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

MINUTES FOR June 9, 2013

President Larry Anslinger called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm at the Puxico School, Puxico, Missouri.

Agenda Change: There were no agenda changes.

Invocation: Vicki Wittman

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Marilyn Graham

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Roll Call: Ron Selfors: Directors representing 21 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 42 directors were present.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Larry Anslinger welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of Apr 14, 2013 meeting: The minutes with corrections were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Apr 1, 2013 was \$16,428.30. Revenue received was \$1,885.45. Expenses paid were \$4,767.92. The checking account balance as of May 31, 2013 was \$13,545.83. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. No change in CD's. Total funds on hand: \$43,639.95. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 65 of 71 clubs on the rolls. 2,209 members are reported.

No new Longevity awards were presented.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. Thank you cards were received from the families of Eleanor Stover and Bill Morris. A letter was received from Carol Morris that included \$1,130 in memorial donations in honor of Bill Morris. Carol asked that the funds be used to establish and scholarship fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Publications: No report.

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

Next publication deadline is Jul 25. Please meet the deadline without having to be reminded. Be early if possible.

DOIN's Circulation: No report.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Apr 14, 2013, was \$100.00. From Apr 14 through Jun 9, 2013, total revenue was \$483.00, expenses were \$20.60, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$362.40. Balance as of Jun 9, 2013, was \$100.00.

Another 2 puzzles were sold since the last report. 58 more puzzles need to be sold to break even.

Promotion & Recruiting: Ed Schofield reporting. Ed discussed his committee's efforts to find a suitable give-away for use by Missouri dancers. Thanks to Phoebe Sage, they were able to purchase 500 pens for \$200 and 1,000 hand sanitizers for \$676.

State Festival Site Screening: No report.

Insurance Coordinator: No report.

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

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of Jun 9, 2013, 1,184 dancers have received 2,598 sets. 56 dancers have their eighth set, 26 dancers have their ninth set, 24 dancers are have their tenth set, and 2 dancers have their 11th set. Total income this year is \$6.00. Total expenses are none. Total account balance is \$55.32.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

When you get an E-Mail, whether it is from someone you know or not, whether it has a subject or not, if all there is in the message is a web address, no other words or explanation, DO NOT OPEN IT.

It is possible for anyone to send an E-Mail and make it appear to come from anyone else's E-Mail address. If I chose, I could send an E-Mail and make it look like it came from your E-Mail address. It does not mean that I have gotten into your E-Mail. It means that it looks like I got into your E-Mail.

Also, I never open an E-Mail is the subject line is "Hi" or "Hey" or anything like that.

The dance database currently has about 2,500 dances in it.

It is time to start sending **2014 Schedules** to me. Several of your clubs already have 2014 dances scheduled. Remind your clubs to send dances as they schedule them. I would bet that a number of clubs already have New Year's Eve dances scheduled. They do not have to wait until their 2014 schedule is complete.

Remind them also to send updates and cancellations. This last winter was the first winter that there was a Notices & Cancellations page on the Missouri & St. Louis websites. I would like to thank the clubs that sent me cancellation information. There were quite a few of them from all over the state, not just from St. Louis. They traditionally do an excellent job of keeping up to date. St. Louis should thank Billie Toeniskoetter for the excellent job that she does.

Please remind your clubs that when they send me flyers, it is better to send me a copy of the original file. I can use scanned copies if that is all they have, but it is easier to make nice looking on line flyers from the original file.

Please remind your clubs that on the lower left of the Missouri Federation & St. Louis Metro home pages is a button called "Update Information". This button will take you to almost all update information that you need to send the webmaster. I am happy to accept information using regular E-Mail, but these forms prompt people as to what information is required for a particular situation. People sending information for some particular event often leave out pertinent information - like starting time, or club name. These forms remind people to include these things.

When you send me forms and flyers. Please send them in common formats. If you send your form or flyer in a program I don't have, I won't be able to open it. I am able to open most common programs. Do not reinvent the wheel. Check the forms page before you make a new form. You may not have to do any more than add a new date and a new mailing address. Send the forms and flyers in a form that allow me to convert them to PDF format. If you send them in PDF format, they are difficult for me to revise or update, and my PDF program will usually make smaller PDF files. Often when you make your own PDF files from your program, it will insert extra blank pages. Date all flyers and forms. A small date in the lower right corner is unobtrusive and makes it possible to tell new revised forms from older forms.

I believe that all the forms for the 2013 Festival are up. I made up forms for the ones that I did not receive.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. Please remind your clubs to check their club histories that are on the Federation website. Update them if they are old, add to them if new events occur.

License Plate: No report.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting will be on Wednesday at the National Convention in Oklahoma City.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting will be on Sunday at the National Convention in Oklahoma City. All are invited to participate.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Sharon Crisel reporting. The committee discussed the caller/cuer Hall of Fame program. It is the responsibility of the district presidents to verify the qualifications of the callers/cuers they nominate. They also discussed the need for a give-away at the state fair. They thought fans would be appropriate. There was a concern expressed that some clubs that sponsor state meetings are not fully reimbursed for their expenses.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

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 will be a Trail-In Dance on Thursday night.

Many districts and clubs have not done well in meeting their deadlines as specified in their packets. Procedures need to be changed so that district directories are received earlier.

2014 State Festival: John Stover reporting. The 2014 Festival will be hosted by Central District and will be at the Cowan Center, Lebanon, 17-19 Oct. Dean Dederman will be the featured caller. The next festival meeting will be on Jul 21.

Of note, the 2015 festival will be hosted by Northeast District and will be in either Columbia or Jefferson City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Missouri Bid for 2018 National Convention. Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. It is unlikely that Bartle Hall in Kansas City will be available for 2018. However, the Overland Park Convention Center in Kansas would be available, and the center staff seems eager to have the convention there. The bid would be made in 2014 at the National Convention in Little Rock. After discussion, Phoebe Sage moved that Carl and Cindy Boone be authorized to present an intent to bid based on Overland Park (or Bartle Hall if it becomes available) for announcement at the 2013 National Convention in Oklahoma City. Motion was seconded and approved.

Audit Committee. Curtis and Phyllis Brockhaus reported that all 2012 audits were completed with positive results.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Morris Scholarship. After discussion, Bob Turner moved that a scholarship program committee be established to set up the program that would disperse the memorial funds. The motion was seconded and approved.

Larry Anslinger appointed Bob Turner to chair a committee.

State Fair Fans. Ed Schofield stated that he has a source for the fans. He could order 500 for less than \$1,000. After discussion, Phyllis Brockhaus moved that Ed be given the authority to design and purchase up to 500 fans for up to \$1,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

CLOSE

Larry Anslinger recognized the Southeast District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting and a great dance the night before. Sharon Crisel recognized members of the Puxico Country Squares for their support.

The next meeting will be hosted by the St. Louis District on Sunday, Aug 18, 2013, at 12 noon, at the Arden Mead Center for Youth and Community of Christ Lutheran Church, 17 Selma Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary