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# *The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs*

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(Subject to Board Approval)

## **Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Kirkwood, Missouri - August 17, 2008**

President, Bob Turner, called the meeting to order at 12pm at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 South Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO.

**Invocation:** George Roth

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag:** Larry Crisel

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag:** Don Miller

**Roll Call:** Chuck Evans reported. Fifty (50) members were present, and a quorum was achieved.

**Minutes of the June 8, 2008 meeting:** A motion was made by Dave Shafer to approve the June 8, 2008 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Winnie Weitkamp reported. The treasurer's report as of June 2, 2008, showed a balance of \$9,381.61. The receipts were \$712.24 and the expenditures were \$5,062.10, leaving a checking account balance of \$5,031.58 as of July 26, 2008, plus two Certificates of Deposit totaling \$7,000.00. The report was filed for audit.

**Membership:** Winnie Weitkamp reported current Federation membership consists of 99 clubs with 3,926 total members.

**Club Longevity:** Winnie Weitkamp reported that three clubs received recognition for club longevity from the Federation.. In the Northwest District, Kelly's Kapers Plus Club would receive a 30-year pin and Bethany Boots and Belles would receive a 25-year pin. In the West Central District, the Bee Squares would receive a 45-year pin.

**Correspondence:** Chuck Evans reported on the get well, sympathy, and congratulation cards sent out since the last meeting. No requests were made at the meeting for other cards to be sent. Any updates on e-mail addresses for board members were requested to be turned in to the secretary. **REPORTS:**

**Audit:** Ed Schofield reported that all audits have been done by the committee and are in good shape. The insurance account audit will be done later in the year.

## **Committee Reports**

**Boundaries and Relations:** No Report

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Eleanor Stover submitted in writing and presented as the first reading a proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV Board of Directors, Section 2 to insert new B, move B to C, and C becomes D, as follows:

Article IV Board of Directors

Section 1. The board of directors is the governing body of the Missouri Federation with all powers which are allowed by the laws of the State of Missouri. Section 2. The board of directors shall consist of the members of the executive committee, all members of the past president's committee, three delegates from each member district (one of which must be the district president or vice president), insurance coordinator, and the staff of the Federation's official publication, The DOIN'S, (The DOIN'S staff being: DOIN'S editor, circulation manager and advertising manager). A member of this board shall consist of a couple/single to one vote only. If a couple or individual fills more than one position they or may have only one vote.

- A. All members of the board of directors must be members of a dues-paying c the district which they represent.

- B. All past presidents who have come off the past presidents committee are not of the established Board of Directors quorum needed for conducting meetings but their votes count during any balloting. They may attend meetings and in their lifetime voting privileges at meetings of the Missouri Federation of Square Round Dance Clubs, Inc. as long as they are dues paying members of a Missouri Federation club. These past Presidents are counted as an addendum to the
- C. The names of all delegates and alternates must be recorded with the secretary January 31 of each year, in order for those delegates or alternates to be eligible to cast a vote at any meeting. Additionally, any change of delegates or alternates must be recorded with the secretary not later than three weeks before the next square meeting, in order for those delegates or alternates to be eligible to cast a vote at any meeting. In an emergency, alternates may serve if notice is given to the president and/or secretary prior to a regular meeting of the board of directors at which alternates will serve. An emergency alternate must have the spoken or written approval of the district president.
- D. No couple shall serve in more than one federation office or directorship, except an office holder or director may also serve as a presidential appointee under Article VII, Committees.

Section 3. A vacancy created on the board of directors by the election of a delegate executive committee or by resignation shall be filled by the district affected by the

This proposal, coming from committee, will be voted on at the October 19, 2008.

(A motion to accept this proposal will be dealt with under "New Business" in ten minutes.)

## Doin's Report

**Publications:** Carol Morris reported. The September e-mail tree will promote true DOIN'S Dance at the State Festival as a "donation dance". Use of the e-mail tree purpose was approved in advance by the Federation President. The extra copies of November/December DOIN'S will be for sale at the State Festival for \$2.00.

**DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reported that sending her a full year's dance schedule is very helpful and requested that all clubs get their 2009 dance dates and calendar schedule in as soon as possible. The January/February 2009 issue of The DO! include location listings. All clubs need to give accurate directions to club dances with actual street address and/or highway junction for GPS users. Any phone number given should be one that can and will be answered at and during a dance. The due date for articles is still the 25<sup>th</sup> day of odd-numbered months.

**DOIN'S Circulation:** Annette Thornhill reported that the total copies mailed July/August issue of The DOIN'S were 516, of which 492 were paid subscriptions (24 free (6 to advertisers, 4 to exchanges, 0 to students, and 14 others). Renewals; period were 44. New subscriptions were 14. The decrease from last period. For the September/October issue of The DOIN'S, a total of 523 were mailed, of which 494 were paid subscriptions, 29 free (5 to advertisers, 4 to exchanges, 6 to students and 14 others). There were 48 renewals this period and 2 new subscriptions. A total of 34 renewal post cards was made and 10 responses were received. The total as of June 10, 2008, was \$840.00, and expenses were \$9.92. A check was issued to the Federation for \$730.08, leaving a balance carried forward of \$100.00. The total income as of August 17, 2008, was \$975, with expenses of \$58.68. A check was issued to the Federation for \$816.32, leaving a balance carried forward of \$100.

**DOIN'S Advertising:** Dave Shafer reported the balance brought forward as of June 8, 2008, was \$100. The income was \$783.00 and expenses were \$4.80. A check was issued to the Federation for \$778.20, leaving a balance carried forward of \$100 as of August 17, 2008.

**Promotions:** Tony Ahart reported that all "Let's Toot Our Horn" Awards have been passed out for this year. One application has been received for next year. He encouraged everyone to promote square dancing as fun.

**State Festival Site Screening:** No Report

**State Festival Callers & Cuers for 2012:** Dave Shafer reported he had mailed letters to the callers and cuers, and two were returned as non-deliverable. The responses that were received are in committee to meet and report at the October 19th meeting.

**Square Dancer of the Year:** No Report

**Insurance Coordinator:** Dave Turner reported that the balance as of June 1, 2008, was \$450.92. There was no income or expenses for June 2008. The income for July was \$38.25 and the expenses were \$36.00, leaving a balance as of July 31, 2008, of \$453.17.

**Member Services:** Ed Schofield reported. They are waiting for information from clubs, and they requested flyers from clubs holding lessons so that they can compile more information.

**Travel Missouri:** Ed Schofield reported there are presently 191 total dancers participating in this program. There were 1633 total danglers distributed, of which 53 are in the first set, 34 are in the second set, 19 are in the third set, 5 are in the fourth set, 3 are in the fifth set, and 3 are in the gold bar set. Distribution of danglers from each district and the Missouri Festival was as follows: Central District 228, Northeast District 191, Northwest District 174, St. Louis District 179, Southeast District 174, Southwest District 228, West Central District 214, and the Missouri Festival 250.

**Blue Bird:** Connie Hobbs reported that the balance on hand as of June 8, 2008, was \$218.92. Four sets of blue birds were sold for \$18.00 and one set of braid was sold for \$5.00. She bought 110 yards of braid for \$65.46. The balance carried forward was \$ 176.46. The Blue Bird Chairman suggested raising the price of the braid. (A motion to accept this suggestion will be dealt with under "New Business" in the minutes).

**Historian:** No Report

**License Plate:** J.W. England reported. The balance on hand as of June 8, 2008, was \$31.20. June income was \$100 and July income was \$50, for a balance of \$181.20. June rebate was \$40, and July rebate was \$20. A check was given to the Federation for \$100, leaving a balance on hand as of August 17, 2008, of \$21.20.

**USDA:** Jim Weber reported that the Board of Directors of the USDA met June 25, 2008, in the Mary Jane Teall Hall with a large number of Missouri Federation members in attendance, and he thanked those for attending. A USDA After Party was held June 27, 2008. There was a nice crowd and about 20 callers attended. The Youth After Party was June 26, 2008 and went well. Edythe visited the Handicapable Hall on June 26, 2008. There were 25 dancers with various handicaps having a fun time and enjoying dancing. Al and Portia Bruning handed out "Proud to be a USDA Handicapable Dancer" badges.

Discount prescription cards, long term care and the online mall were mentioned and encouraged. Dave Shafer commented on the USDA meeting. Eleanor Stover also commented on the idea of competition dancing that was discussed at the USDA meeting. Jim reported that Missouri was second behind Kansas with 500 registrations for the 2008 Nationals.

**ARTS:** Jim Weber reported. ARTS combines all major national organizations working to solve our problem of decreasing numbers. The ARTS travel website is [www.arts-dancetravel.com](http://www.arts-dancetravel.com) and it receives bookings almost daily. ARTS seminars were well attended at the Nationals in Wichita.

Included in new business at the June 29 meeting was a proposal to create a video to market square dancing. It would cost about \$20,000 and can be used nationwide. Also, it was proposed to set up a grant for funding organizations to hold a workshop on ARTS and get more people involved and informed about ARTS.

**2008 State Festival:** Annette Thornhill reported. The committee walked through the school to finalize rooms and areas to be used during the Festival. Friday and Saturday nights—one room each for mainstream, plus, advanced and rounds. Workshops and sewing seminars will be on Saturday. Sunday morning will be The DOIN'S Dance. At this time, 236 dancers are pre-registered. The Kountry Kitchen in Jefferson City will be open 24 hours, and anyone wearing a square dance badge will receive an automatic 10% discount.

**Ad Hoc—Youth and Children Dance:** Sharon Crisel reported that the Federation received an invitation to do a presentation at the Missouri Association of Physical Education Convention. Sharon Crisel and Dave Shafer will coordinate this. Sharon and Larry Crisel sat in on the youth seminars at the Nationals. Competition dancing was discussed. Also Justin Russell, a young caller from Memphis, TN, would like to come to Missouri to call. Ashley Parker, Chairman of the USDA Youth Panel, chaired this meeting.

**District Presidents' Report:** Vicki Wittman reported that the Ozark Lakers will close on December 30, 2008. Larry and Jan Anslinger, Committee Chairmen of the Square Dancer of the Year, were not present at today's meeting, so no action was taken on that committee. The proposed schedule for the 2009 state board meetings is as follows: February 15, 2009-Central District; April 19, 2009--St Louis District; June 14,2009--Southeast District; August 16, 2009-West Central District; October 18, 2009-Northwest District; and December 13, 2009-Southwest District. This proposed schedule is to be voted on at the December board meeting.

**Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Nominations:** JW England reported. The honoree has been selected by the committee and will be kept secret until announced at the State Festival in Octobe

## Unfinished Business

**Federation Badge Display Board:** Dave Shafer reported. Dave showed the new Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame plaque which cost \$96. He also showed a scrapbook with photos of callers/cuers and spouses, proclamations

and pertinent information on callers/ cuers and spouses. More badges for the Membership Badge Board were requested, so all current clubs will be displayed. It was decided to remove all closed club's badges and create a historical display of closed clubs.

**Showcase of Ideas:** Carol Morris thanked Dave and Dee Shafer on behalf of the Federation for their efforts in handling the Showcase of Ideas at the Nationals.

**Annual Registration Report:** Carol Morris reported that the Federation's Annual Registration Report had been filed in July 2008 with the Missouri Secretary of State.

## New Business

**Blue Bird:** A motion was made by Connie Hobbs, Blue Bird Chairman, to increase the cost for a set of braid from \$5 to \$6. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** A motion was made by Eleanor Stover, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, to change Article IV Board of Directors of the Constitution and Bylaws as submitted in writing and presented as the first reading under the Constitution and Bylaws Report in these minutes. The motion was tabled until the October 19, 2008 board meeting.

**Parliamentarian:** Barb Turner, parliamentarian, stated that committee reports should be reports only and that all action required should be taken up during "New Business" at a meeting.

**State Festival Pricing for 2009:** Jim Weber handed out registration pricing comparisons from MO, IA, IL, NE, and KS. After discussion, a motion was made by Dorothy Robbins to allow the Northwest District to set prices for the 2009 Festival.

The motion was seconded and failed. Jim Weber then submitted proposed pricing for board approval for the 2009 State Festival as follows:

Pre-Registration (all events)	\$25.00 per person
Pre-Registration Friday only	\$16.00 per person
Pre-Registration Saturday and Sunday	\$16.00 per person
All Youth (under 18) all events	1/2 adult price
At the door (all events)	\$32.00 per person
At the door Friday only	\$16.00 per person
At the door Saturday and Sunday	\$16.00 per person

A motion was made by Jim Weber to accept the proposed pricing for the 2009 State Festival. The motion was seconded and carried (15 yes; 7 no).

## Calendar Of Events

The next state board meeting will be on October 19, 2008, in Jefferson City.

The State Festival will be October 17, 18 and 19, 2008 in Jefferson City.

A new club has formed in St. Joseph, the name is St. Joseph's Squares.

The West County Spinners will have Dee Dee Dougherty calling on August 18, 2008.

Dave Shafer encouraged more advertising in The Doin's.

**RECOGNITION OF HOSTS:** The St Louis District officers and delegates present at today's meeting were thanked for providing the lunch.

A motion was made by Jim Weber to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chuck & Linda Evans

Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc., Secretary