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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

MINUTES FOR April 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Miller at 12:02 pm at the Moberly Technical Center, Moberly, MO.

Invocation: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Loretta Marron

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Loretta Marron

Roll Call: Ron Selfors, 28 voting positions present, full quorum achieved.

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

Minutes of February 20, 2011 meeting: Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Jan 1, 2011 was \$30,472.68. Revenue received in Jan, Feb and Mar was \$4,551.09. Expenses paid were \$24,724.29. Expenses included transferring \$20,000.00 to two CDs. The checking account balance as of Mar 31, 2011 was \$10,299.48. In addition, there are two older CD's totaling \$7,000 and the two new CDs totaling \$20,000. Total funds on hand equal \$37,299.48. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 75 of 86 clubs on the rolls. 2,709 members are reported.

Clubs receiving longevity awards were Duck-N-Dive (Central District) – 55 years, Swingin' Singles (Northwest District) – 45 years, and Tanglefoot Squares (Northeast District) – 35 years.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence was received. A get-well card was signed at the meeting for Dave Turner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report

Constitution and Bylaws: Sharon White reporting. Sharon provided the first reading of a proposed change to Article IV of the Constitution and By-Laws concerning addition of the webmaster as a voting member of the federation board of directors. The proposed change (add) is underlined:

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, webmaster, 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 new edition of the Standing Rules, dated February 2011, was distributed to all board members.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. The winner of the Mar/Apr DOIN's logo contest was David Phillips, Lebanon, member of the Travelers, St. Robert.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. The procedure by which student free copies are provided is changing. The club with student dancers needs to call Carol Morris and let her know how many copies are needed. She will mail the copies to the club president along with a letter to each student asking them to subscribe. Final procedure revision will be sent to district presidents and federation officers.

Everything is going smoothly. She asked that reporters please keep their articles to 150 words or less and be on time. Try to discuss future, not past dances. 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 Feb 20, 2011, was \$100.00. Total income for Feb 20, to Apr 17, 2011, was \$1,125.00; total expenses were \$69.10. A disbursement was made to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs for \$1,055.90. Balance as of Apr 17, 2011, was \$100.00. Carol asked that everyone please help to get circulation numbers up.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Feb 20, 2011, was \$50.00. From Feb 20 through Apr 17, 2011, total revenue was \$4,079.00, expenses were \$3,169.78, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$809.22. Balance as of Apr 17, 2011, was \$100.00. 350 puzzles have been ordered. 92 have been sold as of Apr 17.

Promotion & Recruiting: Marty Altman reporting. 32 clubs participated in Toot-Our-Horn in 2010. Nine clubs received badge or danglers (as compared to 16 clubs in 2009 and 19 clubs in 2008).

The committee intends to hold another recruiting workshop at the state festival.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Barb Turner reporting. Dave had a knee replaced last week and is doing fine. Next meeting he will provide a double report. Please ask your clubs to read the instructions when filling out the insurance forms. Two out of three requests require Dave to go back to the clubs to get missing information or to even get forms signed that should have been signed before they were sent.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. There is a new state meeting page on the federation website (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com). There is a link (red tab on left side of homepage) to Tony Oxendine's Japan Disaster Relief page. There are also forms to order the booster ribbons for the 2015 National Square Dance Convention bid and the 2010 state puzzle. There is a HASSDA and HOA listing of dates to avoid. Dan is also ready to provide on-line space to districts for their handbooks and forms. Just contact him (Webmaster@SquareDanceMissouri.com).

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Apr 17, 2011, 1,034 dancers have received 2,217 sets. Eight dancers have their eighth set. Income this period was \$26.00.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report

Historian: No report.

License Plate: JW England reporting. For 2010, the beginning balance was \$141.20, the income was \$775.00, the expenses were \$340.00 the funds forwarded to the Federation was \$450.00, and the ending balance was \$126.20. 18 members renewed their license plates. JW feels the program is worth continuing. It provides a small income for the federation, and those who have the plates enjoy them.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Jim Weber reporting. There is a new discount prescription drug plan. If you used the old Pharmedlink 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. More information is available in the Jan/Feb 2011 issue of the DOINs.

The annual USDA meeting will be held on Wednesday at the National Square Dance Convention.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Jim 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.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. The Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD) has given the federation's youth and children dance committee an excellent evaluation for their 2010 program for teachers. They have been invited back to provide a 2011 program in November.

One application has been received from Missouri for the USDA Youth Scholarship. The student is Nick Harp from Puxico Country Squares. The USDA website (www.usda.org) has forms and requirements. Submission deadline is Feb 1.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. The presidents discussed actions being taken to help with the Japan earthquake disaster recovery. Southwest District had a silent auction which raised \$300. Northwest District will be collecting funds at club and district dances. They are challenging other districts and clubs to do the same.

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. Packets were passed out for each club and district.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Joann Miller reporting. Forms were passed out and need to be return by Aug 1, 2011. Forms are also available on the federation website (www.squaredancemissouri.com).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2015 National Convention Bid. Dave Shafer (Bid Chairman) reported on the 2015 Kansas City National Convention bid. He stated:

The completed bid books were delivered to the NEC members on Mar 16.

Carl and Cindy Boone, and Dee and I attended the Pre-Convention for the National Square Dance Convention in Spokane, Washington, Mar 22 - 26, 2011. On Thursday morning, we were given a complete tour of the Spokane Convention Center. This included a breakdown of how each room or area is to be used. Thursday afternoon, I attended the Legal Breakout session and the Computer Coordinator Breakout session, while Dee attended the Secretary Breakout session. On Friday morning, we enjoyed a half-day city tour. Friday afternoon was reserved for NEC meetings with the 62 and 63 NSDC committees. These were closed sessions. On Saturday, we attended the general session of the NEC. Dee and I attended the Program Breakout session, and the Services Breakout sessions. Carl and Cindy attended the Business Breakout session and the Registration and Housing Breakout session. During the four luncheons and dinners we attended, Karen Flaher introduced us to each of the NEC members so they could see us and get to know us a little. I think this went well for all four of us. The Saturday evening dance was a success with nearly 900 dancers in attendance. We came back with lots of notes, handouts and materials that will assist us and our committees once we receive the bid.

On April 8th about twenty dancers and caller, Al Block, met with Becky Addleman from the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association to video tape dancers dancing in several locations in and around the convention center. I understand that this went really well. That evening, Dee and I met Becky at the Lottawana Sailors dance in Blue Ridge to video tape the dance. Several clubs had made a point to support the video taping and filled the hall almost to capacity. Becky got some really good footage of the dance from both above and on the floor.

At this time, we are putting together our presentation for the bid session in Detroit. The bid session will be Friday at 9am at the Detroit National Square Dance Convention. All are encouraged to be there.

2010 State Festival ARTS Contribution. Carolyn McKeone stated that \$80.00 was collected at the 2010 State Festival for contribution to the Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS). The funds have not been passed to them. Marty Altman made a motion that the funds be forwarded to the ARTS. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Competition Dancing. Vicki Wittman stated that she had found the 59th National Square Dance Convention rules for competition dancing, approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC) and passed them to Bob Turner, Chair for the 2011 State Festival.

Travel Missouri. Jim Marron moved that the Travel Missouri gold bars be changed so that there is a TM+5 bar and a TM+10 bar to designate five and ten year participation. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Square Dance-Off Event. Jim Weber made a motion that the Federation (1) establish an annual Marvin Fluke Memorial Square Dance-Off Event at the state festival, (2) accept Bettyrae Fluke's offer to donate funds for prizes to be given at the event, and (3) designate the prize as a badge bar given to each member of the last square standing. The motion was seconded and adopted.

2011 State Festival Trail-In Dance. Bob Turner moved that a Trail-In Dance be held on Thursday before the festival. Motion was adopted.

Bob Turner moved that donations collected at the Trail-In Dance be donated to St Jude's Children's Hospital. Motion was adopted.

New Business

2012 State Festival. Joann Miller requested that Southwest District be given its \$2,500 in start-up funds. She stated that the colors will be teal and burgundy, and the theme will be Cruising Square and Round Dancing, a 50s/60s theme. The festival will be held at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. The fee will be \$25 for the whole festival; \$10, for Friday night only; and \$20, for Saturday only. The DOINs dance on Sunday will be free, donation accepted.

Bob Turner made a motion to give the start-up funds to Southwest District. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The 2012 State Festival Committee moved that:

The District be allowed to have a large screen television as the raffle grand prize with cash second and third prizes. The motion was adopted.

The District be allowed to have 50/50 pots on both Friday and Saturday nights. The motion was adopted.

USDA Annual Meeting. Tom Miller asked for volunteers to be Missouri delegates to the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) annual meeting on Wednesday during the National Square Dance Convention week. The delegates will be Bill and Carol Morris, Tom and Pat Miller, Larry and Sharon Crisel, and Ron and Marie Selfors. The alternates will be Don and Joann Miller.

Showcase of Ideas. The federation will pay the registration fee for one couple that transports the Showcase of Ideas to Detroit. Tom Miller appointed Dave and Dee Shafer to transport the Missouri exhibit.

USDA Secretary Position. Jim Weber stated that the USDA would like to have Edythe and him nominated as secretary of the USDA. Dave Shafer made a motion to nominate Jim and Edythe Weber as secretary of the USDA board of directors. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Close

Tom Miller recognized the Northeast District hosts.

The next meeting will be hosted by West Central District and held at noon, Sunday, Jun 12, 2011, at the Little Blue Barn, 8245 Noland Road, Kansas City, MO.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary