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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 11, 2005

Place: Christian Health Care South, 514 West Fremont Rd., Lebanon, MO
Host: Central District
Call to Order: President Jim Weber
Invocation: Carol Morris
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman

(58 members in attendance)

Introduction of Guests: Curt & Roberta McMorris, Tiger Squares, Northeast District; Bruce Gilder and Jan Vaughn, Travelers, Central District, and Mary Pitts, Southwest District

Approval of October 23, 2005 minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported a beginning balance on October 18, 2005 of \$852.99, October income from October 18-30, 2005 \$10,192.65, October expenses from October 18-30, 2005 \$556.19; November income \$209.99, November expenses \$1,195.42; December income \$-0-, December expenses \$1,866.55. Balance on hand December 11, 2005 \$7,637.47. CD Investments \$14,000. Total funds available \$21,637.47.

Correspondence: Sympathy cards were sent to Dave & Mary Lou Marti on the death of Dave's father and to Nadiene Burford on the death of her granddaughter. A letter was sent to Richard & Linda Peterson, President of the National Executive Committee indicating our support for the Kentuckiana Square Dance Association, Inc. in hosting the 59th National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, KY for 2010.

Committee Reports

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave and Dee Shafer. Please see attached report submitted by Dave Shafer regarding the following changes: Article V Officers and Their Duties. Section 2. Duties-D. Also, under Standing Rules, Article X. Promotional Committee (three members) - Change #3 & 4 and renumber. These changes will be voted on at the February meeting.

Membership: Carolyn Herren. Carolyn reported that Central and Northeast Districts have not reported their new club data, Northwest District has 12 clubs with 246+ members, St. Louis District has 15 clubs with 770 members, Southeast District has 4 clubs with 92 members, Southwest District has 27 clubs and West Central District has 14 clubs for a total of 72 clubs and 1,108 members. Jim Weber said we need a list of the number of dancers in each district.

Promotion: Bettyrae and Marvin Fluke. Bettyrae stated the Promotions Committee has been an active working committee. The past two years they have promoted every phase of square dancing and are very happy about the many lessons going on. A dancer from Trenton T Squares who works for HyVee sent flyers to their employees and 9 out of 10 couples signed up. They have been working on the promotion of new callers - placing an ad in the DOIN's so clubs will hire them for a calling engagement. There are already 12 applications for "Let's Toot Our Horn." The committee is updating the Visitor Bureau Tri-Fold, therefore please fill out any changes and return to Tony and Cindy Ahart.

Bettyrae said that it was time for them to turn their responsibilities over to a younger, vibrant generation. However, they will continue to promote square dancing. They are very glad the Board accepted the Missouri State Flag and has the pledge in the Agenda. They have an active part on the 2006 State Festival committee, and will be supporting it very strongly. They wish the new committee well and hope they will surpass anything the current committee did the last two years in the promotion of square dancing.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. No Report.

USD A/ARTS report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe encouraged dancers to apply for the USDA Credit Card, use the prescription discount cards, and remember the long-term care insurance. The FREE prescription cards are still valid, even though Medicare came out with a similar plan. They will make sure you get a supply if you let them know you need them. USDA receives \$15 for each new credit card application, plus a percentage of the items charged. Be sure to submit applications for the \$1,000 Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship by February 1, 2006. Late entries are not accepted. The application will be in the January DOIN's. The ARTS has a Square Dance Travel Web Site. It is www.arts-dancetravel.com. 40% of the travel commissions will come back to square dancing. Cruises, hotels, tours etc. can be booked through this web site saving users money. The next time you need a hotel for a Federation meeting, book through them. There are magnet strips available for \$2.50 for your car. They say "Learn to Dance" with phone number and you can call 1-866-445-ARTS (2787) to get them.

Publications: Barb and Dave Turner. Barb stated Cass County Publishing Co. will no longer be printing the DOIN's after the January issue. Please let the Webers or Turners know if you know a good printing company. Jim Weber has contacted several printing companies and has received their bids. None are cheap. Expect expenses to rise and costs of advertising & subscriptions to go up.

Insurance: Dave and Barbara Turner. Dave said the Insurance packets were mailed and they are coming back slowly. Some clubs will be dancing without insurance for 1 - 3 months. . Balance on hand as of October 23, 2005 \$63.71. November Income \$1,430.90. November Expenses \$1,438.09. Balance on hand Nov. 30, 2005 \$56.62.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. Doyle reported in Linda's absence. He said that in March 1970, the Missouri Federation established the 3rd weekend in October as State Square and Round Dance week. They found this to be an effective way of getting the attention of Missouri residents to enjoy the activity. Bob and Ginger Prescott from the Southwest District was a big help in getting the USDA to declare September as "National Square Dance Month." When the State Festival Program Book was started, the Federation decided there would always be a history in the book.

License Plate: Linda and Doyle Collins. Doyle reported the balance forward was \$1,037.61. December income was \$25.00. December expenses \$20.00. Balance on hand December 10, 2005 \$1,052.61. Jim Weber said we need to promote the license plate and take applications to all the dances.

Blue Bird: Connie and Kenny Hobbs. No report.

Member Services: Ed and Sheryl Schofield. Ed said that new class income and expense receipts are due by January 31, 2006 to participate in the 50% reimbursement of loss on classes. No exceptions.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sheryl Schofield. Ed reported (as of October 22) there are 145 dancers participating and the Dangle total is 722. Central has 153, Northeast has 110, Northwest has 101, St. Louis has 87, Southeast has 106, Southwest has 125, and West Central has 122. There are 38 dancers who have completed the 1st round, 17 completed the 2nd round and 4 the 3rd round.

