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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 12 pm by President, Bob Turner, in Lee's Summit Housing Authority Building, 111 SE Grand, Lee's Summit, MO.

Invocation: Mark Mortensen

Pledge of Allegiance: John Stover

Pledge to the Missouri Flag: Shirley Turner

Roll Call: Chuck Evans. There were 31 members present A quorum was present.

Introduction and Welcome of Guests: Bob Turner recognized the guests Dan and Jean Wheeler, webmasters of the Missouri Square Dance Website.

Guest Speaker: Bob Turner reported that our guest speaker on taxes was not present to speak today. The speaker will be rescheduled, if possible.

Minutes of the December 9,2007 Meeting: A motion was made by Mark Mortensen to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

2007 Treasurer's Report: Chuck Evans reported. Beginning 12/10/07, the checking account balance was \$1352.45. Income was \$3030.56. Checks written totaled \$4383.01, leaving a balance of \$0 as of January 24, 2008 to close out the account.

2008 Treasurer's Report: The report was submitted by Winnie Weitkamp and read by Chuck Evans. As of January 31,2008, the checking account total was \$16,157.87. Checks written totaled \$2939.04, leaving a checking account balance on February 12, 2008, of \$13,218.83. The report was filed, subject to audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries & Relations: No Report

Constitution & By-laws: Eleanor Stover reported a proposed change to Article III of the Constitution dealing with membership. The committee suggests moving the current Section 4 to Section 5 and to insert as Section 4 the following: "Membership is open to all square dancers regardless of sex, race, creed, color, age, national origin, or physical abilities. This Federation is an equal opportunity organization and will not participate in discrimination." The proposed constitution change was submitted in writing and is subject to vote at the April 2008 meeting.

A request by Sherryl Schofield to investigate the lifetime vote of past presidents will be referred to committee for review.

License Plate: No Report

Membership Longevity: Shirley Turner reported for Winnie Weitkamp. Three clubs will receive 25 year awards this period as follows: Damsite Dancers, WC; Solo Swingers, SW; and Buffalo Bills & Jills, SW.

Promotions: Tony Ahart reported. Tony announced he had asked Marty Altman and Carolyn McKeone to join the promotion committee. Tony also asked for more club involvement in the Let's Toot Our Horn promotion. Tony also asked about the tri-fold cost effectiveness and duration. This would be discussed further during the proposed 2008 budget.

Site Screening: No Report

2012 Festival Featured Caller/Cuer: No Report

USDA Report: Edythe Weber reported. The annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 1 pm in the Mary Jane Teall Theatre in the Convention Center, Wichita, KS. She also encouraged distribution of information on the discount prescription card, long term care insurance, and the online shopping mall.

ARTS: Jim Weber reported. There are to be three ARTS dances on February 29, 2008, in Missouri. The song "God Bless the USA" is to be sung at 8 pm. The locations are St Louis, Warrensburg, and Springfield.

Jim reported that a laptop computer is available for sealed bids. A motion was made by Robert Bradford to accept bids until the close of the April Board meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Publications: Jim Weber reported. He reported a reduced spending for the last six-month period of \$4603.17 by changing to bi-monthly issues of The DOIN'S publication. He also reported 637 issues were printed for the last issue.

Insurance: Dave Turner reported. The balance on December 1, 2007, was \$63.92. Income for December was \$3892. Expenses for December were \$3712. The balance on December 31, 2007, was \$243.92. January 2008 income was \$1862.25. Expenses for January 2008 were \$1756. The balance as of January 31, 2008, was \$350.17.

Historian: No Report

Blue Bird: No Report

Member Services: Ed & Sherryl Schofield reported. Reimbursement requests from clubs for lessons and teaching which totaled \$7428.37 were submitted and approved. A total of \$3714.18 was recommended by the committee to be paid. This would be discussed during the proposed 2008 budget.

Travel Missouri: Ed & Sherryl Schofield reported. 1538 dangles have been given out as of this meeting.

2007 Audit Report: Ed Schofield reported. The 2007 treasurer and 2007 license plate books have been received for audit. The audit report will be made later.

Square Dancer of the Year: Bob Turner reported Larry and Jan Anslinger were selected to chair this committee.

Doin's Editor: Jim & Edythe Weber reported. A select few clubs are continuously late with articles. The deadline is the 25th of the even-numbered months. If received after the 25th, the article will not be printed. Every effort will be made to be sure the dance dates are listed in the dance calendar. The March/April issue lists clubs that have not submitted a full year's schedule for 2008. Those sending e-mail

articles were asked to please put their club's name first in the "subject line" of the e-mail. All forms to guide in sending articles are available on the web at <http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/index.htm>. Click on the tab for Federation information and then Show-Me Doin's.

Doin's Circulation: The report was made by Edythe Weber from an e-mail sent by Terry and Annette Thornhill.

Total mailed for the March/April magazine: 635;
paid subscriptions: 597,
total free: 38 (Advertisers: 8,
Exchanges: 4,
Student: 12, and
other: 14);
Renewals this period: 32;
New subscription:
Springfield DOIN'S Dance renewals: 42;
Springfield DOIN'S Dance new: 7
Total renewals 60 and 14 new
Springfield DOIN'S donation: \$438.01
Total income from 12/19/07 to 02/17/08 was \$1974.25.
Expenses were \$21.29.
The balance carried forward was \$100.00. A check was issued to the Federation for \$1852.96.

Doin's Advertising: Dave Shafer reported. The balance brought forward from 12/09/07 was \$100. Income as of 02/17/08 was \$974, for a balance of \$1074. Expenses for the same period were \$65.60. A check was issued to the Federation Treasurer for \$908.40, leaving a balance brought forward of \$100.

2007 Festival: Mark Mortensen reported. A check for \$12,000.00 was given to the 2008 Treasurer in December. A check for \$167 was given to ARTS. A close-out check of \$523.03 was issued. Total income was \$12,523.03, less \$2,500 startup money, leaving a total of \$10,023.03 profit made on the 2007 festival. The 2007 festival books were turned in for audit.

2008 Festival: No report

Ad Hoc Youth Committee: No report was made; however, Sharon Crisel did request that the district presidents send her a list of all of the youth dancing in their district.

Ad Hoc Information Committee: Jim Weber reported that this committee's work is complete, and Jim will continue to handle the e-mail tree.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Plaque: Dave Shafer reported. Nothing has been decided yet. A report will be given at the April meeting.

2008 Proposed Budget: Bob Turner reported. Bob read the 2008 proposed budget. A motion was made by Eleanor Stover to discontinue the trifold. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Tony Ahart to pay \$3714.18 for Member Services reimbursement for 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Tony Ahart to discontinue reimbursement for the Member Services Program for 2008. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bob Turner asked Ed Schofield to continue to chair the Member Services Committee, and Ed accepted.

Suggested adjustments to the proposed 2008 budget would be considered and presented again at the April 2008 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

District Presidents' Report: They had discussed member services and the upcoming ARTS dances. Sherryl Schofield reported that Larry and Jan Anslinger were selected to chair the Square Dancer of the Year Committee.

Election of 2008 Hall of Fame Committee: Bob Turner said this would be postponed until the April board meeting, due to the absence of the committee chairman.

Presentation to Immediate Past President: Bob Turner said this presentation would be postponed until the April board meeting, due to the absence of the past president.

Other New Business: Edythe Weber asked the Federation to send a letter nominating Jim & Edythe Weber as Treasurer of the USDA. A motion was made by Dave Shafer to send a letter nominating the Webers as Treasurer of the USDA. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bob Turner asked for a show of hands of those who would be attending the Nationals, so he could appoint the delegates.

The next state meeting will be in Springfield, SW District, at the Franciscan Villa. The host club will be the Solo Swingers. The meeting will be April 20, 2008.

Recognition of Hosts: Members of the Silver Dollar Square Dance Club, West Central District, were recognized as hosts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ray & Vicki Wittman announced the consolidation of the two St. Louis organizations effective April 1, 2008, to be known as the St. Louis Metro Square and Round Dance Association. The St. Louis Jamboree is to be held April 4-5 in St. Ann, MO.

Ed Schofield announced a Hog Roast to be held on July 12 in Warsaw.

Mark Mortensen announced a Benefit Dance to be held in Richland on March 7 at \$5 each.

A Spring Fling will be held in Lebanon on April 12.

A motion was made by Mark Mortensen to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, subject to board approval,

Chuck & Linda Evans

Secretary