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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. Brookfield, Missouri - August 21, 2005

Place: Immaculate Conception Catholic School, 210 W. John, Brookfield, MO
Host: Northeast District
Call to Order: President Jim Weber
Invocation: Charles Ball
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman (50 members in attendance)
Introduction of Guests: Dave and Mary Lou Marti, West Central District, Bill Wade and Nadine Rust, Southwest District, and Art and Wanda Kruse, St. Louis District

At this time Jim Weber asked for a moment of silence for all square dancers who have passed on.

Approval of August 21, 2005 minutes: The minutes were accepted with the following changes: Page 5, New Business, 2nd line. Cindy Ahart suggested that districts could sponsor ads for new callers in the DOIN's. The mention of any specific district was only a "for example...if a district had a new caller, they could sponsor."

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported a beginning balance on June 5, 2005 of \$5,019.18, June income \$660.55, June expenses \$288.46. July income \$37.43, July expenses \$1,258.57. August income \$50.41, August expenses \$1,315.37. Balance on hand August 14, \$2,902.17; CD Investments \$14,000. Total funds available \$16,902.17. Carolyn reported that the \$100 listed as Travel Badge sales on the April Treasurer's report was really Missouri pin sales.

Correspondence: Vicki Wittman. Vicki sent a thank you letter to Carol Forste for past Blue Bird services. She sent a card to Larry Dudgeon on the death of his son-in-law in Iraq and read a "thank you" card from Carolyn Herren.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: J. W. and Jan England. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. No report.

Membership: Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported the Central District has 10 clubs with 416 members, the Northeast District has 9 clubs with 281 members, the Northwest District has 24 clubs with 667 members, the St. Louis District has 22 clubs with 978 members, the Southeast District has 4 clubs with 93 members, the Southwest District has 27 clubs with 1,033 members and the West Central District has 15 clubs with 429 members for a total of 111 clubs with 3,897 members.

Promotion: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae said they have pins for sale (20 pins for \$10.00). The "Let's Toot Our Horn" award has been presented to everyone except Jefferson County Squares in the St. Louis District and Barb and Dave Turner will do this shortly. A successful project that will promote attendance among club members is the "Teddy Bear" dance. The committee is still promoting MODOT (pick up trash along the highway) project. The Damsite Dancers do this and the Trail Blazers are starting to do this. Bettyrae said their committee is an active working committee and they try to promote all phases of square dancing. Many beginner classes are starting.

The Clinton Daily Democrat had a picture and article with Dave Shafer's picture. He is the American Legion, Department Commander, and he presented an award to Lyle Cummings, the "American Legionnaire of the Year."

Tony and Cindy Ahart found out at the national convention about placing magnetic signs or stickers in the back or side window of your car saying "Call me for square dance classes" with a phone number.

Betryrae called upon Tony Ahart to speak. After explanation and discussion, Tony made a motion that the state sponsor a free one-fourth page ad for one year in the DOIN's for new Missouri callers. However, Jim Weber recommended that they must first belong to the American Callers Association or CALLERLAB, so that they have their BMI or ASCAP license. MOTION came out of committee, therefore no second was needed. MOTION PASSED. Tony and the Promotions Committee will work up guidelines for this project.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. The Northwest District asked to see written guidelines for the 2009 annual festival, but no written Site-Screening guidelines could be found. Linda Collins believes they may be with the historian books. Bob Welch reported the committee is going to look at Helias High School in Jefferson City in September, along with Don Tennant. The festival was held there in 1993. Dave Shafer and Bob will get together to draft some written guidelines.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe reported that the meeting at the Portland National Square Dance Convention was an exceptional meeting. They were proud of the Plains Regions, including Missouri, who had the largest number of delegates present. The Missouri representatives were Tony & Cindy Ahart, Bob and Loretta Welch, Pat and Tom Miller and Eleanor and John Stover. The representatives all agreed it was an entertaining and enjoyable well-run meeting. Bob Welch said Jim Weber kept the meeting rolling along. It was approximately two hours, normally it is much longer. Next year in San Antonio, the USDA will be celebrating its' 25th Anniversary.

Jim and Edythe continue to encourage dancers to apply for the USDA Credit Card, prescription discount cards, or long-term care insurance. They will make sure you get a supply if you just let them know you need them. These should be available at each district meeting and laying around at each dance. Attach one to each membership application when it's time for club dues to be paid.

Edythe read parts of a letter they received from John and Alitia Becker, USDA Vice President – Plains Region, USDA Youth Advisors. The letter said that Andrew Turpin, from Lincoln, AR was the recipient of the \$1,000 Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship. It was important to remind members that the USDA Credit Card helps to pay some of the expenses of the Handicapable Dancers who attend the conventions. It also funds the Youth Program, the Upsilon Sigma Delta (the Youth Division of the USDA). It has funded the making of the Youth Training Video, the T-shirts for Youth, Frog stickers, Dangles, Ribbons and a Party at the National Square Dance Convention for the last 3 years. There was a Trail End Dance that was better than the after-party dance at the Convention.

Publications: Barb and Dave Turner. Barb stated she received with regret a resignation letter from Charles and Dorothy Ball. They have resigned as Circulation Managers, but they would be happy to train someone else. Please let the Turners or the Webers know if you would like to volunteer for this job. Barb said that the Washington MISSOURIAN newspaper on April 2-3, 2005 also had a photo of Dave Shafer, as Department Commander of the American Legion, presenting an award to two men who had 50 continuous years of service.

Insurance: Jim Weber appointed Dave and Barb Turner as Insurance Coordinators after the sudden death of Floyd Herren. The records were accidentally lost on Floyd's computer, therefore Jim Weber contacted the national insurance director and was able to retrieve all information. The former account was closed and the balance of \$273.69 will now be deposited into a new account. Dave said that the 2006 insurance packets will be sent out in September. Please be sure to read the travel insurance packets as there are some changes. Plan A coverage is no longer available. There are 111 clubs in Missouri, but only 53 have USD A insurance, however some have insurance through the Heart of America. Liability insurance for clubs is so important, that clubs will be notified if they do not have insurance. The USDA will have an article in the next issue of the DOIN's, asking the question "Are You Dancing Uninsured?" A dancer only needs to pay insurance once, even if they belong to more than one club. Even if all members of one club belong to another club, that club must pay the minimum of \$45.00 to get the club insured with liability coverage. If a club folds, those dancers have 30 days to join another club to get insurance.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. No report.

License Plate: Linda and Doyle Collins. Doyle reported a balance of \$797.61 as of April 17. There was income in April, May and June of \$275.00. Expenses were \$110.00. Income in July and August was \$125.00 and expenses were \$50.00. Total balance on hand as of August 20 was \$1,037.00. 59 plate applications have been issued.

Blue Bird: Due to the resignation of Carol Forste, Jim Weber appointed Connie and Kenny Hobbs, (10881 St. Hwy. 176, Walnut Shade, MO 65771, phone #417-587-3610 and e-mail: chobbs@fidnet.com.) as chairman of

the Blue Bird Committee. Audit was completed and audit recommended that the 26 sets of damaged blue birds should be destroyed. This will be done.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported that the Member Services Committee revisited the re-imburement for the Central District. After spirited, candid discussion, the committee recommended that the late submittal be allowed, and to provide the reimbursement for Central District and a club in the West Central District that missed the deadline. MOTION PASSED.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported that there were 147 dancers participating and the Dangle total was 864; MO has 141, Central has 120, Northeast has 107, Northwest has 101, St. Louis has 78, Southeast has 90, Southwest has 114, and West Central has 111. There are 26 dancers on the 2nd round and 6 on the 3rd round. Ed said that Kansas took some trifolds back with them, because they liked the program.

Square Dancer of the Year: Mary Sue Darwent. Mary Sue said the committee has chosen a dancer and we will find out who it is in October.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Eloise Riley. Eloise said that Gary Mahnken (last year's recipient) attended the meeting, and we will find out the 2005 recipient in October.

District Presidents Report: Mary Sue Darwent made a motion to award Callers with a 5" x 7" plaque for 25 years and an 8" x 10" plaque for 50 years of calling. Certificates will be issued for 30, 35, 40 and 45, 55, 60, 65, 70 years of calling. If calling for 75 years, an 8" x 10" different type plaque will be given. Edythe Weber has been asked to recommend a design for the plaques and certificates. Jim Weber showed the badges that will be awarded to the clubs for their many years of dancing at 5-year increments starting at 25 years. They will be attached to the club banners. District Presidents will be presenting these badges to clubs receiving these honors in November and December 2005. MOTION PASSED.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe stated:

1. Club article writers need to send early and make sure we have your articles by the 28th.
2. Please keep to around 150 words.
3. We need yearly schedules - as soon as you have the dates for the 2006 dance year, please send the information to them.
4. If there is a change in location, time, caller or cuer, let us know when you send the article. Highlight the change, or a note at the bottom saying "note change in 'location' this time only." That draws our attention to it.
5. Lessons - we are not going to search through articles for information on lessons. If you want your club lessons listed in the lessons page, and the first three in the dance calendar, then send us the information on the form. We will be happy to furnish you the form if you do not have it.

Circulation: Charles and Dorthy Ball. Dorthy gave the following report. Balance as of 5-31-05 \$1,327.58, June Income \$85.72, June expenses \$-0-, July income \$73.86, July expense -0-. Balance on Hand July 31, 2005 \$1,487.16, Petty Cash \$20.73. Transfer to Mo. Federation today \$1,350.00.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. In the absence of the Shafers, Edythe gave report. Balance brought forward \$100.00. Income was \$507.00, Expenses \$102.47. Ck. #232 to MO Federation for \$304.53 leaving a balance on hand as of August 21, 2005 of \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

2005 State Festival: Carol Morris. Carol stated a reward is being offered for finding "Sylvester Strongbox". Please encourage youth dancers to attend the October festival. Door prizes are needed. Two \$50 cash prizes will be awarded to pre-registered attendees on Friday night. You must be present to win these. More pre-registered dancers are needed. Sell raffle tickets - remember 50 cents of each ticket goes to your club. Hotels are filling up. The booster ribbon deadline has passed, so names will no longer get in the Program Book. Please see Bob Welch for souvenir items.

National Square Dance Convention: Bob Welch. Bob thanked the Stovers and Crisels for helping. Two Wal-Mart certificates of \$50 each were awarded. Alice Hiatt from Mankato, KS and Lona Burnett from Satellite Beach, FL won them. 840 names were entered in the fishbowl. 1,000 pins were given out. Many Travel MO trifolds were picked up and 2 boxes of Missouri maps were given out.

Audit Committee: The Blue Bird audit was completed and insurance records were given to Lonnie Echternacht.

2008 Caller/Cuer Nominees. Barb and Dave Turner have received signed contracts from Bob Rollins of Oklahoma and Patti Wheelington of Arkansas.

2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees. Barb and Dave Turner have sent invitations "to bid" to callers - Tom Roper, Dee Dee Dougherty, Larry Letson, Jerry Junck, and to cuers Grant and Barbara Pinkston, Anne Brownrigg, Kristie Kennedy, and Larry and Adrienne Nelson. An address could not be found for Dean Dederman, but Barb will get one. Phil and Jane Robertson were not sent an invitation as they are no longer cueing.

New Business

Jim Weber asked that all who have bank accounts to please keep their minimum as low as possible.

Jim Weber thanked Barb and Dave Turner for taking over the 2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees in the absence of Randy and Penny Pratt.

Jim introduced Art and Wanda Kruse from St. Louis. They were the Assistant Chairman for the 1993 St. Louis National Square Dance Convention. Art and Wanda are proposing a 2010 St. Louis National Square Dance Convention. However they will be bidding against Louisville, KY. They have already committed two hotels with lodging for 1700 people but need to commit for 2000. Publication, Education and Programming can be farmed out since St. Louis probably does not have enough people to handle all committees. Jim Weber stated that at the present time, the MO. Federation members are helping Jim work on the Wichita, KS National Convention for 2008. That would mean we would be working on two conventions at once, since a 4-year commitment is needed. Also, if MO. Federation works with St. Louis, they would like to share in the profits. Art asked that the MO. Federation think about this until the next meeting in October. The proposal bid must be presented at the pre-convention in March or April of 2006.

Edythe Weber read a Resolution from ARTS (The Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance, Inc.).

Whereas: Square Dancers everywhere recognize the achievements of the ARTS. Whereas: The Affiliates of the United Square Dancers of America likewise acknowledge the accomplishment of the ARTS. Whereas: Through the creation of this "alliance," it is possible to provide a wider array of resources, support, and programs, to benefit the Square Dance movement; Whereas: Be it resolved that the United Square Dancers of America and its' Affiliates continue to support and participate in the ARTS wherein each Governing Board member organization is afforded a balanced and representative voice to participate and present their varied views; Therefore: Be it further resolved that the USDA encourage its' Affiliates, and their member clubs to voluntarily collect tax-deductible contributions for this charitable Foundation through the "ADD A BUCK" program; by increasing its dance fees at their regular and special dances and festivals or conventions to be contributed to the ARTS. Adopted by Majority Vote, USDA, Board of Directors - Annual Meeting - June 22, 2005, Portland OR

Barb Turner made a MOTION to add a line to the MO Federation Festival registration for 2006 stating that a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 is requested for the ARTS. ARTS will supply the correct wording. Cindy Ahart seconded the motion. MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Carol Morris suggested an ARTS poster be displayed so dancers can understand more about the organization.

Ed Schofield suggested that the Youth Scavenger Hunt contain a line that says: Find a person who can tell you about "ARTS".

Jim Weber talked about a youth square dancing program that the California educators are using. The CD costs \$49.00. 50 have been sold and more are requested.

Calendar Of Events

The next state meeting will be in Lebanon on October 23 right after the festival. The meeting will start at 12:00 NOON.

Recognition of Hosts:

Thanks to Ivan and Lois Buckman and the Tanglefoot Squares from the Northeast District.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

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