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***The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs***  
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**MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.**

**MINUTES FOR February 16, 2014 - Corrected**

First Vice President Carl Boone, standing in for the President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion, North Kansas City, Missouri.

**Agenda Change:** There were no agenda changes.

**Invocation:** Carol Morris

**Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag:** Jim Weber

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**Roll Call:** Ron Selfors: Directors representing 21 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 30 directors were present.

**Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests:** Carl Boone welcomed visitors and guests.

**Minutes of Dec 28, 2013 meeting:** The minutes were approved without corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Oct 1, 2013 was \$12,155.73. Revenue received was \$5,134.21. Expenses paid were \$4,936.08. The checking account balance as of Jan 31, 2013 was \$12,353.86. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. No change in CD's. Total funds on hand: \$42,447.98. The report was filed for audit.

**Membership and Club Longevity:** Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 62 of 68 clubs on the rolls. 2,321 members are reported.

Longevity Awards for January 2014 include Merry Mixers (SLD), 45 Years; and Singles and Doubles (SLD), 40 years.

We do not know the start dates for four clubs. They are: Gateway Squares (SLD), Single Promenaders (NWD), Tanglefooters (SWD), and Twirl-A-Rounds (SWD).

**Annual Budget:** Carl Boone Reporting. Carl presented the proposed budget for 2014. Key numbers are shown in Table 1.

**Correspondence:** Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence received.

<b>Table 1. Proposed 2014 Budget</b>	
General Fund Revenue	20,495
General Fund Expenses	10,800
DOIN's Revenue	11,000
DOIN's Expenses	13,200
Total Revenue	31,495
Total Expenses	24,000
Total Net Revenue	7,495
Projected Funds on Hand at End of Year	\$52,594

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Boundaries and Relations:** No report.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** No report.

**Publications:** Sharon White reporting. Sharon announced new members of her 2014 Publications Committee. They are Toni Sharp, SWD, and Cliff Gotaas, SWD.

**DOIN's Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. The form for requesting copies of DOIN's for new graduates is available on the website ([www.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.SquareDanceMissouri.com)). Click of Federation Information, then click on Show Me DOIN's. The forms can be filled out and sent from the website. If you want to have the forms on your computer, please email me at [doins@kc.rr.com](mailto:doins@kc.rr.com) and I will send them to you.

The procedure is – use the form, check the issue you want for the time of graduation. We need to know how many you want and to whom to send them by what date. We do not put names in our mailing database until they have subscribed. Please meet the ordering deadline so we know how many extras to print. We will mail a batch to one person to distribute at graduation or however they want. Do not expect to call us up, leave a message on our voice mail, and get copies of the DOIN's. It probably will not happen.

**DOIN's Circulation:** Carol Morris reporting. Please encourage your dancers to subscribe or renew. Balance as of Oct 12, 2013, was \$100.00. From then through Feb 16, 2014, total revenue was \$4,252.00, expenses were \$49.50, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$4,202.50. Ending balance was \$100.00.

**DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. Balance as of Oct 13, 2013, was \$100.00. From then through Feb 16, 2014, total revenue was \$1,390.00, expenses were \$61.20, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$1,328.80. Ending balance was \$100.00. DOIN's dance brought in \$462.00.

Another 11 puzzles were sold since the last report. 39 more puzzles need to be sold to break even.

**Promotion & Recruiting:** Carl Boone reporting. The Dance Promotion Grant Program was discussed. Carl noted that a grant request had been recently submitted by the Kountry Kuzins asking for \$740. The grant request will be sent to Ed Schofield, chair of the committee, for review.

**State Festival Site Screening:** No report.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. From Oct 20, 2013 through Feb 16, 2014, total revenue was \$7,530.50, and expenses (to include payments to USDA) were \$7,339.73. Ending balance was \$190.77.

As of Feb 20, 2014, there are 1,664 dancers insured through the Mo Federation, and 52 insured through other organizations. Total insured dancers in Missouri are 1,716. Total clubs insured by the Federation are 63.

Information and forms are available on the state website ([www.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.SquareDanceMissouri.com))

**Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. As of Feb 15, 2014, 265 dancers have or are participating in the program. They have received 2,687 dangles. Three dancers are working on their 11<sup>th</sup> set. Five dancers have their tenth set, and seven dancers have or are working their ninth set. Total account balance is \$64.12.

