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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. Jefferson City, Missouri • February 18, 2007

Place: McClung Park, 1115 Chestnut, Jefferson City, MO
Host: Northeast District (Capital City Squares)
Call to Order: 12:06 pm President J.W. England
Invocation: Bettyrae Fluke
Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Turner
Missouri Pledge of Allegiance: Bettyrae Fluke
Roll Call: Pat Miller, Secretary (77 people in attendance)

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: December 10, 2006 minutes approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Charles Evans reported a beginning balance of \$10,000 from 2006 treasurer received on January 29, 2007. Received income in the amount of \$793.15. Expenditures in the amount of \$130.00. Balance on hand February 15, 2007 of \$10,663.15. \$14,000 in CD's. Total funds available \$24,663.15.

Correspondence: Pat & Tom Miller - None received. **Boundaries and Relations:** Don & Joann Miller - No Report

Constitution and Bylaws: Ray & Vicki Wittman - J.W. and Jan have updated the standing rules. Copies are available for pickup today. Board of Directors handbooks should be passed down each year to the new officers and delegates. J.W. asked that old books be turned in to be updated.

License Plate: J.W. & Jan England - Opening balance 12-12-06 \$146.20, income of \$125.00 - expenditures of \$50.00. Balance on hand as of February 18, 2007 \$221.20. Check issued to Federation on February 18, 2007 in the amount of \$200. Ending balance of \$21.20. Missouri will be reissuing license plates. Persons may enter the state vehicle license website and enter what they would like the personalized Square Dance license plate to say. Square Dance plates have been available since 1998. Thirty-two Square Dance plates have been issued since this time. J.W. would encourage people to use this as a means of advertising our beloved activity.

Membership: Chuck & Linda Evans - No Report **Club Longevity Awards:** No Report

Promotions: Mary Sue Darwent reported for the committee. The tri-fold distributed to the Missouri Welcome Centers needs to be reviewed and updated with new and updated information. Noted the Aleve and Prilosec commercials with square dancers having a good time. TV show Monk and a movie, The Astronaut Farmer, have also showcased square dancing. Getting and retaining members - at special dances ask clubs to bring traveling banner. Smaller clubs may find it beneficial to pool with other clubs to host get-togethers. "Toot Your Horn" had 26 danglers given for the 2006 year. Encourage others to take this program back to their club. Asking clubs to give samples of the literature, events and other means your club has done to encourage square dancing. At dances post the requirements of receiving "Toot Your Horn." Showcase ideas at the State Dance. J.W. encouraged people to educate new dancers of what is available to them in their area, state and beyond.

Site Screening: Bob & Shirley Turner - Sites Upcoming State Dances

2007 Central District - Lebanon (Cowen Center)
2008 Northeast - Jefferson City (Elias High School)
2009 Northwest - Liberty (possibly Liberty Middle & Junior High School)
2010 St. Louis - Lebanon (Cowan Center)
2011 Southeast - Not Determined

All sites have been screened - if changes are made they will review proposed sites.

ARTS Report: Jim & Edythe Weber - Dance Across America, February 29, 2008. If a district is hosting a dance, E-mail arts@arts-dance.org so that the information can be listed on the ARTS website. The dancer travel site is receiving bookings almost daily. This site is available at www.arts-dancetravel.com.

USDA Report: Jim & Edythe Weber - Due to a lack of response there will not be a USDA credit card program.. USDA Executive board made this decision at their January 2007 meeting based on the lack of response in obtaining names for the mailing list. A decision on the distribution of the affiliate portion of the credit card funds will be discussed at the June 2007 annual board of directors meeting in Charlotte, NC. Funding for the youth and handicapable programs is solvent for now, but a new source of funding will need to be found soon. At this time marketing efforts are being made for the discount prescription card and the on-line shopping mall. Flyers are available today and can be requested for dances and meetings.

Publications: Carol & Bill Morris - Welcomed new officers and delegates. The committee has a challenge ahead of them as they attempt to be at all district dances. Carol would like all district presidents to notify them of their meetings and to allow them to attend from time to time. The committee welcomes all your ideas and comments.

Insurance: Dave & Barb Turner - December 2006 and January 2007 activity is as follows. Beginning Balance 12/1/06, \$6.36. December income \$5,493.60. Expenditures \$5,364.00. January income \$1,631.90, expenditures \$1,631.87. Ending balance 1/21/2007, \$135.99- If clubs have not turned in money for insurance for 2007 they are not covered until the money is received. Please turn it in so you and your dancers are covered. Money is due by December 31st for the following year. A discussion was held as to the districts and state federation being aware as to which clubs have insurance.

Historian: Linda & Doyle Collins - No Report

Bluebird Committee: Connie & Kenny Hobbs - No Report.

Member Services: Ed & Sherryl Schofield -18 clubs have submitted requests for rebates for their promotion of square dancing. The total rebates issued is \$4,429.37 which is 63% of the \$7,000.00 budgeted. The committee moved that reimbursements should be reviewed by the district president before sending them to the Member Service chairman. Motion passed. A discussion was held in regards to the ability to fund this program - the funds come from the state dance. Ed moved that we fund the program again for next year (2007) for a maximum of \$7,000. Motion seconded and carried.

Travel Missouri: Ed & Sherryl Schofield - As of February 18th total dangles: Missouri 215, Central 194, Northeast 146, Northwest 128, St. Louis 136, Southeast, 138, Southwest 171,161 - TOTAL Dangles 1,269. Forty-nine dancers have completed their 1st set, 21 dancers have completed their 2nd set, and 8 dancers have completed their 3rd set.

Square Dancer of the Year: No report.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Dave & Dee Shafer - The committee consists of 6 members, the immediate past president (chairperson) and 4 members elected by secret ballot at the February meeting. No two members may be from the same district. The previous recipient will be member at large. Ballots were circulated to those present (one vote per couple not person). J.W selected a group of 3 (Nancy Wheeler, Bettyrae Fluke, Rosalee Mortenson) to count the votes. Those selected were Bob & Paula Bradford, NW; Sharon White, SW; Terry & Annette Thornhill NE; and Bob & Shirley Turner, SE.

Longevity Awards - The following callers will receive recognition certificates: Doyle Rutherford 45 years, Mike Corns 35 years, Larry Shipman 40 years, Dennis Mineau 45 years, Earl Kinsey 45 years. Bill Kanai, Bob Loyd and Harvey Casteel will receive a plaque for 25 years. It is recommended that these certificates and/or plaques be presented at district dances.

District Presidents' Report: Nancy Wheeler - Asked clubs to fill out form for the e-mail tree.

Audit Committee: No Report

DOIN'S REPORT

Editor: Jim & Edythe Weber - The Weber's reported they will be at the NSDC Pre-Convention in Wichita March 26-31. Due to their travel to Wichita any article received after March 28th will not be printed in the May Doin's. Please be on time or early with your information so that it may be printed. There has been one problem with receiving a fax Weber's stated they are aware everyone does not have email but if this is an option you will receive a confirmation they have received your information. They cannot provide this for faxes and postal mail.

Circulation: Annette & Terry Thornhill- 662 Doin's mailed in March. The proceeds from the Southwest District Doin's Dance are not yet tallied. However, there were many renewals submitted during this time. The rough estimate is \$200.00,94 renewals and 25 new subscriptions for the bi-monthly period. \$911.51 submitted to treasurer leaving \$100 in checking as of Jan. 31,2007.

Advertising: Dave & Dee Shafer - Beginning balance \$100.00, income of \$30.00 (subscriptions), \$828 (advertising); expenses of \$79-00; \$779-00 presented to treasurer. Ending balance 2-18-07 \$100.00. Advertising helps defray cost of the Doin's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007 State Festival: Mark & Rosalee Mortensen - Dance will be October 19-21,2007. Packets handed out to district presidents. Raffle tickets are included in the packets - this money will be split between the clubs and the federation. Ribbons are included as well - please try to recoup the cost of the ribbons - this is a great advertisement if worn. Encourage clubs to take out ads in the souvenir booklet. A fashion show will be held again this year - information is included in the packet. Pre-registration, 200 already in, souvenir booklets are only available through pre-registration this year. Caller list is now complete.

2010 Caller/Cuer Nominees: Jim and Eloise Riley (via message to Jan England) - Lanny Weakland will be the caller and Pam Young will be the cuer. The committee does not have a contract for the cuer, but it is available through Barb.

Youth Ad Hoc Committee Report: Dave Shafer reported that a group of people from 4-H, University of MO, Operation Military Child and the Ad Hoc Committee have discussed getting square dancing out to children and youth. A curriculum will be developed and distributed to teachers to help them in teaching and encouraging dancing. A list of callers will be included. Polk County has used it as a team building activity. May 8th there will be a workshop at a youth camp with Stan Mangogna.

Information Ad Hoc Committee Report: Jim Weber - Internet Communication Network for Missouri. Jim's e-mail list is of District presidents and state officers. District presidents will pass information on to callers and clubs in their district; club contacts will pass on to dancers in their club. Jim is asking for a primary and alternate e-mail to make sure information gets passed on. This can be used as a means of getting the information down to the dancers about the state dance.

Other: Dave & Dee Shafer received a plaque from the Federation in appreciation of their service as president. Ed Schofield reported they turned in a check for \$10,000 last meeting and a \$2,500.00 check. The account was closed out with \$581.44 to close out the 2006 state dance. Records will be submitted for audit. All committees should pass on materials. Jim Weber asked for volunteers for the National Square Dance Convention in Wichita. He also encouraged everyone to get pre-register and get a \$10.00 savings since the registration fee goes up April 1st. Also the Pre-Convention dance on March 31 is free to those who pre-register.

NEW BUSINESS

Four delegates are needed for the USDA meeting Wednesday the 27th in Charlotte. Carol & Bill Morris, Tom & Pat Miller, John & Eleanor Stover and Dave & Dee Shafer volunteered to fill these spots.

Nancy Wheeler presented information about the requirements for new caller scholarships in memory of Dallas Wheeler. Information is available. A caller's clinic will be held prior to the National Convention in Charlotte. If anyone who would like more information on this clinic, check the National website.

A request was made by Annette Thornhill to receive their start-up fee for the 2008 State Festival. A check for \$2,500 was presented to Northeast District.

Calendar of Events: Next State Board Meeting, April 15,2007 - Southwest District

Central District Dance - March 31, St. Louis Jamboree - April 13-14; Northeast District Dance - April 28;

Heart of America Dance (KC) - May 5.

Recognition of Hosts: Thank you to Capital City Squares and the NE District for hosting us this month.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat & Tom Miller, Secretary
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc.,