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

MINUTES FOR August 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Miller at 11:54 am at the Community Center, Shell Knob, MO.

Invocation: Pat Miller

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Bob Turner

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Roll Call: Ron Selfors, 24 voting positions present, full quorum achieved.

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

Minutes of June 12, 2011 meeting: The minutes were corrected to state that Jim and Loretta Marron, and Dan and Jean Wheeler are appointed as co-historians. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Jun 1, 2011 was \$4,968.72. Revenue received in Jun and Jul was \$5,689.32, including the cashing of a CD.. Expenses paid were \$2,330.47. The checking account balance as of Jul 31, 2011 was \$8,327.57. In addition, there are three CD's totaling \$22,000. Total funds on hand are \$30,327.57. 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. This reflects no change from last two reports.

Longevity awards went to six clubs:

The Aurora Grand Squares (SW District) received a 35 year longevity award.

The Ladies Mainstream (StL District) received a 30 year longevity award.

The Santa Fe Trailers (NW District) received a 45 year longevity award.

The Capital City Squares (NE District) received a 40 year longevity award.

The Spinnin' Wheels (WC District) received a 40 year longevity award.

The Merry Rounders (Gen District) received a 30 year longevity award.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. None received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report

Constitution and Bylaws: Eleanor Stover reporting. Eleanor provided new copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. She asked that each club purchase one or more puzzles.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. With lessons on-going, please do not forget the new procedures for receiving the DOIN's for new graduates. The procedures were printed in the Jul/Aug issue and are available on the website.

Several critical items are due to DOIN's by 25 Nov. They include full 2012 dance schedules, and location listings if changed since Jan 11. Forms are available on the website or may be requested by email from Jim and Edythe.

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 to be included.

DOIN's Advertising: Jim Weber reporting. Balance as of Jun 12, 2011, was \$100.00. From Jun 12 through Aug 21, 2011, total revenue was \$1,173.00, expenses were \$34.95, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,138.05. Balance as of Aug 21, 2011, was \$100.00.

Christmas ads need to go into next issue of DOIN's. This is an easy way to send Christmas cards to all your dancing friends. Deadline is Nov 25.

As of Aug 20, 2011, 126 of 372 puzzles have been sold, and total income is \$1,890.00. Another \$1,832.55 in sales (123 puzzles) is needed to break even. Profit projection for selling all is \$1,841.

Promotion & Recruiting: No report.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Dave Turner reporting. The beginning balance on Jun 1, 2011, was \$222.99. For the two months, total income was \$130.50, and total expenses were \$137.71. The ending balance on Jul 31, 2011 was \$215.78.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. All E-Mail addresses in the E-Mail directory have been converted to a style that seems to be less attractive to spammers. If you have been receiving spam that originated from a page on any of the Missouri web sites it should stop, or be drastically reduced, now. This change has stopped all of mine.

Please remind your clubs to check their club web page to make sure everything there is the way they want it. If anyone doesn't know how to locate their club page, use this procedure:

1. Open www.SquareDanceMissouri.com
2. On the map, click on your district

3. Scroll down to your club name and click on it. (St. Louis Metro skip this step and go to step 4).
4. St. Louis, click on "Directories" on the left.
5. Click on "St. Louis Metro (& District) Clubs"
6. Scroll down to your club name and click on it.

If your clubs would like their 2012 schedules included on their club web page, now is a good time to send it to me.

If your club has a special dance coming up, and you have a flier for it, please send me a copy of the flier.

Federation letterhead stationary has been added to the "Forms" section. There are copies there for both MS Word and Works. If anyone needs it in any other format, please let me know.

The letterhead copy I have is a little fuzzy (although I haven't seen anything better lately). If anyone has a real sharp copy, please send it to me.

There is also a letterhead stationary there of Northwest District. If any other district has letterhead stationary, send it to me and I will add it to the forms section.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Aug 19, 2011, 1,051 dancers have received 2,274 sets. 22 dancers have their eighth set. Total income this year is \$86.00.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report

Historian: No report

License Plate: No report

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. The annual USDA meeting was held on Wednesday at the National Square Dance Convention. This was the 30th anniversary of USDA. Pat Miller reported that it was a good meeting.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. Please continue to use You2CanDance.com website in your marketing and advertising. Make sure your club, caller and cuer information is accurate.

Next meeting of the ARTS will be held at the 62d National Square Dance Pre-Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, on Mar 3, 2012. This will be an all-day meeting.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon White reporting. The Youth Committee will present a workshop on You2CanDance on Friday, Nov 11, 2011, at the Lake of the Ozarks MOAHPERD Conference. MOAHPERD is the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Start encouraging your youth dancers to apply for the USDA Youth Scholarship during their senior year or first year in college.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Connie Hobbs reporting. The committee has made their selection for the Square Dancers of the Year, to be announced at the State Festival.

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.

Registration as of today is 214.

The banner march will be on Friday night. Bring your club and district banners. Only club/district representatives will march, not everyone. This is also Blue Bird night.

There will be a pre-festival dance on Thursday night at the Coliseum.

There are 14 free hook-ups for campers on-site. Call Bob for details.

We will need competition dance volunteers. There will be a table at the festival to sign up.

2012 State Festival Committee: Joann Miller reporting. The 2012 Festival will be held in Lebanon, MO at the Cowan Center. The theme is "Crusin', Square and Round Dancing". The colors are Burgundy and Teal. Tom Manning will be the featured caller.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Joann Miller reporting. Selection has been made to be announced at the Festival.

Square Dancers of the Year: Connie Hobbs reporting. Selection has been made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2015 National Convention Bid. Tom Miller read Dave Shafer's (Bid Chairman) report on the 2015 Kansas City National Convention bid. Dave reported:

To start Dee and I want to thank all of those people who served on the bid committee and thank them for the tremendous work they did. I also want to thank all of those dancers and non-dancers who participated in the attempt to bring the National Square Dance Convention to Kansas City, Missouri. Each and every one of them did an outstanding job in every way. Each of them should be very proud of the hard work they put into this bid proposal. I also want to thank every dancer in the Missouri Federation of Square n Round Dance Clubs and the Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs for the tremendous support they provided. I also thank our NEC Advisors, Karen Fleher, and Lee and Barbi Ashwill for their tremendous support, leadership, and the very valuable advice they provided. We could not have put this bid package together without the tremendous support of Becky Addleman of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association. She and the other KCCVA employees who supported our efforts deserve a big thank you from all of us.

The bid committee met on Thursday evening for a rehearsal of the bid proposal that would be presented to the National Square Dance Convention Executive Committee on Friday morning. After the rehearsal, we went downstairs in the hotel to shorten the presentation so it would be under 20 minutes. On Thursday evening, we attended a social with the NEC for the purpose of a coin flip to see which state would present their bid first or second. Massachusetts lost the flip, and we chose to present our bid following Massachusetts. On Friday morning Massachusetts and Missouri presented their bid presentations. Most of the attendees seemed to be rooting for Missouri.

In the afternoon we attended the closed session of the bidding process, answering many questions presented by the NEC members. Most of the questions concerned the convention center.

On Saturday evening, during the closing ceremonies, the bid winner, Springfield, Massachusetts was announced. According to our NEC advisors, only three votes kept us from getting the bid.

This has been a wonderful and very busy experience, and I thank the Missouri Federation and the Heart of America Federation for having confidence in us by electing Dee and me to be the Bid Chairman.

While we did not receive the bid, I feel that Missouri is ready to host another National Convention. The support across Missouri, and from Kansas, Iowa, Texas and several other states was tremendous. While the Kansas City Convention Center is not available in 2016, it may be available in 2017. We won't know until sometime in 2012 if it is. If it is, I would propose that we consider bidding for 2017. This is for future discussion.

In the process of selling booster ribbons, after expenses were paid, there is a balance of \$676. Sometime in September, the bid committee will get together for a luncheon or dinner, We intend to invite Becky, Denise and Matt (KCCVA) to attend this get4ogether, and we will pay for their meals and drink from this fund. The balance of the fund will be divided between the two sponsoring federations. We will present our half of the fund to the Missouri Federation at the October Federation meeting.

2010 Audit. Bill Morris reported that he and Connie Hobbs audited the 2010 Federation records and found them to indicate good and proper accounting.

New Business

2011 Festival. Bob Turner reported that more callers were needed for the Festival. Please ask your callers to participate.

USDA Scholarship. Nick Harp, SE District, applied for the USDA scholarship this year and did not get it through no fault of his own. The Youth Committee chair will prepare a letter to go through the Federation President to the USDA requesting that a second scholarship be awarded.

The Webers. Jim and Edythe thanked their fellow square dancers for the great outpouring of love and support they received during their recent bereavement.

Close

Tom Miller recognized the Southwest District hosts.

The next meeting will be hosted by Southeast District and held Sunday, Oct 23, 2011, at 12 noon, at the Black River Coliseum, Poplar Bluff, MO, the site of the 2011 State Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary