \$265.20. Plan A Forrest T. Jones & Co. 39 members-\$39.00; Plan B USDA Insurance Program 68 members-\$258.40.

**Historian:** Doyle & Linda Collins. No Report.

**License Plate:** Doyle & Linda Collins. Balance Forward Oct. 15, 2004 \$1,117.61, October and November Income \$150.00, October and November expenses \$560.00 (\$500.00 given to Missouri Federation and \$60.00 for rebates); Balance on Dec. 12, 2004 \$707.61.

**Blue Bird:** Carol and Stanley Forste. Joann Miller reported that 5 sets of blue birds were sold.

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

**Travel Missouri Report:** Ed reported that as of Dec. 12, 2004 there were 129 dancers in the 1st cycle. 19 have completed the 1st cycle. 17 Dancers are working on the 2nd cycle. Two have completed the 2nd cycle and two dancers are working on the 3rd cycle. There have been 625 total visitations.

**Square Dancer of the Year Award:** Don and Joann Miller. No Report.

**Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame:** Randy and Penny Pratt. Randy thanked Jim and Edythe Weber for presenting the award to Gary Mahnken at the state festival. He said two districts had submitted two people to the Hall of Fame.

**District President's Report:** President Jim Riley stated he had appointed a District Presidents AD HOC committee this past year. Don Harper said the committee has proposed an Amendment to Article VII to add Section 7 to set up a "Standing Committee" as follows: "The District President's Committee shall consist of the current President or his designee from each of the seven districts. The committee will select a member to act as Chairman, and will normally meet immediately prior to the Board of Directors meeting. The committee will consider any item of common interest and may make recommendations as appropriate to the Executive Committee/or the Board of Directors." Bob and Shirley Turner will act as temporary chairman at the February 2005 meeting.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe stated they are still accepting 2005 schedules from clubs. 2005 is the 40th anniversary for the Doin 's. They are planning a few special highlights in several issues to celebrate the continued success of the magazine. Make sure each and every club member family has a subscription so they won't miss out in 2005. What does your district do to promote the Doin 'si If you don't feel a Doin's subscription dance is the thing to do, then please be sure to promote subscriptions at your district meetings, and ask those club delegates to promote it at club meetings. Subscription forms are available from the Webers or Dorthy and Charles Ball upon request.

**Circulation:** Charles and Dorthy Ball. Balance on hand Sept. 31, \$1,038.61, October Income \$1,576.63, October Expenses \$932.96 (Ck.#628 for \$750.00 to Missouri Federation), November Income \$710.28, November Expenses \$-0-, Balance November 30, 2004 \$2,392.56, Petty Cash on hand \$41.73. Total subscriptions mail for November Issue 737. Please notify Charles and Dorthy when there is a change of address, because it costs 70 cents an issue to resend. \$2,250.00 was transferred to the Missouri Federation on Dec. 12, 2004.

**Advertising:** Dave & Dee Shafer. Balance brought forward \$100.00. Deposit that was not noted in previous report \$112.00. Revenue from ads and Caller/Cuer Listings \$1,557.34. Expenses \$48.18. Check #218 on Dec. 12 payable to Missouri Federation \$1,621.16. Balance Forward on Dec. 12 \$100.00. Dee Shafer said there were 27 Christmas ads.

## Unfinished Business

**2004 State Festival:** Floyd and Carolyn Herren. The proceeds in the amount of \$7,935.95 from the October festival have been turned over to the State Treasurer. The checking account is now closed with one outstanding check. Secretary Vicki Wittman had the check. It was made out to Lotawanna Sailors for a rebate on their raffle tickets, but she had no address as to where to send it. The check has been voided, but Ed Schofield graciously said he would pay the Lotawanna Sailors the \$10.00.

**2005 State Festival:** Paul Critcher, Jim and Carol Morris. Carol said that she has lost track of "Sylvester Strongbox", who has been touring Missouri. Someone at the meeting knew where he was. Be sure to buy your "Go Southwest 05" T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Punkie Atterbury, the quilt block lady could not attend the meeting.

## New Business

**Audit Committee:** President Jim Riley said the Audit Committee for 2004 has been appointed. Mary Sue Darwent will take the books to the audit committee. They are Lonnie Echternacht, George Piper and Larry Ficke. Anyone handling money cannot be on the audit committee.

**Nominating Committee:** Randy Pratt introduced a list of nominees 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. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

President Jim and Eloise thanked everybody for a job well done and invited everyone to come to Arkansas. He said there is some good square dancing there.

Jim Weber made a motion to pay the ARTS (Alliance for Rounds Traditional and Squares) \$100.00 for an Associate Membership. Floyd Herren seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jim said that ARTS is trying to change the old image of what the public perceive as square dancers ... hicks, old, country, etc. Look at the ARTS Web page for more information.

Carolyn Herren reported that a new club (Gateway Squares) will join the St. Louis League of Clubs as an Affiliate Member in order to qualify for the liability insurance through the Missouri Federation.

A motion was made to change the date of the Feb. 20, 2005 meeting and to pay the club any excess hall expense for doing this, since Jim Weber cannot be at the meeting to preside. The motion was defeated.

The following is a list of the 2005 Schedule of Meetings: Feb. 20 - Southeast District; April 17 - West Central District, June 12 - Northwest District, Aug. 21 - Northeast District, Oct. 23 - Southwest District, Lebanon, Mo. and Dec. 11 - Central District.

Billy T. Massey, husband of Norma, passed away on Dec. 11. He was a long-time dancer of Levi's & Laces.

## Calendar Of Events

St. Louis District is having their Sweetheart Dance/District Dance on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at Sperreng Middle School, 12111 Tesson Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63128 from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from Floyd & Carolyn Herren or Vicki & Ray Wittman for \$4.00 each (a savings of \$1.00 each - they are \$5.00 at door).

Enza Row introduced the Central District hosts. This will be our "last supper" since the hosts are no longer responsible for providing food at the federation meetings.

**Next State Board Meeting:** Southeast District will host the next state meeting on Feb. 20, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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