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Executive Board Meeting Missouri Federation of Squared Round Dance

August 20, 2007

Meeting convened at 12:08 p.m. at Kirkwood Center, Kirkwood, Missouri, by President J.W. England.

Invocation: Barb Turner.

Pledge to the American flag: Bob Tlirner

Pledge to the Missouri Flag: Bettyrae Fluke

Roll call: Pat Miller with one guest from Southwest being introduced

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Evans reported balance on hand June 9, 2007 of \$5,043.39- Amount spent was \$7,901.64 and income was \$6,012.23. One CD was cashed bringing balance to \$3153-98. We have only two CD's remaining in the amount of \$7,000.00. Our total disposable funds are \$10,153-98.

Cards were sent to Barb Turner, Bob Welch, Karen Craig, Vi Tennant, Tom Morgan family and Gina McMurtry family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Boundaries and Relations Committee: Don and Joann Miller - No report

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: No report

License Plate Coordinators, J.W. and Jan England: Balance on June 10, 2007, was \$76.20; balance on August 19,2007, was \$241.20. A check for \$200.00 was presented to the treasurer leaving a current balance of \$41.20.

Membership Chairman: Linda Evans, reminded us membership dues are now due. Chairman Evans suggested dues need to be raised. Bettyrae Fluke moved we increase the dues to \$ 10.00 from each individual club to belong to the Federation. Motion was seconded and carried. This is a change to the Standing Rules page 3, Article VI (Membership Fee). The increase should be noted on membership applications for the new calendar year.

Promotions: Tony Ahart stated that since the Doin's will be printed every two months, the requirements for articles and advertising from clubs to qualify for the "Toot your Horn" award should be changed from 6 to 5 submissions. A motion from his committee to change the requirement in the Standing Rules, page 17, Article XIV "Let's Toot our Horn" Award Section II, Criteria 2, sub part "a" should be changed to read, "a. At least five articles, ads, or listings in the Doin's." Motion carried.

Site Screening: Bob Turner- No Report

USDA Report: Edythe Weber reported no changes to USDA promotions and urged use of online shopping, discount prescriptions, and long term care insurance. Also, the youth scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 is available to a graduating Senior in high school or a freshman in college who has contributed to square dancing.

ARTS: Edythe Weber stated there are two possible participants for the "Dance Across America" promotion dance on February 29,2008. She asked us to support the Website, both for visibility of our activity and as income for the ARTS programs.

Publications: Carol Morris. Because the Doin's will be printed only every two months, there will be a savings of nearly \$1932.00, and postage will be paid once instead of twice on the combined issue. She reminded everyone to KEEP the combined issue for the October information.

The Webers also reminded us issues not received will not be credited and a new one sent unless we (circulation) have your current mailing address wrong in our database. If your mailing address is correct, the cost of a new one will be \$2.00 to cover the postage. You may contact the Webers for a method to find out if you are giving a correct address where mail can be delivered.

Christmas greetings appearing in the Doin's must be sent to Dave Shafer with your payment by September 25, 2007, to appear in the next issue. This is an economical way to wish square dancers Merry Christmas.

Insurance: Dave Turner. Reports for April, May, June, and July were given with a current balance of \$164.69-The books are ready for audit and were given to the auditor today.

Bettyrae Fluke moved the insurance amount collected from clubs be increased by an additional fifteen cents per insured dancer to cover the administrative costs of mailing packets, etc. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bluebird: Connie Hobbs. Balance on hand August 19,2007, is \$162.42. She has on hand 35 sets of bluebirds and 7 sets of braid.

Member Services: Ed and Sheryl Schofield. No report except a reminder to keep all documentation concerning lessons to be sent in for reimbursement.

Travel Missouri: Ed and Sheryl Schofield. As of August 19, 2007,1435 dangles were earned, with 29 added today, making 1464 total dangles.

Square Dancer of the Year Committee: Bob Turner says the committee has met and chosen the Square Dancer of the Year from the nominees and will be announced on Saturday night at the Festival.

Caller and Cuer Hall of Fame: Bob Turner reported for Dave Shafer that the winner will be announced on Saturday night at the Festival.

District Presidents' Report: Vicki Wittman stated the St. Louis Federation and the St. Louis League of Clubs have been meeting to combine, hopefully beginning the first of the year, and to be called St. Louis Metro Square and Round Dance Association, New bylaws will be finalized probably by the end of this year. Barb Turner thanked Marty and Caroll Altmann, Carolyn Herren, and Ray and Vicki Wittman for the huge amount of time they have spent getting this accomplished.

Vicki Wittman also reported for Annette Thornhill about the Alzheimer's Walk in Columbia, Missouri, on October 7, 2007, at Steven's Park. Be there at 1:45 to help with an exhibition and possible audience participation. This is a good way to advertise new classes.

Caller and Cues for the year 2011: Edythe Weber brought a motion from the Caller/Cues Committee to have the Board vote on the selections. The motion carried and results of the vote were: Lottie Ainsworth will be issued an invitation for Square Dance Caller; and Jim and Georgianne Couey will be invited as Cues for the 2011 Festival.

Jim Weber stated information is NOT getting to the club members and they are still trying to get that changed. He also clarified the question about the color of ribbons for the Wichita dances. The red ones were for Pre registration and allowed admission to the Pre-Convention Dance in March; the purple ribbon is sent after you convert your pre-registration forms to full registration for the National Convention in Wichita for 2008. No additional money is due unless you want to purchase a program book, Sew & Save book, or any other products on the full registration.

Ed Schofield reminded us that if sufficient money isn't in the treasury the reimbursement to the clubs for Member Services will have to be cut.

Carol Morris announced there is a special dance scheduled for the ARTS on February 29, 2008, called "Dance Across America" and will be co-hosted by West Central District, Northwest District, and the Heart of America. Also, collected at the same time will be teddy bears for the emergency vehicles to carry with them.

Mark Mortensen reported on the Festival for October 19 through 21, saying there is still time to get ribbons, sell raffle tickets, and buy chances on the quilt available. Remember half of the raffle ticket money stays with your club. The Fashion show is still accepting models. Lebanon is having a city wide fest and the Federation is invited to have an information table. Also, the quilt will be displayed and chances may be purchased by others than dancers. The quilt is a large part of the money making process for the Festival.

Thank you to the St. Louis clubs for hosting this month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Miller, Secretary