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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. Puxico, Missouri - February 19, 2006

Place: Puxico School, Hickman Street, Puxico, MO
Host: Southeast District
Call to Order: President David Shafer
Invocation: Barb Turner
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO. Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Acting Secretary, Edythe Weber - (40 people in attendance)
Introduction of Guests: None in attendance

Approval of December 11, 2005 minutes: The minutes were approved as written and mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Sue Darwent. Mary Sue reported a beginning balance of \$10,770.82. Income January 1 to February 16 of \$6,749.80. Expenses January 1 to February 16 of \$3,454.81. Balance on hand February 16 - \$14,065.81. Received today a total of \$4,843.24. \$9,000 in CD Investments. Total funds available \$27,909.05.

Correspondence: Dave Shafer read a letter he sent to CBS Television regarding the airing of a weekly TV show called "Still Standing" and their derogatory and demeaning depiction of square dancing. Dave urged anyone who saw the show to let CBS and the sponsors of the show know their feelings. Jim Weber said he had taped the show and could make a CD or tape for anyone wanting to see it.

Committee Reports

Boundaries and Relations: Jim and Eloise Riley. Absent, no report.

Constitution and Bylaws: J.W. and Jan England. J.W. read the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules. These changes were recommended at the December 11, 2005 meeting. After the reading of all recommended changes, discussion was held on each issue separately.

Constitution and Bylaws, change to Article V - Officers and their duties, Section 2, Duties. Approved as recommended.

Standing Rules, change to Article X, Appointive Committees, Section 4, Standing Committees. Approved as recommended.

Standing Rules, Addition of Let's Toot Our Horn Award. There was some discussion on possible revisions of the completion criteria. It was recommended that these revisions be brought back at the next meeting.

Today's vote was simply to add the program and its current rules to the Standing Rules. Approved as recommended.

Standing Rules, Addition of Club Longevity Award. Approved as recommended.

Standing Rules, Addition of Travel Missouri. Approved as recommended. Membership: Carolyn Herren. Currently for 2006 the Central District has no clubs that have paid 2006 dues. The Northeast District has 8 clubs with 361 members, Northwest District has 21 clubs with 246+ members, St. Louis District has 20 clubs with 1023 members, Southeast District has 4 clubs with 92 members, Southwest District has 27 clubs with no count of membership and the West Central District has 6 clubs with no count of membership, for a total of 86 clubs and 1,677 members. Dues are late and need to be paid as soon as possible. We do need the number of members from each club.

Promotion: Tony and Cindy Ahart. Tony said he has completed the committee membership with the addition of Annette & Terry Thornhill and David & Brenda Knapp. Tony reported that the Visitors Bureau trifolds had been printed and mailed to the visitor bureaus. These trifolds are also available for the districts to take back and use in locations in their district. Eleanor Stover pointed out that her name and phone number were incorrect on the trifold. Twenty-six applications for the Toot Our Horn have been received and finalized for 2005. There were two new participants this year, both from the West Central District. Several phone calls had to be made to confirm several clubs had completed the award criteria. The list will be printed in the April Doin's.

Site Screening: Bob and Loretta Welch. Bob Welch reported that the Northeast District has chosen Helias High School as the site for the 2008 State Festival. Also he was told that it is possible that Liberty might be the site for the 2009 festival.

USDA report: Jim and Edythe Weber. The USDA Annual meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 1 p.m. in San Antonio, Texas. Jim encouraged dancers to continue to use the USDA Credit Card, the prescription discount cards, and remember the long-term care insurance. A supply is here and available for you to take back with you. Jim talked about the two-fold advantage of the USDA insurance program.

ARTS report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim said that he had the magnetic signs with him advertising the toll-free phone number to learn to dance. They are \$2.50 each. February 29, 2008 has been identified as a National Day of Dance. Every Federation is encouraged to hold a dance on that date. ARTS goal is to collect a minimum of \$1 million dollars on this one day. A copy of the ARTS 2005 annual report was given to the president and is available to print your own copy at www.arts-dance.org. Jim reminded people to use www.arts-dancetravel.com to book your hotels, cruises, tours, etc. Jim said that he has been told that several organizations are implementing the "add-a-buck" program on their registration forms.

Publications: Bill and Carol Morris. Carol stated that this committee has had a big job to do over the past several months. We all want to keep the Doin's as the quality publication that it is. Seventeen publisher/printers were sent bid requests. Nine responded, ranging in bids from \$1,960 to \$4,601. Some only bid on part of the 3-part package (desktop publishing, printing, mailing). The committee recommends that Printing Unlimited in Liberty, Missouri be awarded a one-year contract to publish, print and mail the Doin's. The cost of postage is not included in the bid. Discussion followed. Committee recommendation approved.

Carol continued that much thought and discussion has been put into the recommendation to increase the subscription rate of the Doin's to \$15 per year beginning July 1. The subscription price has not increased in over 12 years. Doyle Collins stated that there was a \$3.00 increase in 1997 and 1999. Discussion followed if this was a large enough increase. Carol then added that a rate increase for advertising was also recommended. Rates would be increased by approximately 15% across the board to \$40/full page, \$25/half page, \$15/quarter page, \$10/column width, \$10 Callers Directory and \$15/half page memorial, \$30/full page memorial. There would still be the discount for yearly contract advertising. These new rates would also take effect July 1. Recommendation from committee approved.

Other discussion followed on possible ways to reduce the cost of the Doin's. Some items mentioned were going to bi-monthly, quarterly, changing the style to a full-page size book instead of the size it is, changing the cover from glossy to stock cover paper. All of these items will remain as considerations as we carefully watch the finances regarding the Doin's. Currently the post office charges 70 cents to send us a notice that they could not deliver the magazine. Then if that person wants us to send them their magazine it costs us \$1.29. The third recommendation from committee is that \$2.00 be charge for each magazine that has to be re-mailed to a subscriber who failed to send in a timely change of address for the Doin's. We will mail them the magazine upon receipt of the \$2.00. A change of address notice at the post office will not forward the Doin's since it is a periodical. You must send a notice directly to the circulation managers, Terry and Annette Thornhill. This would take effect immediately. Recommendation approved.

Subscribers will be given the opportunity to renew their subscriptions for up to two (2) years at the current rate of \$12 until June 30. Recommendation approved.

Discussion was held on Doin's Dances. Currently the Southwest District is the only district that has a Doin's Dance in their district. A donation is taken at the door, people renew their Doin's while at the dance, the district pays the 1-year subscription cost for the callers who have donated their time for the dance from the donations, they take their expenses out of the donations, and the remainder is the profit that is donated to the Missouri Federation.

The Doin's Dance at the State Dance on Sunday morning is not always a profitable function. Some dancers

just come to dance and don't make a donation. Some dancers come only to renew their Doin's. Thirty dozen donuts cost money and the cost is not always covered by the donations.

The Doin's staff and Publications committee would like to have a Doin's table at each District Dance, manned by a Doin's staff or Publications committee person. This may help make the Doin's more visible to clubs in the districts. We would like to encourage clubs to advertise and encourage members to subscribe.

Insurance: Dave and Barbara Turner. Beginning balance December 1, 2005 is \$56.62. Income for December 2005 and January 2006 - \$6,016.00. Expenses for December 2005 and January 2006 - \$5,916.36. Ending balance January 31, 2006 is \$156.26.

Historian: no report.

License Plate: no report.

Blue Bird: no report.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. A total of \$4,500.26 will be reimbursed to districts for the promotion of square dancing - Central (5 clubs) - \$870.92, Northeast (5 clubs) - \$1000.00, Northwest (3 clubs) - \$595.00, St. Louis (2 clubs) - \$381.00; Southeast (1 club) - \$354.34, Southwest (4 clubs) - \$582.00, West Central (5 clubs) - \$717.00.

Ed recommended that the 2006 Member Services program be funded for up to \$1000 per district. Phyllis Brockhaus made the recommendation into a motion. Motion approved.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported (as of Feb. 17) there are 155 dancers participating and the Dangle total is 1003. Central has 151, Northeast has 111, Northwest has 105, St. Louis has 101, Southeast has 116, Southwest has 128, and West Central has 122. There are 39 dancers who have completed the 1st round, 10 completed the 2nd round and 4 the 3rd round.

Square Dancer of the Year: No report. Chairman will be elected at the April meeting.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Jim and Edythe Weber. Election for the membership of this committee took place. Members are Weber's chairman, Van Greenwood, Larry & Sharon Crisel, John & Eleanor Stover, Carolyn Herren, and Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke.

District Presidents Report: Bob Turner reported that the district presidents met and discussed items of importance to them and will continue to meet each meeting. The chairman for each meeting will be the district president for that district.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Articles must be received by the 28th no matter how they are sent. Anything received after that date will not be printed in the DOIN's. Keep articles to a minimum of 150 words. If there is a special dance not on the regular schedule, we need the information for the Calendar. Again, thanks to the SW District for hosting the Doin's Dance. Our goal this year is to have a special Doin's table at each district dance staffed by a Doin's staff person or someone from the Publications Committee.

Circulation: Annette and Terry Thornhill. In their absence, Jim Weber gave the report. Beginning balance 12/11/05 \$100, Income 12/11/05 to 2/12/06 \$2,489.53. Expenses 12/11/05 to 2/12/06 \$15.05. Check to the Missouri Federation \$2,374.48. Ending balance 2/12/06 \$100.00. Petty Cash \$12.00. The Thank you to the Southwest District for a very nice Doin's Dance on February 12th. There were 53 renewals, 22 new subscriptions, and 10 caller subscriptions from that dance.

For the February issue of the Doin's there were 681 paid subscriptions and 30 others mailed for a total of 711.

There was discussion about how new dancers graduating from lessons should receive the free issue of the Doin's.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave gave the following report. Balance brought forward December 12, 2005, \$100.00. Income was \$1581.00, Expenses \$12.24. Check to the Missouri Federation for \$1468.76

leaving a balance on hand as of February 19, 2006 of \$100.00.

Unfinished Business

2006 State Festival: Dave and Mary Lou Marti. Dave said that boxes of packets for each club had been given to each district president or delegate if the president was absent today. There is one change in the packet. The Banner chairman is Jim Moore and his phone is 660-339-7410.

Dave Marti asked for clarification of Article XI: State Festival Committee, Section 4: Area Callers Committee. 1) One who calls or cues for a dues-paying federation club on regular basis and is designated as its club caller or cuer (maximum of two callers and two cuers per club), and 2) One who is currently a dues-paying member of CALLERLAB, American Callers Association and/or ROUNDALAB and has the ASCAP/BMI license. Callers and cuers who have retired and who have been regular club callers or cuers are also acceptable.

This problem concerns about how the callers and cuers are selected who are asked to call at the State Festival and a clarification on the definition of "area caller or cuer." They have sent letters to each club asking for their club callers and cuers names. They believe that some of the names given to them do not meet the definition. Some clubs don't have "club callers or cuers" and only use guest callers, and some are caller-run clubs that are asking for other callers or cuers than themselves to come and call. Dave is concerned that they are getting a list of callers and cuers that should not be on the list.

Dave Shafer advised that the Constitution and Bylaws committee should address this issue.

It was also suggested that just because you get a name does not obligate you to ask that person to call.

A second issue of concern to Dave Marti and the West Central District is the cost of printing a Festival Book. Their five quotes to do a book like the one printed in 2005 are coming in between \$3.10 and \$5.25 per book. They wondered what the response would be if they do not print a Festival Book at all. Extensive discussion followed. It was decided that this should be a decision of the district hosting the Festival as to whether they put out a Festival Book or not.

Audit Committee: Bob and Paula Bradford. Dave received a letter from Bradford's regarding the audit of the State Dance books for 2005 and the 2005 License Plate account. Both accounts were found to be in order.

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

Caller Ad Hoc Committee Report: No report.

New Business

Dave and Dee Shafer presented Jim and Edythe Weber with a gavel and plaque as outgoing president. Weber's were also presented with the plastic Lifetime Membership cards.

Jim and Edythe Weber presented the Circle of Service to Dave & Dee Shafer, Bob & Loretta Welch, J.W. & Jan England, Mary Sue Darwent, Dave & Barb Turner, Carol & Bill Morris, and Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke. The Circle of Service is a special symbol given to honor the recipient who for three or more years has made a significant contribution to the Square and/or Round Dance movement.

Sherry! Schofield and Dave Marti came forward to give out the "Casey" replica stand-up displays that will be circulating throughout the state advertising the State Festival in Sedalia. One starts in the Southeast District, then will go to St. Louis. One begins in the Central District then will go to Northeast. One display will stay in the Southwest, one in the Northwest.

Calendar Of Events

Flyers were handed out for the Central District Dance on March 25, the West Central District Dance on March 31, the Golden Anniversary Dance on April 2 hosted by the Tennant's Funtimers.

The next state meeting will be in on April 23, 2006 hosted by the Northeast District. The Northeast District Dance is Saturday, April 22nd in Moberly.

Recognition of Hosts:

Thanks to the Southeast District for hosting the February meeting. Bob Turner introduced Brenda & David Knapp and Barbara Felts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Edythe Weber, Acting Secretary
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