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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.

MINUTES FOR February 20, 2011 - Corrected

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Miller at 12:00 noon at the Eldon Fair Grounds, Eldon, MO.

Invocation: Pat Miller

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Eleanor Stover

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Bettyrae Fluke

Roll Call: Ron Selfors, 27 voting positions present, quorum achieved.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Tom Miller welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of December 12, 2010 meeting: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Nov 30, 2010 was \$20,570.87. Revenue received in Dec and Jan was \$10,625.55. Expenses paid were \$423.14. The checking account balance as of Jan 31, 2011 was \$30,492.68. In addition, there are two CD's totaling \$7,000. Total funds on hand equal \$37,492.68. The report was filed for audit.

Carl also reported that the 2010 audit book was ready to go to the audit committee.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 68 of 86 clubs on the rolls. 2010 ended with 3,049 club members. 2011 is expected to have 76 clubs with about 2,500 members. Clubs receiving longevity awards were Kirtsville County Cousins (Northeast District) – 50 years, Ramblers (Northwest District) – 50 years, Twilight Twirlers (Central District) – 35 years, Meramec Valley Promenaders (St. Louis District) – 35 years, and Maysville Wranglers (Northwest District) – 30 years.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence was received. A get-well card was signed at the meeting for Bob Welsh, and a sympathy card was signed for Dee Shafer (sister passed away).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No Report

Constitution and Bylaws: Eleanor Stover reporting. Eleanor led discussion of the proposed changes to Article XI of the standing rules concerning the state dance. Changes were presented and discussed at the Dec 12, 2010 meeting by the ad hoc state festival guidance committee. They were forwarded by the board to the constitution and bylaws committee for review and recommendations.

After discussion and amendments, Jim Weber moved that the changes to Article XI of the standing rules (attached) be adopted. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. There is a hidden logo (a donkey) in the DOIN's magazine. Those finding it should send in their name and address to be put in a drawing. The person chosen from the drawing will receive a \$10.00 Wal-Mart certificate. Rules for the contest are in the DOIN's. The purpose is to encourage readership of the DOIN's. 22 people responded to the first logo search.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Everything is going smoothly. She asked that reporters please keep their articles to 150 words or less and be on time. If you must be late, please call Edythe or Jim and explain the situation. Sometimes late items can be accepted.

DOIN'S Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. Financial report: Balance as of Dec 12, 2010, was \$100.00. Total income for Dec 12, 2010, to Feb 20, 2011, was \$2,339.00; total expenses were \$43.05. A disbursement was made to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs for \$2, 295.95. Balance as of Feb 20, 2011, was \$100.00. Connie Hobbs stated that \$535 were donated to the DOIN's from the Southwest District DOIN's Dance.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Dec 12, 2010, was \$100.00. From Dec 12, 2010 through Feb 20, 2011, total revenue was \$1,245.00, expenses were \$4.95, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,190.05. Balance as of Feb 20, 2011, was \$50.00. He asked everyone continue to sell jigsaw puzzles. Eighty-six puzzles have been sold, but this is not enough to order the puzzles. He discussed three options for the federation to consider. First option is to end sales effort and return money to those who have already bought puzzles. Second option is to have the Federation invest \$1,868.00 so that 350 puzzles can be purchased. This will make actual puzzles available for potential purchasers to see before they buy. This should encourage sales. The third option is to continue to pre-sell the puzzles.

Promotion & Recruiting: No Report.

State Festival Site Screening: No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Turner reporting. Balance as of Dec 1, 2010, was \$48.65. Income from Dec 1, 2010, through Jan 31, 2011, was \$5,709.88. Expenses were \$5,621.99. Balance as of Jan 31, 2011, was \$231.20. Fifty six insurance packets were mailed to clubs in October of which 40 have been received. Dave stated that he had received a letter from USDA that stated that clubs were going directly to the insurance company with questions. This is not the proper procedure. All questions should come to Dave. It was also pointed out that the USDA website (www.usda.org) has frequently asked questions listed under the programs/dancers insurance program tabs. Dancers and clubs should consult this list first.

Member Services: No report.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Feb 18, 2011, 202 dancers have received 2,134 sets. Eight dancers have their eighth set.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No Report

Historian: No Report.

License Plate: No Report

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. There is a new discount prescription drug plan. If you used the old Pharmalink card you need to get a new card by going to www.usda.org and clicking on programs, then

discount scrip cards. Follow the link to print new cards. You can also find the cost of your medications by entering your zip code and name of the medication.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. All Missouri clubs are now listed on www.you2candance.com. Clubs are listed by town. Please check this information to make sure it's correct. Jim Weber is the contact person to make changes in club listings or send email to info@you2candance.com. If you are a caller, please check your listing to make sure it is correct. It is listed by the town you live in, with your name, phone, email, and website if you have one. Caller changes should be sent to info@you2candance.com.

The Federation received a check for \$200.00 from ARTS for conducting an ARTS educational seminar during the state festival in 2010.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. There are some square dance curriculum guides and DVD's left if any teachers need them. Please call Sharon.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Eleanor Stover reporting. Larry and Jan Anslinger will chair the square dancers of the year committee.

2011 State Festival Committee: Bob Turner reporting. The festival will be hosted by the Southeast District. It will be held on Oct 21, 22 and 23 in Poplar Bluff at the Black River Coliseum. The caller will be Lottie Ainsworth; and the cuer, Jim Couey. The colors are gold, purple and green. There are currently 130 dancers registered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave Shafer (Bid Chairman) reported on the 2015 National Convention bid. The preparation of the bid is progressing well. The National Executive Committee (NEC) advisors were here in January. We visited with all of the downtown hotel managers and toured all of the hotels. There are more than 2,000 rooms and over 40 restaurants within 3 blocks of the convention center. We also took a tour of the city and met with representatives from the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association (KCCVA). We did a second walk-thru of the convention center. There is ample room for the convention, all within easy walking distance. We have blocked rooms in five motels in the Independence, MO area for those seeking cheaper rates than offered by the downtown hotels. We are looking at two sites for RV camping. Both would have electricity but no water/sewage hookups. As it stands, we should receive use of the convention center at no cost. Costs associated with conducting the convention is covered by registration fees, hotel/motel usage and RV space rental fees. In other words, reimbursement for all of the costs is built into all of the fees, rentals, meals and other things we sponsor.

We will meet again with our NEC advisors and Convention Bureau personnel to complete the bid package. It will be signed by our federation officers (both our federation and Heartland of America), the bid chairman, and the KCCVA. If the bid is approved by the NEC, the bid package becomes a binding contract that entitles us to host a national convention. It allows us to use the registered name "National Square Dance Convention". It also recognizes that the NEC is not financially liable for any costs or losses associated with the convention. Both federations are legally bound to honor this contract. It also provides complementary rooms for the NEC members, the General Chairman and the seven committee chairmen.

A question was asked about why the last state convention was so profitable compared to other past festivals. Phyllis Brockhaus stated that the printing cost and hall costs were very low.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Miller asked board members to assist him in identifying four members for the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. The chairmen are Don and Joann Miller. After the poll, Tom Miller appointed the following to be committee members: John and Eleanor Stover, Carl and Cindy Boone, Larry and Sharon Crisel, and Ray and Vicki Wittman.

Bob Turner, State Festival Committee, made the following motions to the board concerning the next state festival:

Keep ad rates the same. Adopted.

Keep vendor prices the same. Adopted.

Allow competition dancing. Adopted.

Form a competition committee to develop guidelines by April meeting for the competition. Adopted. Tom Miller appointed Vicki Wittman and Jim Weber to the committee.

Facility is available on Thursday night for a dance. Allow a festival dance Thursday night if festival committee wants to do one. Tabled until April meeting.

Dave Shafer, Publications Committee, moved that the Federation loan \$1,868.00 to the DOIN's to purchase puzzles. Adopted.

Carl Boone proposed a federation budget for 2011.

Dave Shafer made a motion that \$20,000 be invested in multiple CDs. Motion was adopted.

Bob Turner made a motion to accept the budget. Motion was adopted.

The need to add a webmaster as a member of the board of directors was discussed. Dave Shafer made a motion to refer the need to the constitution and bylaws committee for review and recommendations. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Dan Wheeler stated that there is now an email list server available on the federation website (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com) listing all board members and others. Select Directories and then Email Addresses. Everyone should review their names and addresses to make sure they are correct.

Tom Miller presented Don and Joann Miller with a plaque and gavel from the board to commemorate their term as presidents.

Tom Miller recognized the Central District hosts.

The next meeting will be held at noon Sunday, April 17, 2011, at the Moberly Technical Center, 1623 Gratz Brown Road, Moberly, MO.

The meeting was adjourned 3:30 PM.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary

1 attachment: Changes to Standing Rules