Square Dancer of the Year: Mary Sue Darwent. No Report.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Eloise Riley. No Report.

District Presidents Report: John & Debbie Melcher. Debbie reported the following dates for 2006 MO. Federation meetings.

February 18/19-Southeast District-3rd weekend
April 22/23-Northeast District-4th weekend
June 10/11-Northwest District-2nd weekend
August 19/20-St. Louis District-3rd weekend
October 13/14-West Central District-2nd weekend-Sedalia
December 9/10-Central 2nd weekend

There was a discussion about the District President's Committee being an ad-hoc committee. The President has appointed this ad-hoc committee and the board gave them the mission to set the dates. The Constitution would have to be changed to make the committee a standing committee and also changed to allow this committee to make the selections as part of their duties. As it stands, the dates can be selected at the December meeting by all board members attending.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe stated:

1. Club articles must be received by the 28th, and please keep articles to a minimum of 150 words.
2. Yearly schedules are needed. If there is a change in location, time, caller or cuer, let us know when you send the article.
3. Please let me know the names of the new District Presidents.

Circulation: Annette and Terry Thornhill. Annette said an account has been opened at the Boone County National Bank in Columbia, MO. She gave the following report, which was from 10/23 to 12/11/05. Balance as of 10-23-05 \$-0-, Income \$2,459.00, Expenses \$185.49, Total income less expenses = \$2,273.51; (Transferred to MO. Federation \$2,173.51), Balance on hand \$100.00. Labels sent to Cass County Publishing Co. 811. Paid Subscriptions 709, Total Free DOIN's 42, Renewals this month 86, New Subscriptions 38.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave gave the following report. Balance brought forward October 23, 2005, \$100.00. Income was \$1,513.67, Expenses \$59.78. Check #241 to MO. Federation for \$1,353.89, leaving a balance on hand as of December 11, 2005 of \$100.00. Jim Weber said to encourage clubs to advertise and subscribe to the DOIN'S, since it is a great publication.

Unfinished Business

2005 State Festival: Carol and Bill Morris. Carol Morris reported the following figures for the 2005 State Festival. Income \$30,219.65, Expenses \$15,649.45, Profit \$14,570.20 (less \$2,500.00 start up money).

2006 State Festival. Dave & Mary Lou Marti. Dave said the Festival will be the 2nd weekend in October and will be in Sedalia. It is important to pre-register to save money. They have many souvenir items for sale and have quilt raffle tickets. Go through the ARTS travel site to get motel reservations; there are 300 close campsites at the fairgrounds and 1200 across the road - first come, first served.

Audit Committee: Lonnie Echternacht. Edythe read the letter from the Audit Committee, which stated that the audit of the Show-Me DOIN'S Circulation Fund was completed with all records in order. The committee recommends that all bank accounts should only keep \$100.00 balance in the account. All other monies should be transferred to the Missouri Federation Treasurer. Jim Weber released all members of the Audit Committee.

2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees. Barbara and Dave Turner. No report.

Caller Ad Hoc Committee Report: Edythe Weber gave report. Clubs receiving award badges in January and February 2006 were given to District presidents at this meeting. Central District: Levi's & Laces January 1976 30 years, Twilight Twirlers January 1976 30 years, Ozark Lakers January 1981 25 years. Northeast District: Kirksville Country Cousins January 1961 45 years. Southwest District: Twirl-a-Rounds January 1976 30 years.

New Business

2006 State Festival: Dave and Mary Lou Marti. Dave said the theme for the 2006 festival will be "Dancing on the Katy Trail". It will be held at the Sedalia Fairgrounds. There are four dance halls (the main hall is enormous). Bobby Newman will call even though he stated he was retiring. Camping for 1200 is right there on the fairgrounds with full hookup. The colors are denim and red bandana. The dates are October 13, 14, 15. Red shirts with black lettering, train engineer hats, and several other items are being sold as souvenirs.

2007 State Festival: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. Mark said that the 2007 festival will be held in Lebanon on October 19, 20 & 21.

Nominating Committee for 2006 Officers: Barbara and Dave Turner. Barb presented the following slate of officers: President: Dave & Dee Shafer, 1st Vice-President: Bob and Loretta Welch, 2nd Vice-President: J. W. & Jan England, 3rd Vice-President: Carolyn Herren, Treasurer: Randy & Juanita Boyles, and Secretary: Vicki & Ray Wittman. Since Bob Welch is having surgery soon, the Shafers agreed to switch with the Welchs for the 2006 slate. The only nomination from the floor was Mary Sue Darwent for Treasurer. Mark Mortensen moved the nominations be closed and those not contested be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Ed Schofield. There was a secret ballot vote and Mary Sue Darwent was elected Treasurer. Motion was made to destroy the ballots.

Jim and Edythe Weber said it was a great pleasure to serve as President for 2005. They thanked all the delegates and recognized the officers. They released all committees.

It was mentioned that Millie Crab tree was in the hospital.

Dave & Dee Shafer thanked everyone for their confidence in electing them as President for 2006.

Calendar Of Events

The next state meeting will be in on February 19, 2006 hosted by the Southeast District.

Recognition of Hosts:

Thanks to the Central District and the Levi's and Laces for hosting the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

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