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

MINUTES FOR October 21, 2012

President Tony Ahart called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm at the Cowan Center in Lebanon, Missouri.

Agenda Change: There were no agenda changes.

Invocation: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Vicki Wittman

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Roll Call: Ron Selfors: 37 voting positions present, full quorum achieved. 27 directors were present.

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

Minutes of Aug 19, 2012 meeting: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Aug 1, 2012 was \$10,083.08. Revenue received in Aug and Sep was \$1,178.27. Expenses paid were \$160.00. The checking account balance as of Sep 30, 2012 was \$11,101.35. There are four CD's totaling \$32,062.42. Total funds on hand are \$41,163.77. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 74 of 79 clubs on the rolls. 2,651 members are reported.

Longevity awards were presented to districts for: St. Peter Squares (SL), 50 years; Shooting Stars (NW), 35 years, and Country Squares (SL), 45 years. Clubs will have anniversaries in Sep, Oct and Nov respectively.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence was received or generated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Publications: Sharon White reporting. The DOINs Dance was a great success. Great callers and many dancers.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. When sending in DOINs articles, please put club or district name in subject line.

Clubs must pay dues to the Federation by Dec 1 or they will not have their articles or listings in Jan/Feb edition of the DOINs.

Next publication deadline is Nov 25. Please be on time or early.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. Balance as of Aug 20, 2012, was \$100.00. From Aug 20 through Oct 21, 2012, total revenue was \$545.00, expenses were \$16.00, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$529.00. Balance as of Oct 21, 2012, was \$100.00. For the Nov/Dec 2012 issue, there are 437 paid subscriptions.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Aug 19, 2012, was \$100.00. From Aug 19 through Oct 21, 2012, total revenue was \$738.00, expenses were \$5.15, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$632.85. Balance as of Oct 21, 2012, was \$100.00.

Another 5 puzzles were sold since the last report. 81 more puzzles need to be sold to reach the break-even point. If all remaining 202 puzzles are sold, a projected profit of \$1,841 will be realized.

Promotion & Recruiting: Marty Altman reporting. Marty discussed updating the "TOOT YOUR HORN" program. He presented a draft of the program guidance for discussion. After discussion, he stated he will send out new version and ask for final comments/concurrence.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Balance as of Aug 19, 2012, was \$158.80. For the period Aug 19 through Oct 18, 2012, program income was \$9.00, and the program expenses were \$118.20. The end balance is \$49.60. 43 clubs are insured through the Federation; and 13 clubs, through the Heart of America. 1,587 dancers are insured through the Federation. Jim can be reached at moinsurance@kc.rr.com or 816-781-3598.

Information and forms are available on the state website (www.Forms.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

Square Dancer of the Year: Jim Weber reporting. The district presidents selected Dan and Jean Wheeler for 2012.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

Old Website. I was recently told of someone who did a search for Square Dancing in Missouri and found an old Google website dated Nov 2000. This website was put up by a former member. It has the Missouri Federation letterhead at the top. He copied my web pages at the time and left my name at the bottom of the pages. The information, of course, is 12 years old and quite out of date. Since I didn't put the website up, I don't have the user name and password to take it down, or Auto forward it to our current site.

This brings up the important point. Maintaining a website takes a lot of time. Once a website is set up, especially a free site, it stays there, virtually forever. An out of date site is worse than no site at all. If you decide to put up a website for your club, or for anything for that matter, be sure that someone is committed to maintaining it. In addition, be sure that someone reliable has the user name and password.

Transferring Pictures and Other Files. I have recently made an "FTP" site specifically for sending pictures to me, but it can also be used for other things. If any of you are having trouble sending files to each other attached to E-Mail, I would suggest this as an alternative. Since this is something that I

expect very few of you have ever done, I will probably have to walk you through the process if you want to try it. Let me know if any of you have any interest.

Updating Website Info. Please remind your clubs that to update your information anywhere on the Missouri Federation website, please use the "Update Forms". You can find them by clicking on the "Update Information" button on the lower left of the home page. I can't tell you how often I get an e-mail saying please change our caller, and nowhere on the e-mail is the name of the club. The forms prompt you to give me the information I need.

