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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 - October 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Turner, at 12:30 PM in the cafeteria of Helias High School, 1305 Swifts Highway, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Invocation: Mark Mortensen

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Larry Crisel

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Bettyrae Fluke

Roll Call: Chuck Evans reported there were 36 members present, and a quorum was achieved.

Bob Turner read a listing of past presidents to determine how many were still active in square dancing.

Introduction and Welcome of Visitors and Guests: Bob Turner

Minutes of the August 17, 2008 meeting: A motion was made by Mark Mortensen to approve the August 17, 2008 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Winnie Weitkamp reported. The opening balance in the checking account was \$5031.58. The receipts were \$2567.47 and the expenses were \$2,500.61, leaving a closing balance of \$5,098.44 as of September 30, 2008, plus two Certificates of Deposit totaling \$7,000. The report was filed for audit. Bob Turner reviewed the 2008 budget.

Membership: Winnie Weitkamp reported 99 clubs in the Missouri Federation with 3,700 club members. Winnie also announced that 2009 membership dues were due now at \$10.00 per club.

Club Longevity: Winnie Weitkamp reported that the clubs, Eagle Picher Squares and Jasper Eagle Squares, both of the Southwest District, will receive their 25-year pins and accompanying letters of congratulation and recognition from the Federation for club longevity.

Correspondence: No Report

Committee Reports

Audit: Ed Schofield reported that all financial statements and audits are now done and are okay.

Boundaries and Relations: No Report

Constitution and Bylaws: This report was held for reporting during "Unfinished Business" since it required a vote on a proposed Constitution change.

Doin's Report

Publications: Carol Morris congratulated the Northeast District for the great dance this weekend and reported that the raffle held that morning netted \$69.00.

Doin's Editor: Edythe Weber reported. She asked that all finalized club schedules be sent to the editor as soon as possible. Club presidents should check the club directory to be sure the name listed is correct. The January/ February 2009 issue will include the location listings. Clubs are asked to check the 2008 listing for your club to see if it is correct and the directions to the dance sites are accurate. Please include all sites, even those only used once, and include an address or highway junction for those using GPS. If a phone number is included, be sure it is a number that will be answered during the dance.

The deadline for all articles and advertisements is still the 25th of each odd-numbered month. Articles received after the 25th will not be printed. Every effort will be made to include all dance dates if a prelist has been sent in.

Clubs not paying Federation dues by the 25th of November 2008 will not be eligible to have articles printed until dues are paid. All forms for articles and lessons are available on the website at www.Forms.SquareDanceMissouri.com. Click on the tab for Federation information and the Show-Me Doin's.

Doin's Circulation: Annette Thornhill reported. For the November/December 2008 issue of The Doin's, there were 525 copies mailed, of which 501 were paid subscriptions, and 24 were free (6 to advertisers, 4 to exchanges, and 14 to others). Annette reported a beginning balance of \$100.00, receipts of \$687.00, and expenses of \$2.68, for a total of \$784.32. A check was issued to the Federation for \$684.32, leaving a balance carried forward of \$100 as of October 19, 2008.

The DOIN'S Dance was attended by 240 dancers and 21 callers netting \$704, with 45 renewed subscriptions and 9 new subscriptions.

Doin's Advertising: Dave Shafer reported the balance brought forward as of August 17, 2008, was \$100.00. The income was \$770.00 and expenses were \$64.80. A check was issued to the Federation for \$705.20, leaving a balance carried forward of \$100.00 as of October 19, 2008.

Promotional: No report

State Festival Site Screening: Eleanor Stover reported that Finnegans and the Raymore-Peculiar High School had been site-screened. She also reported that the Raymore-Peculiar site had been selected for 2009.

State Festival Caller/Cuer for 2012: Dave Shafer reported that the committee had selected Tom Manning to be the featured caller for 2012 and recommended that the selection be approved. (No action was taken at this time, but would be brought up under "New Business.") The committee selected no cuer.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: J.W. England reported that Larry Liebig was this year's honored caller and thanked everyone for their submissions. He further encouraged more nominees to be submitted for 2009.

Square Dancer of the Year: Jan Anslinger congratulated Dave and Dee Shafer as the 2008 Square Dancers of the Year. She requested everyone to assist in next year's selection by submitting names for 2009.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Turner reported that the beginning balance as of August 1, 2008, was \$453.17. The income for August was \$17.00 and the expenses were \$16.00. The income for September was \$4.25 and the expenses were \$4.00, leaving a balance of \$454.42 as of September 30, 2008.

Member Services: No Report

Travel Missouri: Ed Schofield reported there are 191 dancers participating in this program. There were 1745 total dangles handed out, of which 54 are in the 1st set, 35 are in the 2nd set, 20 are in the 3rd set, 10 are in the 4th set, and 8 are in the 5th set. Distribution of dangles from each district and the Missouri Festival was as follows: Central District 247, Northeast District 193, Northwest District 186, St. Louis District 197, Southeast District 190, Southwest District 237, West Central District 225, and the Missouri Festival 230.

Blue Bird: Connie Hobbs reported the balance on hand as of August 17, 2008, was \$176.46 with income of \$43.00 for a total of \$219.46. A check was issued to the Missouri Federation for \$100.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$119.46 as of October 19, 2008.

Historian: Linda Collins asked for more pictures of dancers at club dances.

License Plate: J. W. England reported. The balance brought forward as of August 17, 2008, was \$21.20. September income was \$50.00, with September expenses of \$20.00, leaving a balance of \$51.20 on hand as of October 18, 2008.

USDA: Edythe Weber reported that applications for the USDA Youth Scholarship (\$1,000.00) are due before February 1, 2009. This is for seniors in high school and freshmen in college. Information is on the USDA web site at usda.org. Click on the youth tab. Edythe also reminded everyone to distribute the information about the discount prescription card, long-term care, and the on-line shopping mall.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reported. The dancer's travel website is receiving bookings almost on a daily basis. Thanks to those who are using it. For those who have not tried it yet, please check it out at www.arts-dancetravel.com.

New business during the June 29th meeting was the proposal to create an editable video that can be used by anyone to market square dancing. This project would be costly, but could be used nationwide. More details will be released as the investigation continues.

The first grant funds were approved for a New Jersey organization that holds a weekend education workshop for square dance leaders. The \$200 grant is given if you hold an education event and discuss ARTS and get more people involved and informed about the ARTS. We are seriously thinking about doing this for the 50th Missouri Federation Festival.

The Missouri Federation was thanked for its support of the ARTS, and it was reported that a check for \$37.00 was received today from the 2008 Festival from the add-a-buck program.

State Festival 2008: Annette Thornhill introduced Rodney Comstock, treasurer for the 2008 Festival. He reported that the silent auction had 44 items and income of \$1,315. Tee shirt sales were \$1,492. Pre-registration was \$5,125. At the door registrations were \$2,247 (518 to 520 dancers). Raffle tickets were \$1,142.78. Quilt raffle was \$444. Mr. Comstock reported a profit of \$6,600 at this time. The separation of the square and round dance halls, along with the discrepancies involving the charges by the Super 8 Motel were discussed.

State Festival 2009: Robert Bradford reported that we need to get more information from each preceding festival administrator to assist the present ones. The 2009 Festival will be in the Raymore-Peculiar High School Complex on the south side of Kansas City. He also encouraged people to get a written contract with lodging providers. Robert encouraged everyone to plan to come a day early and stay an extra day to visit the various attractions in the Kansas City area and read a list of places of interest. He reported the cost of the venue for the 2009 Festival is \$5,000.

Nominating committee for 2009 officers: Dave Shafer reported the slate of officers presented for 2009 is as follows: President—John and Eleanor Stover, Central District; 1st Vice President—Don and Joann Miller, Southwest District; 2nd Vice President—Tom and Pat Miller, Northwest District; 3rd Vice President—Larry and Jan Anslinger, West Central District; Secretary—Chuck and Linda Evans, St. Louis District; and Treasurer—Winnie Weitkamp/Darrell Gerster, West Central District. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the December meeting.

Ad Hoc Youth and Children Dance: No Report

District Presidents' Report: No Report

Unfinished Business

Vote on Proposed Constitution Change to Article IV: Eleanor Stover submitted in writing and presented the second reading of 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 entitled to one vote only. If a couple or individual fills more than one position they or he/she may have only one vote.

- A. All members of the board of directors must be members of a dues-paying club in the district which they represent.
- B. All past presidents who have come off the past presidents committee are not a part of the established Board of Directors quorum needed for conducting meetings, but their votes count during any balloting. They may attend meetings and retain their lifetime voting privileges at meetings of the Missouri Federation of Square n' 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 quorum.
- C. The names of all delegates and alternates must be recorded with the secretary by 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 shall be recorded with the secretary not later than three weeks before the next scheduled 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 the 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 that an office holder or director may also serve as a presidential appointee identified in Article VII, Committees.

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

The tabled motion from committee for the proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV Board of Directors from the August 17, 2008 meeting was brought to the floor for a vote. The motion was voted on in two parts, the first being Article IV, Section 1, Section 2, and Section 2. A and Section 2.B. The vote by a show of hands was 33 "yes" and 0 "no" recorded. The motion carried. The second part of the motion to be voted on was Article IV, Section 2.C and 2.D and Section 3 was brought up for a vote. The vote by a show of hands was 34 "yes" and "1" "no" recorded. The motion carried.

New Business

State Festival Callers and Cuers for 2012: Dave Shafer with motion from committee proposed that Tom Manning from Burlington, IA. be the featured caller for the 2012 State Festival at a cost of \$500 plus lodging for one night. The motion carried. A motion was made from the committee to contact in-state cuers for the 2012 State Festival. The motion carried.

Bob Turner appointed Tom Miller to chair a committee along with Jim Marron and Jim Weber to make recommendations on Federation badge and bar purchases.

Bob Turner announced the USDA dues of \$100 were due and would be paid today, October 19, 2008.

Barb Turner was asked to write a letter for the Federation to the Surgeon General, asking him to make a recommendation that square dancing is a healthy activity.

Calendar Of Events

The next state board meeting will be in the Northwest District on December 14, 2008, at the Health Services Pavilion in North Kansas City Hospital, Prairie View Room.

The St. Louis Area Benefit Dance will be held on Sunday (October 26th). There will be a silent auction and quilt raffle.

The Ozark Whirlers Benefit Dance will be November 1st to benefit the Ozark Whirlers. Bob Huff will be the caller.

Little Dixie Squares will hold the "Dallas Wheeler Memorial" scholarship dance to benefit new callers on November 1st.

RECOGNITION OF HOSTS: The Northeast District and 2008 Festival Committee were congratulated on a great festival and were thanked for hosting the event.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Mortensen. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck & Linda Evans
Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc., Secretary