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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. St. Louis, Missouri- October 15, 2006

Place: Mathewson Center, State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, MO
Host: West Central District
Time: 12:58 PM
Call to Order: President David Shafer
Invocation: Sharon Crisel
Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Welch
MO Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Secretary, Vicki Wittman - (69 people in attendance)

Introduction of Guests: Sir Chappie Chapman and Lady Betty Jackson (Northwest District) Swingin' Singles, Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Sheila Kramer (Southwest District) Rangers; Bob and Faye Anglin, (Central District) Twilight Twirlers, Susie Long and Joanne Gipson (Central District) Ozark Whirlers, Lois Shipley (West Central) Golden Valley Squares, Rollie and Mary Lee Brizendine (Northeast District) Capital City Squares, Donna Heimann (Northeast District) Little Dixie Squares.

Approval of August 20, 2006 minutes: The minutes were approved as written with the following corrections Under Treasurers Report: Beginning balance \$6,155.18. Income \$3,599.04, Expenses July/August should be \$4,541.37; Balance on hand August 20 should be \$5,212.85. Total funds available with the \$14,000 in CD's should be \$19,212.85.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Sue Darwent. Mary Sue reported a beginning balance of \$5,212.85. Income September/October of \$1,814.62 Expenses September/October of \$4,791.88. Balance on hand October 15 of \$2,235.59. \$14,000.00 in CD Investments. Total funds available \$16,235.59.

Correspondence: Secretary Vicki Wittman read a letter from the Mid-Missouri Callers Association requesting we put an ad in their 2007 Booklet. Letter was turned over to the 2007 State Festival Committee. They are to submit the 2007 Festival Flyer to them with a check for \$35.00.

Committee Reports

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

Constitution and Bylaws: J. W. & Jan England. J.W. said the constitution and bylaws should be updated by the end of December.

License Plate: J. W. and Jan England, License Plate Chairman, reported the following: Balance forward on August 20 was \$120.00. September/October income \$200.00; refunds totaled \$80.00, balance on hand \$240.00. Check for \$140.00 given to Missouri Federation. Cash on hand October 15 \$100.00.

Membership: Mary Sue Darwent reported there are 109 clubs with 3,894 members.

Club Longevity Awards: Mary Sue reported awards were passed out to: Merry Rounders (Central District) began 1981 25 years, Capital City Squares (Northeast District) began 1971 35 years, Santa Fe Trailers (Northwest District) began 1966 40 years, Silver Shoes (Northwest District) began 1961 45 years, Spinnin' Wheels (West Central District) began 1971 35 years, and Peppy Promenaders (West Central District) began 1976 30 years.

Promotions: Tony and Cindy Ahart. Tony urged all members to try and get their clubs to accomplish the "Toot Your Horn" award. He has received a few applications. Also, the use of cell phone numbers on flyers next to the contact person's name should be considered. If a person tries to reach a home phone contact number right before the dance, that person is usually on the way to the dance and not at home. Tony saw the Herchends from Silver Dollar City on TV discussing what they need to do because the needs and wants of the baby boomers are not the same as the needs and wants of seniors.

Site Screening: Bob Welch. No Report.

ARTS Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Jim reported there was a one day ARTS meeting on September 30 in Orlando, FL.

1. The "add a buck" program is progressing. It takes a lot of money to start a national advertising campaign. The goal is to change the image of square dancing for baby boomers, and to have 50,000 square dancers within the next eight years.
2. Money was received from the "train bank."
3. Edythe stated "Ask clubs not to schedule a club dance on February 29, 2008, as that day is for an ARTS Benefit Dance. There is hope that every district will host a benefit dance for the ARTS.
4. Check the ARTS web site www.arts-dance.org for continued updates.
5. We continue to see competitive pricing on the travel website. The website address is www.arts-dancetravel.com.

USDA Report: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe gave the following report.

1. USDA is continuing to work to establish a new credit card program. We will keep you updated as we get more information. Responses have been coming in slowly.
2. Continue to use and support the discount prescription drug card. It will save you money.
3. Enrollment in the long term care program is progressing very slowly.
4. Shop online on the new Fundlink shopping mall at the USDA website. They give a donation and support the USDA and handicapable dancers.

Publications: Bill and Carol Morris. Carol thanked the West Central District for the great festival and the DOIN's Dance. There were 42 renewals and 11 new subscriptions. Donations were \$609.00. A few ideas were mentioned on possibilities for the next festival, ww.arts-dancetravel.com Insurance: Dave and Barbara Turner. Dave reported the beginning balance on August 1, 2006 was \$116.26. Income for August was \$159.90. Expenses for August were \$156.00, Income for August was \$3.90; there were no expenses or income for September. Ending balance on September 30, 2006 was \$120.16. Dave said the cost of the insurance for 2007 will remain the same at \$4.10/person.

Historian: Linda and Doyle Collins. No report.

Blue Bird: Connie Hobbs reported cash on hand as of August 20 \$129.36. Income: sold 7 sets of bluebirds @ \$4.50 each = \$31.50, sold 5 sets of braid @ 4.50 each = \$22.50. Total income was \$54.00. Ordered on August 21 six bolts of braid. Total expense with shipping was \$113.44. Cash on hand as of October 15, \$69.92.

Member Services: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. No Report.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sherryl Schofield. There are two new people with badges.

Square Dancer of the Year: The square dancers of the year are Don and Joann Miller.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: The caller admitted to the hall of fame is Harold Hailey. Edythe Weber stated the Display Board was full. There will continue to be a three ring notebook for all the Proclamations and pictures. The committee will work on the idea of a perpetual plaque with everyone's name and how to remove some of the previous recipients' pictures.

District Presidents Report: Ed Schofield thanked everyone who worked on the festival committee. He said "everyone worked together." Ed stated the 2007 state meetings will be held on the following tentative dates and locations, as the Northeast District would like the date to be April 22, instead of April 15.

February 18 - Southwest District August 19 - St. Louis District

April 22 - Northeast District October 21 - Central District

June 10 - Northwest District December 9 - Southeast District

Discussion ensued and this topic will be tabled until after the break.

Audit Committee: Bob and Paula Bradford, and Larry and Joyce Shelley. An audit of the State Insurance Committee books has been completed and they were found to be in order. Also, an audit was completed on the Show Me DOIN's Circulation books from 10-23-05 to 2-12-06. They were found to be in order. Doyle Collins requested that the Audit Committee do another audit on the State License Plates book through June 30, 2006, and his records were found to be in order.

Doin's Report

Editor: Jim and Edythe Weber. Edythe gave report. About 90% send their articles by e-mail. She apologized for the Twilight Twirlers error. There will be a "pull out" location section in the January DOIN's, so please get the exact directions in writing to your dances to her, along with a cell phone contact number.

Circulation: Annette and Terry Thornhill. Annette stated the beginning balance 8/20/06 was \$106.00. Income for September/October \$879.00. Expenses September/October \$7.80. Check #1016 was sent to the Missouri Federation for \$771.20. Ending balance 10/15/06 \$100.00. Petty Cash \$6.00.

687 November DOIN's will be sent. For the November 2005 issue, 709 labels went to the publisher. For the November 2006 issue, 687 labels went to the publisher. Net loss of 22 subscriptions for the year 2006. Five clubs are 100% DOIN's clubs. They are: Golden Valley Squares in Clinton; Beaux and Belles in Macon; Ozark Whirlers in Eldon; Tiger Squares in Columbia; and Ozark Lakers in Laurie.

The Southwest District has a Springfield DOIN's dance every year. It yielded 53 renewals and 23 new subscriptions and 10 callers.

Advertising: Dave and Dee Shafer. Dave gave the following report. Balance brought forward August 20, 2006, \$100.00. Income was \$611.00, Expenses \$121.53. Check to the Missouri Federation for \$489.47 leaving a balance on hand as of October 15, 2006 of \$100.00. Dave distributed a page showing the advantages of advertising in The Show-Me DOIN's, plus a list of advertising rates and dimensions. He also passed out forms for Holiday Greeting ads.

