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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. Warsaw, Missouri - August 23, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Eleanor Stover at 12 Noon at the Warsaw Community Building; 118 Harrison; Warsaw, MO; West Central District.

**Invocation:** Bettyrae Fluke  
**Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag:** Ed Schofield  
**Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag:** Bettyrae Fluke

**Roll Call:** Chuck Evans, 27 eligible votes present quorum achieved. Jr Williams and Dave Marti from the West Central District were designated as alternate delegates prior to meeting.

**Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests:** John and Eleanor Stover. Nusy Topuz exchange student from Germany and Phoebe Sage Southwest Roving Ambassador, and Dan and Jean Wheeler (web master) were present.

**Minutes of June 14, 2009 meeting:** Motion by Mark Mortensen to accept minutes. Seconded and carried

**Treasurer Report:** Winnie Weitkamp reporting. Beginning balance as of June 1, 2009 \$16,806.57. Deposits of \$1,104.58. Disbursements \$6,917.32. Closing balance \$10,993.83 as of July 31, 2009. Certificates of Deposit \$7,000.00. Filed subject to audit.

**Membership Report:** Winnie Weitkamp reporting. There are 96 clubs with 3,476 members. Longevity awards were given to Travelers 45 yrs., Central District and Hoedowners 60 yrs, St Louis District.

**Correspondence:** Eleanor Stover, the Levis and Laces, Central District will disband as of December 2009.

## **Committee Reports**

**Audit:** Mark Mortensen audited Insurance and was found to be in order. All other audits for 2009 are up to date. Mark suggested that Insurance be included at same time of audit in February. Tabled for New Business.

**Boundaries and Relations:** Don and Joann Miller. No report

### **Constitution and Bylaws: Tony and Carolyn Ahart reporting. Article IV Board of Directors**

#### Section 2

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.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE;

D. An office holder or director may also serve as a presidential appointee identified in Article VII, Committee

#### 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.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE:

#### Section 3.

A vacancy created on the board of directors by resignation shall be filled by the district affected by the vacancy.

#### Article V Officers and Their Duties Section 4

E. Officers of this federation shall be ineligible to serve as delegates from any member district during their term of office

#### Proposed Change:

Delete all of Part E

**Publication:** No one filling this position. No report.

## Doin's Report

**DOIN'S Editor:** Jim and Edythe Weber reporting. The September/October issues should be arriving in the mailbox next week. Please keep your club directory contact current. As your club gets their 2010 schedule made, please send it to us as soon as possible. Thanks to clubs purchasing ads for the festival program book, several clubs already have their 2010 schedule in!! Thanks to these 11 clubs: Tiger Squares, Tanglefoot Squares, Capital City, Duck 'n Dive, Ramblers, MoKan Squares, Santa Fe Trailers, Kountry Kuzins, Crosstrailers, Shooting Stars, Mountaineers.

**DOIN'S Circulation:** Carol Morris reporting. Report of August 23, 2009; for September/October, 2009, e-mail file with 654 labels sent to Dave Paige, Pittman Printing. Total subscriptions were 654 paid subscriptions were 621, free DOINS' 33. Renewals for the period of June 11, 2009 through August 10, 2009 were 35. New subscriptions (same date) were 7. Renewal post cards sent were 46 (renewals back on postcards) 30. Income/expense report, balance forward June 15, 2009, \$100.00, total income \$735.00. No expenses. Check to Federation \$735.00. Balance as August 23, 2009, \$100.00

**DOIN'S Advertising:** Dave Shafer, Edythe Weber reporting. Balance June 14, 2009 through August 23, 2009 \$100.00. Total income \$625.00; expenses of \$4.95; disbursements of \$520.05. Balance carried forward August 23, 2009 \$100.00 **Promotions:** Marty Altman reporting. Has not received "Let's Toot our Horn" since last meeting. Volunteers for committee are: John & Dorothy Robins, SE Dist, Poplar Bluff; Ron & Marie Selfors, C Dist, St Roberts; Sharon White, SW Dist, Greenfield. Received a request from Shirley Hood from Nevada for 20 MO. Square Dance pins. I sent them to her and she sent a check for \$12.00 (turned in to Federation treasurer). After giving 1,000 pins to Dave Shafer for the National Convention I have 300 pins left. Will seek bids for a reorder. Received a request for MO. Pledge of Allegiance cards; will take appropriate action and report back. Replaced "Let's Toot Our Horn" for George & Cleva Roth from Macon. Will order more pins and dangles. Recruiting Committee Report: Sent materials to the Promotion & Recruiting Committee on all sources including introductory letter with e-mail addresses. Also sent a "Recruiting Document" to Committee, which we met at 11:00am today to discuss what our future will be. Progress report to follow.

**Promotion & Recruiting:** Marty Altman reporting. Working on getting small Missouri pins and Missouri Pledge of Allegiance cards. A "Manual for Recruiting" was presented. The manual includes items that may be used and could be helpful in recruiting new dancers. The Committee is working on trying to hold a workshop at the Annual Festival Dance in October.

**State Festival Site Screening:** Joann Miller reporting. No report

**State Festival Caller & Cuers 2013:** JW England reporting. Eleven letters were sent and Tom Roper was the only one to respond positively. An e-mail was received from Tim Tyl stating family obligations. Also Gary Shoemake doesn't think we can pay him enough to come. Tony Oxendine has a date conflict for 2013. No response from Joe Saltel, Bobby Newman, Nassuar Shukayer, or Mike Sikorsky. Five letters were sent to cuers (Larry and Adrienne Nelson [had received e-mail stating they lost our letter, information resent], Pam and Tom Young), only one positive response was received from Jim and Georgianne Couey. A follow-up letter was also received from Patty Wheelington and will be considered for a later date.

**Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame:** Bob and Shirley Turner reporting. Selection has been made and will be announced at the Saturday night festival dance in October.

**Square Dancer of the Year:** Sharon White reporting. Selection has been made and will be announced at the Saturday night festival dance in October.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Dave Turner reporting. June 1, 2009 through July 1, 2009; Balance as of June 1, 2009 \$376.51; expenses \$16.90; balance as of July 31, 2009 \$376.81. Dave also announced any change of club dance location should be reported prior to a dance. This will give the club liability coverage.

**Travel Missouri:** Ed Schofield reporting. As of August 23, 2009 total dangles were 2,019; sets completed were 1 = 55; 2 = 39; 3 = 27; 4 = 20; 5 = 8; 6 = 3; 4 new members have been added.

**Blue Bird:** Connie Hobbs reporting. Material and braid available

**Historian:** Linda Collins reporting. The state dance festival books from 1998 forward are missing. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of these books, please contact Linda Collins.

**License Plate:** J.W. England reporting. Balance as of April 19, 2009 \$21.20; income for May/June/July/August to date \$650.00. Total rebates May/June/July/August to date \$240.00. Check to Federation \$400.00. Balance on hand August 23, 2009 \$31.20.

**USDA:** Jim and Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting was held in Long Beach, CA on June 24. Missouri had 4 votes. The after party was Saturday night, June 27, and was very well attended. Thanks to those Missouri dancers who came. The prescription discount card continues to be used by dancers and non-dancers. If you know of someone in transition, this card could help them, even if it is only one time. Please continue to use and distribute the card to those in need of assistance. We know there are many types of cards out there, but they can't use ours if they are not aware of it.

**ARTS:** Jim and Edythe Weber reporting. The new video/website project (You2candance.com) is making progress. The intended purpose of the project is to help increase awareness of square dancing to non-dancers, which in turn, we hope, will increase our numbers. A backgrounder is completed and is available to be printed. It can also be used as a tool in recruiting dancers with a "fill in" section for local information.

**2009 State Festival:** Bob and Paula Bradford; Edythe Weber reporting. Hotels are filling up and some are already full. As of August 9, 2009 registration was Central 20, Northeast 34, Northwest 56, St Louis 20, Southeast 2, Southwest 21, West Central 23, at the end of the meeting 193 were registered. Caller/Cuer coordinator is Al and Alberta Block. Postcards were sent to all callers inviting them to the appreciation breakfast Saturday morning. Adds for the festival book are extended to August 31, 2009 and request you encourage your clubs to put an add in the book. The cost of the book is included in two day registration, with one day registration the book will be \$5.00 additional. However, during the festival, the book will be \$10.00. Planned are sewing clinics and a seminar on "What is ARTS". A table will be provided each district to display history and activities to all clubs. The fashion show will be titled "Yellowrock Soda Shop". Club banners will not be hung for display, but clubs may display their banner during the grand march Saturday night. Silent Auction items should equal \$25.00 or more. Auction bidding will be Friday and Saturday night. Door prizes - all clubs are asked to donate door prizes of \$5.00 or more. Door prizes will be given to those who pre-register. Opening ceremonies will include Caller/Cuer of the Year, Dancer of the Year recipients and recognition of Past Presidents. DOIN's Dance will be Sunday morning, all donations accepted.

**Ad-Hoc Youth:** Sharon Crisel reporting. The youth committee received a \$500.00 grant from ARTS. The grant was written for the purpose of developing a curriculum guide for Missouri teachers to use for teaching square dance to MO students. For the fourth year, we will be presenting a (hands-on) session Friday November 13, 2009 at the 2009 MO Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD) held at Lake of the Ozarks.

**District President's Report:** Larry and Jan Anslinger, Ed Schofield reporting. 2009 Festival update and information will be passed down on the e-mail tree. Square Dancer of the Year was voted on and will be reported in October.

## Unfinished Business

President Eleanor Stover asked Tony Ahart to report on the 2009 National Convention, Long Beach, CA. All went well and the competition dance also went well. Eleanor reported less than 5,000 attended and only 30 were from Missouri. She also said Louisville (2010) has more than 3,000 already pre-registered. Constitution and By-laws revision. Motion by committee to accept, per committee report, (no second required) motion carried.

J.W. England reported on the 2010 Cuer, Bob Rash, will be released from contract due to family health problems. A contract has been sent to Judy and Hank Scherer.

Edythe Weber mentioned the scheduling of district dances up to 2015. The West Central District did not turn in dates. Northwest District doesn't have a dance for 2010. All dates and locations will be on the web site. We hope this will avoid double scheduling.

## New Business

Dan Wheeler will put any and all forms required for club/district functions on web site.

Motion by Mark Mortensen to have the insurance audit turned in at the same time as all other committees in February not August. This was tabled until the October meeting.

President Eleanor Stover and the Executive Committee will appoint a committee to review State Festivals guidelines. This will be announced at a later date.

## Calendar Of Events

Ed Schofield reported. Had a benefit dance 2008 with Heart of America and local clubs, and it was fun. The next benefit dance will be October 31, 2009, costumes optional at the Johnson County Fair Grounds with area callers. Recipients will be, again, the veteran's homes at Warrensburg and Cameron.

JW England; August 30, 2-5 RM. Centralia NEW Recreation Center, Larry Dudgeon and Mid-Missouri callers.

Chuck Evans, August 30, 1-5 RM. Hoedowners 60th Anniversary, Wood River, IL, Ron Betzleberger and Bo Semith callers, Bob Pyles Cuer.

Bob Turner, Sept 12 Tim Tyl will do his last dance in Missouri, Puxico High School.

Carolyn Ahart; announced she has a new round dance club, Twirl Arounds (round dance) beginner Sept 9 6:30 North view Center.

Jr Williams, September 5 Monty Hackler will call a 50th Anniversary dance for Jr and Dianne Williams at Warsaw Community Building.

Eleanor Stover; Eldon, Ozark Whirlers Luau dance Aug. 29 dinner 6 P.M. and dancing after, Bob Huff caller. Oct 3 the family of Millie Crabtree will sponsor a dance in her memory, dinner 6 P.M. and dance following. Bob Huff calling. Barb and Steve Skorupan will cue both dances.

**Recognition of Host:** West Central District, Jr and Dianne Williams, Ed and Sheryl Schofield, Ron and Laura Finch, Winnie Weitkamp and Darrell Gerster.

Motion was made by Pat Miller to adjourn. Seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

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