New Project. All dances in Missouri and NE Kansas are being put in a database. All web pages with dance listings will get their information from that database. That means that the dance listing for your club's dances attached to your club's web page will have gotten its information from that database. If the information there is wrong or missing, it is probably also wrong or missing in the DOINs.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Oct 18, 2012, 1,162 dancers have received 2,530 sets. 46 dancers have their eighth set, 24 dancers have their ninth set, and 19 dancers are beginning their tenth set. Total income this year is \$396.19. Total expenses are \$346.87. Total account balance is \$49.32 (no change from Aug fiscal report).

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie Hobbs reporting. Balance as of Jun 10, 2012, was \$112.96. For the period Jun 10 through Oct 21, 2012, program income was \$16.15, and the program expenses were none. The end balance is \$129.11.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. There is now a general history of Missouri square dancing on the website. Please review. If you have corrections or material to add, please contact the historian. He puts all received material on the website.

Historian is also looking for district and club history. Please contact him if you have materials to share.

License Plate: JW England reporting. Funds report will be provided next meeting.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. The winter meeting will be held in Kansas City, Jan 24-27, 2013. Location is not finalized.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. Please check your club listing in the club database at www.you2candance.com. Make sure all info is correct. Let Jim know if something is wrong.

Use the You2canDance website for recruiting and answering questions for potential new dancers.

Next ARTS meeting will be on Sunday after the National Convention in Oklahoma City. All are invited.

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. This committee will present a workshop on square dancing at the annual convention of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MoHPERD) on Nov 9 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. Anyone who is willing to "angel" is invited to participate with us.

The form for youth scholarships is available on our federation website.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Dan Reedy reporting. Sharon Crisel discussed the not for profit status of the federation and the clubs and the benefits of having NFP status.

District responsibilities for hosting future federation meetings were discussed. Tentative assignments for 2013 are: Feb 17, NWD; Apr 14, CD; Jun 9, NED; Aug 18, SLD; Oct 13, WCD; and Dec 15, SED.

2012 State Festival: Joann Miler reporting. Festival was a great success. 580 participated. There were five squares participating in the competition. The silent auction netted \$1,281.

2013 State Festival: Ed Schofield reporting. The 2013 Festival will be hosted by West Central District and will be at the Sedalia State Fair Grounds, 11-13 Oct. The theme will be "Roaring Ragtime Express." The colors are red, white and black. A highlight of the festival will be dancing on the Katy Trail. There are currently 116 paid and 29 complementary participants signed up.

2014 State Festival: Eleanor Stover reporting. Currently working contracts.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Tom Miller reporting. John Stewart was selected as the 2012 inductee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Missouri Square Dance Pins: Marty Altman reporting. Marty reported that it is time to reorder the pins. Discussion addressed cost, need for the pins and the need to change the design. Tony Ahart tabled the issue until the next meeting. Marty will get price quotes for different quantities.

NEW BUSINESS

National Square Dance Conventions: Carl Boone reporting. At the last Federation meeting, a motion was approved to allow Carl and Cindy to announce Missouri's intent to pursue the 2018 convention in Kansas City. Carl and Cindy made the announcement at the Spokane Convention. A request to allow Missouri to bid a year early was not accepted by the Square Dance Convention Executive Committee. Dave Shafer proposed that the Federation select Carl and Cindy Boone as the Bid Chairman and proposed General Chairman for the 2018 convention bid. It was seconded and approved.

USDA 501(c)(3) Umbrella Offer: Tony Ahart discussed USDA's proposal to let state federations and possibly clubs use their 501(c)(3) status. After discussion, Dave Shafer moved that the President send a letter to USDA expressing interest and to ask for more information. Motion was seconded and approved.

CLOSE

Tony Ahart recognized the Southwest District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Northwest District on Sunday, Dec 9, 2012, at 12 noon, at the VFW facility in Liberty.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary