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

MINUTES FOR February 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Ahart at 12:00 noon at the Catholic School Basement, 210 West John Street, Brookfield, MO.

Agenda Change: Two topics were added: The 2013 State Festival and the 2016/2017 National Square Dance Conventions.

Invocation: George Roth

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Jan Anslinger

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Jan Anslinger

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

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Tony Ahart welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of Dec 11, 2011 meeting: The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Dec 1, 2011 was \$7,323.09. Revenue received in Dec and Jan was \$13,955.55. Expenses paid were \$2,743.64. The checking account balance as of Jan 31, 2012 was \$20,988.64. In addition, there are three CD's totaling \$22,000. Total funds on hand are \$42,988.64. Major portion of the revenue increases was from the 2011 State Festival. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 71 of 76 clubs on the rolls. 2,344 members are reported.

Longevity award went to three clubs:

- Hi-Hashers (SW District) will receive a 30 year longevity award in March.
- Missouri Promenaders (SL District) will receive a 30 year longevity award in April.
- Mo-Kan Squares (SW District) will receive a 30 year longevity award in May.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. A card will be sent to the family of Ed Raney, a longtime caller from Rolla, MO, who has been battling cancer and has passed away. We received a letter of appreciation from Vi Tennant's family. We will send a card to Earl Bates who is in the hospital battling pneumonia.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. Subscriptions are down. Please remind club members to renew their subscriptions and make sure new dancers have opportunity to sign up.

DOIN's Editor: No report.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. For the Mar-Apr issue, 530 magazines were printed, of which 482 are paid subscriptions. Balance as of Dec 11, 2011, was \$100.00. From Dec 11, 2011, through Feb 19, 2012, total revenue was \$2,864.50, expenses were none, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$2,864.50. Balance as of Feb 19, 2012, was \$100.00. Denise Jenkins, SW District President, announced that the recent Springfield DOIN's dance brought in \$1,087.50.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Dec 11, 2011, was \$100.00. From Dec 11, 2011 through Feb 19, 2012, total revenue was \$1,196.00, expenses were \$49.15, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,046.85. Balance as of Feb 19, 2012, was \$100.00.

Another 6 puzzles (\$95) were sold since the last report. 96 more puzzles need to be sold to reach the break even point. If all remaining 219 puzzles are sold, a projected profit of \$1,841 will be realized.

Promotion & Recruiting: No report.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. All forms on the website have been reorganized to make them more accessible. All of the forms can now be filled out on-line before you print them.

Please make sure your dance location directions are up-to-date and understandable. Club points of contact need to have email addresses. If you are concerned about receiving spam, please contact webmaster who can provide a proxy email address for you.

Send your 2012 district handbooks to the webmaster – prefer electronically. He will put on website.

There is a new mapping system that is easier to use.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Feb 17, 2012, 1,067 dancers have received 2,345 sets. 28 dancers have their eighth set, and 23 dancers are beginning their ninth set. Total income this year is \$144.29.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. There is now a general history of Missouri square dancing on the website. It covers the period from 1958 to 2011. He has started the 2012 history. Please review. If you have corrections or material to add, please contact the historian.

Historian is also looking for district and club history. Please contact him if you have materials to share. Some Heart of America clubs are already on website. You may want to look at these to get idea of what can be included. There are currently 12,000 pictures on the site. Tom Roper has 300 YouTube videos. Also interested in clubs that are no longer active.

License Plate: JW England reporting. Balance as of Dec 11, 2011, was \$111.20. From Dec 11, 2011 through Feb 19, 2012, total revenue was \$125.00, expenses were \$69.95, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was none. Balance as of Feb 19, 2012, was \$166.25.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): No report.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting of the ARTS will be held at the Oklahoma Pre-Convention on Mar 4, 2012. Edythe will be nominated as treasurer.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Marilyn Graham reporting. The committee revised the meeting calendar for the federation. St. Louis and Central have traded months. Revised meeting dates and districts responsible are:

- Feb 19 Northeast
- Apr 15 Central
- Jun 10 West Central
- Aug 19 St. Louis
- Oct 21 Southwest
- Dec 9 Northwest

Jim and Edythe Weber elected to lead the Square Dancers of the Year Committee.

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

Two types of raffle tickets will be sold. The white ones will be for 50-50 cash drawing. The colored ones will be for two prizes - a 46" flat screen television set and a water fountain.

SW District moved that the program commercial ad prices change. Full page ad will go from \$70 to \$65. Half page ad will remain at \$40. Business card size ad will go from \$15 to \$20. Motion was approved.

2015 State Caller/Cuer. Tony Ahart reporting. The 2015 Festival Committee has selected Mike Hogan as the State Caller.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Jim Weber commented that the five-year recognition program for callers/cuers seems to be inactive. Tony Ahart said that he would ask the Caller/Curer Hall of Fame Committee to address this issue.

Tom and Pat Miller, as immediate past president, are chairman of the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Committee. Tony Ahart directed them to develop a nomination slate for committee members to be considered at next meeting and prepare a ballot.

State Fair Dance. Billie Jean Butler (WC District) asked that the Federation and its clubs support their demonstration dance at the Missouri State Fair (Aug 9-19). Details to follow.

Jim Weber proposed that the DOIN's support with a full page ad at no charge to the district. Motion was seconded and approved.

2012 Budget. Carl Boone reporting. Carl presented a proposed 2012 budget for the Federation. The budget projects \$20,400 in revenue and \$20,430 in expenses. Motion was seconded and approved.

2011 State Festival Committee: Bob Turner reporting. The festival attracted 466 dancers. Profit for the federation from the festival was \$9,192.78.

Bob proposed that, beginning with the 2011 Festival, that the sponsoring district receive 10% of the net profits from the festival. If adopted, the policy will be effective for one full cycle of the festival (all seven districts). The policy will encourage districts to maximize income and reduce expenses. Jim Weber made a motion to table the proposal until the next meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

Past President Recognition. Tony Ahart presented a gavel and plaque to Tom and Pat Miller for their outstanding performance as President last year. They were also presented with their life-time membership card.

USDA Nomination. Jim Weber asked that the Federation nominate Jim and Edythe Weber as Plains Region Vice President for USDA. Dave Shafer made the motion, and it was seconded and approved. A letter will be sent to the USDA.

2013 State Festival. Tony Ahart discussed the 2013 festival and the motion that was approved at the last Federation meeting. At the last meeting the location for the 2013 festival was discussed. Two locations were identified: Sedalia State Fair Grounds, and the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center in Independence. Jim Weber made a motion for the Federation to not approve Sedalia as the site for the 2013 State festival. Marilyn Graham proposed an amendment to the motion to add that the Federation gives the District permission to reserve the Hilton Garden for the second weekend in October if the District so desires. The amendment was seconded and passed. The amended motion was approved.

Since that time it has become apparent that Sedalia would be the best festival location. Tony asked for a motion to rescind the motion approved at the last meeting. Jim Weber made the motion, and it was seconded and approved.

Club Move to Another District. Edythe Weber, NW District, asked that Federation approve the move of Silver Dollar Squares from WC District to NW District. Larry and Jan Anslinger, WC District, concurred. Dave Shafer made the motion. It was seconded and approved.

National Square Dance Convention Bid: Dave Shafer reporting. Dave stated that the Federation may be interested in bidding for future national conventions.

A bid for 2016 would use St. Louis as the convention location. We would be competing against Amarillo, TX, and maybe Des Moines IA. Bid package would need to be in by Mar 22, 2012.

Kansas City may be available to support a 2017 bid. We may be up against South Carolina. Intent to bid would be made at the Spokane convention this summer. We would make the bid without Heart of America.

Jim Weber moved that the Federation announce our intent at Spokane to pursue the 2017 convention and that a bid committee be appointed at a later date. Motion was seconded and approved.

Future Festival Contracts. Tony Ahart will refer to the Constitution Committee the need for better procedures to review and approve future festival contracts.

Close

Tony Ahart recognized the Northeast District hosts and the Tanglefoot Squares that provided a great dance the night before and the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by Central District and held Sunday, Apr 15, 2012, at 12 noon, at the St. Robert Community Center, St. Robert, MO.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary