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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. Moberly, Missouri - April 23, 2006**

**Place:** Moberly Area Technical Center, 1623 Gratz Brown, Moberly  
**Host:** Northeast District  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Call to Order:** President David Shafer  
**Invocation:** Mark Mortensen  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Bob Welch  
**MO. Pledge of Allegiance:** Bettyrae Fluke  
**Roll Call:** Secretary, Vicki Wittman (49 members in attendance)  
**Introduction of Guests:** None in attendance

**Approval of February 19, 2006 minutes:** The minutes were approved as written with the following correction. Under Publications Report, it was stated that the DOIN's has not had a subscription price increase for over 12 years. Doyle Collins stated that there was a \$3.00 increase in 1997 and 1999.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Sue Darwent. Mary Sue reported a beginning balance of \$14,065.81. Income March/ April of \$6,337.25. Expenses March/April of \$10,513.67. Balance on hand April 23 of \$9,889.49. \$19,104.96 in CD Investments. Total funds available \$28,994.45.

**Correspondence:** Secretary Vicki Wittman reported that a St. Louis Caller's wife died in April...Shirley Potts, wife of Lou Potts. Also, St. Louis representative, Linda Evans, wife of Chuck, fell and fractured her hip a few days ago. A sympathy card was sent to Ivoe Rogers of Solo Swingers on the death of his partner, Nancy Cumpton. A get well card was sent to Lois Foster, a Pommenader, and a get well card to Franny Brackett of Twilight Twirlers.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations:** Jim and Eloise Riley. No report.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** J. W. England. No report.

**Membership:** Mary Sue Darwent said the Central District has 10 clubs that have paid dues with 371 members. The Northeast District has 8 clubs with 316 members, Northwest District has 23 clubs with 633 members, St. Louis District has 21 clubs with 1023 members, Southeast District has 4 clubs with 92 members, Southwest District has 29 clubs with 1128 members and the West Central District has 14 clubs with 159 members giving the Federation a total of 109 clubs and 3,722 members.

Dave Shafer said that when Districts put together their books to submit to the Missouri Federation to please include a list of all clubs and members with addresses and phone numbers.

**Promotion:** Tony and Cindy Ahart were absent but their report was read. 2005 "Let's Toot Our Horn" dangles have been passed out at the Central, West Central and Northeast District Dances. 26 clubs achieved this goal in 2005. Tony and Cindy would like to see all these clubs and many more reach this goal in 2006. They have been observing attendance at many dances. Tony has noticed that when clubs in close proximity both have national callers on the same night, attendance is low at both dances. This reduces the benefit to both the club and the caller. It appears it would be advantageous for clubs to work together in the future when scheduling national callers. In this time of economic pressures, to promote square dancing and keep our clubs strong and growing, we are going to have to work together to survive.

**Club Longevity Report:** Mary Sue Darwent. For the months of May and June: Central District (Duck & Dive) 50 years, Northwest District (Swingin' Singles) 40 years, West Central District (Holden On's) 30 years. Badges were given to District Presidents.

**Site Screening:** Bob and Loretta Welch. 2008 site is finished and committee is working on 2009.

**USDA report:** Jim and Edythe Weber. The USDA Annual meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

The following delegates will represent the Missouri Federation at the USDA meeting: Tony and Cindy Ahart, J.W. and Jan England, Bob and Loretta Welch, and Ray and Vicki Wittman. John and Eleanor Stover and Tom and Pat Miller will be alternate delegates. Delegates were instructed to wear the Missouri Federation royal blue shirts.

1. The USDA has been notified that MBNA Bank has been bought by Bank of America. The current USDA Credit Card program will be terminated as of July 31, 2006. The bank will notify USDA cardholders and offer a generic card on their renewal date. USDA cards will be valid until renewal date. However, USDA will receive no royalties after July 31, 2006. USDA is currently contacting other banking institutions to initiate another credit card program. It is up to each individual cardholder to renew their card or cancel. We hope to have a program ready to present to the Board of Directors in June.
2. The discount prescription drug card - a recent article in National Square magazine says that the savings to card holders in May 2005 was \$1,110.92 and in June 2005 \$781.05. Why not see if the USDA card can help you or your friends and neighbors. It's free to try and supports square dancing.
3. Long term care - we are living longer and maintaining good health longer. That equates to a better premium on long term health care. If you are in the market for longterm care, check out the plans that USDA has to offer.

**ARTS report:** Jim and Edythe Weber.

1. Travel - we all travel somewhere sometime, so why not help square dancing when you do it. Book your airline ticket, hotel, cruise, buy flowers on line, and a multitude of other amenities that can be utilized on the ARTS Travel website. Go to [www.arts-dancetravel.com](http://www.arts-dancetravel.com) and see how it all works. When asked to choose an organization you should choose USDA.
2. ARTS is doing a mass mailing to all square dance organizations in the United States on the Add-A-Buck program. Missouri Federation is already a step ahead in that we introduced this program by adding a check-box to the 2006 State Dance flyer to allow Missouri dancers to add a buck for the ARTS.
3. Magnetic signs are available for \$2.50 which have a toll free number to call about learning to dance. Individuals will be directed to the closest contact to their area using the National Square Dance Directory, USDA Affiliate presidents list and the Internet.

Additional information about the ARTS can be found at [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org)

**Publications:** Bill and Carol Morris. Carol said that as of July 1, or after receiving the June issue, the cost for the DOIN's will increase to \$15.00 per year. However, subscribers have the opportunity to renew their subscriptions for up to two (2) years at the current rate of \$12.00. Deadline is June 30, 2006. After that the rate will be \$15.00.

**Insurance:** Dave and Barbara Turner. Dave reported the beginning balance on February 1, 2006 was \$156.26. Income for February was \$273.80. Expenses for February 2006 were \$322.00, Income for March was \$427.30, Expenses for March were \$422.00. Ending balance on March 31, 2006 was \$113.36.

**Historian:** Linda and Doyle Collins. Linda said that their neighborhood got hit by the recent tornado. They were very lucky and escaped damage. However, she feels that the important records of the Missouri Federation should be scanned and put on diskettes. Two copies should be made and kept in separate places. The President asked Linda to research costs and companies who do this, and report the finding at the June meeting.

**License Plate:** Doyle Collins reported the following. Period December 10, 2005 through February 19, 2006 - Balance forward \$1,052.61, Income \$50.00, Expenses \$20.00. Period February 19 through April 22 - Income \$100.00, Expenses \$1,040.00 (\$1,000.00 was given to Missouri Federation), Balance on hand April 22 \$142.61.

Dave Shafer appointed J. W. England as Co-Chairman of the License Plate Committee for a two month phase-in period. J. W. will assume chairmanship of this committee at the June meeting.

**Blue Bird:** Connie and Kenny Hobbs. Connie gave the following report. On Hand as of October 22, 2005 \$348.36 (67 sets of bluebirds and 104 yards of braid). Income: sold 3 sets of braid @ \$4.50 each = \$13.50, sold 4 sets of bluebirds @ 4.50 each = \$18.00. On hand as of April 23, 2006 \$379.86.

**Member Services:** Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported that an additional \$176.50 was distributed to the Southeast District for 2005.

**Travel Missouri:** Ed and Sherryl Schofield. Ed reported (as of April 22) there are 153 dancers participating and the Dangle total is 1107. Central has 170, Northeast has 140, Northwest has 107, St. Louis has 104, Southeast has 125, Southwest has 147, and West Central has 140. There are 44 dancers who have completed the 1st round, 13 completed the 2nd round and 4 the 3rd round. Ed said there were 12 new since February. If you wear the Travel Badge, dancers will ask about it and information can be given to them.

**Square Dancer of the Year:** Jim Downey. Jim said the deadline for submitting names and applications is the first day of August.

**Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said a cover page application form is being developed and will be ready by the June State Board meeting. The deadline for submitting names is August 1. The committee will meet at the August meeting to select the honored caller or cuer.

**District Presidents Report:** Bob Turner reported that the district presidents selected Jim Downey as the Chairman of the 'Square Dancer of the Year' committee.

## Doin's Report

**Editor:** Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe said that Pittman Printing is printing the DOIN's. The Post Office had problems getting publications delivered in March.

**Circulation:** Annette and Terry Thornhill. In their absence, Edythe Weber gave the report. Beginning balance 2/12/06 \$100 plus petty cash of \$12.00. Income 2/14/06 to 3/11/06 \$960.00. Expenses 2/14/06 to 3/11/06 \$40.16. Income 3/11/06 to 4/10/06 \$1,545.00. Expenses 3/11/06 to 4/10/06 \$46.00. Post Office deducted \$8.25. Check to the Missouri Federation \$1,399.00. Ending balance 4/10/06 \$100.00. Petty Cash \$6.00. From February 14 to March 10, there were 655 paid subscriptions and 51 free DOIN's mailed for a total of 706. There were 78 renewals and 6 new subscriptions. From March 11 to April 10 there were 666 paid subscriptions and 34 free mailed for a total of 700. 36 renew cards were sent out, 40 renewals and 22 new subscriptions.

**Advertising:** Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave gave the following report. Balance brought forward February 19, 2006, \$100.00. Income was \$1,090.00, Expenses \$82.86. Check to the Missouri Federation for \$907.14 leaving a balance on hand as of April 23, 2006 of \$100.00. Dave said the cost is only \$6.00 for a wedding anniversary or birthday ad.

## Unfinished Business

**2006 State Festival:** Dave and Mary Lou Marti. Dave said that the Festival Committee had a meeting on March 19, 233 pre-registered cards were sent out.

There will not be a Program Book for the 2006 festival. However, there will be special 'Goody Bags' with lots of information. A substitute for the Ad in the Program Book for the Let's Toot Our Horn would be to put a flyer in the 'Goody Bag'. Clubs can include flyers in one of two ways: (1) furnish the Festival committee 500-600 pre-printed flyers or (2) furnish the Festival committee one flyer and \$65.00 and they will get the flyer printed.

There is no limit on the number of flyers a club can submit. September 1 is the deadline.

There can be a maximum of six vendors, but only have one so far. June 1 is deadline for vendors. History sheets will be available for 50 cents. Matheson Center in Sedalia is huge. Plans are to shrink it with chairs, but chairs and tables must be rented. Make your reservations at hotels/motels now. Sell booster ribbons and raffle tickets (1/2 of the raffle ticket money goes to your club).

**Audit Committee:** Bob and Paula Bradford. No report.

**2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees.** Barbara and Dave Turner. Barb reported receiving several letters back from callers indicating the fees they would charge to call the 2009 Festival. A vote was taken and Jerry Junck received the most votes. His fee is \$750.00. He will be sent a contract. It was mentioned that Bobby Newman is booked for 2006, Tim Tyl for 2007 and Bob Rollins for 2008. Barb has been unable to find a cuer as everyone contacted had several problems. Kristy Kennedy is not a member of ROUNDALAB. Barb was instructed to ask if she is licensed through BMI-ASCAP. She will be sending letters to more cuers outside of Missouri.

**2010 Caller/Cuer Nominees:** Jim and Eloise Riley. Jim passed around a list of callers and cuers. Every voting board member was asked to mark 5 callers and 5 cuers. Doyle Collins, Jim Marron and Jim Riley will tally the count. Letters will be sent to the callers and cuers with the most votes. Callers with the most votes were: Tim Marriner, Mike Sikorsky, Dee Dee Dougherty, Jerry Storey, Larry Letson, Dean Determan and Joe Saltel. Cuers with the most votes were: Kristy Kennedy, John and Nancy Young, and Pamela Young. Jim Riley said he is sending letters to 7 callers and 3 cuers.

**Caller Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Edythe Weber. Edythe said that 25 and 50 year plaques have been ordered. Webers will present these at the Southwest District dance and the Northwest District dance and will make arrangements for presentation of the others.

## New Business

Jim and Edythe Weber presented the Circle of Service to Ray and Vicki Wittman. 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.

Dave Shafer reported there will be an Education Seminar for the Missouri Association of Health,<sup>nd</sup> Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD) at Lodge of the Four Seasons the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November. Information and contracts are being sent to him. Plans are to have a room/booth to sell teaching tapes, do demos, and hand out square dance information. Perhaps a grant from ARTS could cover any expenses. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

It was brought up at the Executive meeting that delegates need the minutes faster than 3 weeks before the meeting, so they can report them at their district meetings. Secretary Vicki Wittman will e-mail the minutes as soon as they have been proof-read by the President and Past President. They will be mailed to all who do not have e-mail. Notification of the next meeting, district dance and map or directions will still be mailed 3 weeks in advance of the next meeting, but no minutes will be included in this mailing. This will also save postage and copy costs.

A motion was made by Carol Morris and seconded to allot Bob Welch \$200.00 for expense money for the Missouri Federation display at the Showcase of Ideas in San Antonio, Texas. Motion passed. Another motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to allot Bob Welch \$100.00 to pay for his registration fees. Motion passed.

Jim Weber asked that everyone pre-register for the 2008 National Square Dance Convention in Wichita, Kansas. It is \$40 now and increases to \$50 after April 2007, and will be \$60 at the door. Bob Welch is the Vice-Chairman of Organizations, which includes the Showcase of Ideas.

Dave Shafer asked that all square dancers wear square dance attire one day a month to bring attention to our activity.

## Calendar Of Events

April 29 (Saturday) HOG ROAST, Damsite Dancers, Warsaw, MO., Callers: Bill Tiner/Curt Davis. For info. call 660-438-3712 or 417-998-6353 May 20 (Saturday) Southwest District Dance. Caller: Lottie Ainsworth, Cuer: Pamela Young, plus SW District Callers & Cuers. Events start at 1:00 p.m. Evening: Fashion Show,

Rounds, Dancing 8:00-10:30 PM. For info. Contact: Jim & Linda Downey 417-442-7548 E-mail:  
[jimbod@mo-net.com](mailto:jimbod@mo-net.com)

June 3 (Saturday) SEMO SWING, Bluff City Twirlers, Poplar Bluff, MO, Caller: Larry Davenport and Cuer  
Donna Barks. For info call: 573-785-4503

June 10 (Saturday) Northwest District Dance. District callers. 7-10 p.m. South Valley Jr. High, Liberty.  
Info: Jim and Loretta Marron (816-228-7485).

The next state meeting will be in on June 11,2006 hosted by the Northwest District. The meeting will start  
at 12:30 PM. The hall is not available until 11:00 A.M.

**Recognition of Hosts:**

Thanks to the Northeast District for hosting the April meeting. Special thanks to Mary Sue Darwent. She  
said the "Little Dixie Squares" were the hosts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

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