Unfinished Business

2006 State Festival: Dave and Mary Lou Marti. Dave said that working on the Festival for two years was a "labor of love". The Chamber of Commerce donated 26 dozen cinnamon rolls to the DOIN's dance. He reported out of 3,894 members only 839 attended the festival. Dave stated we need to work on people to attend. He mentioned the following statistics: Central has 386 members - 78 attended, West Central has 325 members - 156 attended, Southeast has 92 members - 15 attended, Southwest has 1217 members - 122 attended, St. Louis has 955 members - 72 attended, Northeast has 316 members - 93 attended, and Northwest has 765 members - 111 attended. There were 50 registered from out-of-state, 14 from Heart of America, 45 callers & cuers, 45 significant others, and 22 VIP's. 21% of total Missouri dancers attended. Discussion ensued on what to do when callers do not show (16 callers did not show). Only 3 notified committee in advance and one showed up and said he could not call. Kansas rule is if a caller does not show, he cannot call for 2 years. No decision was made.

2007 State Festival: Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. Mark said the 48th Annual Festival would be in Lebanon on October 19-21, 2007. The featured caller will be Tim Tyl and cuer will be Pat & Joe Hilton. There were 230 T-shirts sold and 150 pre-registered. There was a discussion about the high cost of Booster ribbons...3,000 ribbons cost over \$600.00. The returns on the 2006 ribbons was not good. Northwest had 16 out of 20 clubs with no sales, St. Louis had 14 out of 19 clubs with no sales, Central

had 2 out of 10 clubs with no sales, Southwest had 17 out of 28 clubs with no sales, Northeast had 2 out of 8 clubs with no sales, and Southeast had 1 out of 3 clubs with no sales.

At the February meeting, packets with booster ribbons will be given to the District Presidents. There will be a Souvenir Program Book which will cost \$1.00 and will contain pictures and the history of the Federation. Ads are needed. There will be door prizes. A beautiful Route 66 King Size Quilt in Red, White and Black (100" x 80") will be raffled off (6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each.) Dan Wheeler will do the web site and hotels will be contacted shortly. Mark said to call him for any District special dances, so someone from the committee can try and be there **2009 Caller/Cuer Nominees.** Barbara and Dave Turner. Since Barb was unable to get a cuer for 2009, Jim Riley gave her a name of one he contacted for 2010. She will contact Pam Young from Topeka, KS to cue for the 2009 state festival. A discussion ensued on how we choose featured callers and cuers. It was brought up that Article X, Section 8, page 10 of the Federation Standing Rules states that a committee of three past presidents shall be appointed to find a caller and cuer, and the price will be at the discretion of the committee. The committee will receive input from Federation members.

2010 Caller/Cuer Nominees: Jim and Eloise Riley. No Report

Youth Ad Hoc Committee Report: Sharon Crisel. Dave Shafer said we need to find ways to grow and not shrink. He reported there will be an Educational Seminar for the Missouri Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD) at Lodge of the Four Seasons on November

11. The plan is to help teachers have the most current materials and methods to teach square dancing in the school districts. Dave Shafer and Jerry Routh will attend. Sharon Crisel stated we are gardeners and the children are seeds. Seeds are the future of square dancing. Many youth groups are looking for ways to teach and entertain kids. She is working with Military Kids who are children of deployed parents. The University of MO. sponsors a fair which she attended and gave out many square dance freebies. The University of MO. has a grant program. Sharon has been in contact with a person from the University. Contact groups in your community to see if they would like to introduce square dancing to its members.

Information Ad Hoc Committee Report: Jim Weber. Jim talked about "Information Super Highway". We need to get information from the top to the bottom. He needs e-mail addresses from all seven districts, their clubs and their members. There was much discussion as to why information is not getting to all the dancers.

New Business

Nominations Committee: Jim & Eloise Riley, Carol & Bill Morris, Dave & Barb Turner, and Marvin & Bettyrae Fluke. Eloise announced the following nominations for office for 2007:

J.W. & Jan England from the West Central District for President, Bob & Shirley Turner from the Southeast District for 1st Vice President, John & Eleanor Stover from the Central District for 2nd Vice President, Don & Joann Miller from the Southwest District for 3rd Vice President, Pat & Tom Miller from the Northwest District for Secretary, Chuck & Linda Evans from the St. Louis District for Treasurer.

Calendar Of Events

The next state meeting will be on December 10. The Central District (Levis & Laces) will host the meeting in Lebanon. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon.

Recognition of Hosts:

Thanks to the West Central District (Dave & Mary Lou Marti) for hosting the October festival and meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki & Ray Wittman, Secretary
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