**Blue Bird Coordinator:** No report

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting.

**Festival Website.** The website is set up for the 2014 Missouri Festival. Lodging pages with interactive maps are up and running. The festival e-mail address has been rerouted to the 2014 committee chairman. If any of the forms need to be updated, I need to know. I also need a list of the committee members with contact information including e-mail. Please do not ignore these forms. If you do, someone will use one of the old forms, and you will not get the information you want.

**Updating Website and DOIN's Information.** To update website and DOIN's information, go to [www.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.SquareDanceMissouri.com) and click on the "Update Information" button. Please remind your people about this. On the page that opens, are forms for updating most things that you need to update. Information sent using those forms is sent to both the Missouri Federation webmaster, and the DOIN's editor.

It is important that you use the forms. They prompt you to give us the information we need. You would be surprised the number of regular e-mail and even flyers I get missing things like the date or location of a special dance.

**Club Reminders.** Please remind clubs to send in their schedules. It is still snow season. Please remind clubs to send in cancellations.

**District Information.** Does your district have new officers? I probably don't know it. Please send information to me.

**Club Contact Information.** I sent out a number of e-mails to the listed contacts for a number of clubs. Quite a few of them didn't even reply. I assume that means that those e-mail addresses are no longer good, or that those people don't check their e-mails. Please ask clubs to make sure that the contact for their club has a working e-mail address that they check often, and that the phone number is a cell phone that can be contacted the evening of their dances. If the cell phone accepts texts, please let

me know, and I will add the note "Accepts Texts". Just because you think people are now using GPS devices does not mean that they will be able to find your dance. A case in point is the Savannah Sashayers dance location. I have used two different GPS's to get there. Both take me to a place about one block south of where they dance. If it is dark, you can't see their dance hall to know where it is from where you are.

**Federation Information.** Do you have trouble opening the attachments to Ron's meeting announcements? You can always get the latest meeting attachments from the "Federation Meetings" page. You can get to it by clicking on the "Federation Information" button or at: [www.Meeting.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Meeting.SquareDanceMissouri.com) This information usually goes on the website within an hour of when Ron sends it. Sometimes a little longer, but often sooner.

If you are responsible for some function with the Missouri Federation, it is your responsibility to let me know of any change under your responsibility that needs to be made to the Missouri Federation website. When I find changes that need to be made, I will make them, but the changes are more likely to be made, and more likely to be made correctly if you tell me.

**District Meetings.** I have added the St. Louis Metro monthly meetings and the Northwest District quarterly meetings to the monthly schedule pages. I haven't added any other district meetings because I don't have them. If you will send them to me, I will add them. Send them for as far into the future as you can.

**Security Code.** When you hear that someone is having trouble entering the security code on any of the forms, please remind them that they should click on the "Click Here to Have the Security Code Spoken" button directly below the security code. I have actually had people on the phone telling me that the security codes won't work, and when I convince them to click that button, they immediately are able to enter the code correctly.

The other thing that people can do if they are having trouble reading the code is click on the "Click Here to Obtain A Different Security Code" button. They should certainly do that before they try five times to enter the existing code. They should also do that if they think that the written and spoken code don't match.

As a last resort, all the e-mail forms have the e-mail address that that form uses at the bottom of the form. Copy it and paste into your own e-mail program. These forms are there to make things easier. If you are having trouble, use your own program.

**Assigned E-Mail Addresses.** If you are an officer who has had an e-mail address assigned to you, you should use it on any correspondence, especially printed correspondence. It makes us look more professional.

It is actually possible with many e-mail programs to send your e-mail showing that your e-mail came from that address. If you need help with that, let me know. I may not be able to help, but at least I will smile and look sympathetic.

**District Letterhead.** I have made "Letterhead" stationary for all seven districts. It is available on the "Forms" page. Just click on the "Forms" button on the left of the home page, and scroll down to your district. There are MS Word, Adobe Acrobat, & MS Works versions. If your district already has a letterhead stationary, send me a copy, and I will change what is on the forms page to what you are already using.

**Website Statistics.** The Missouri Federation website had about 1.5 million hits last year. For some reason, most of the hits happen on Sunday and Monday. Most of the hits were from computers in the US, although there were quite a few from Canada and some from Europe. Eighty percent of the hits were from Windows computers; 10%, from Mac's; and 10%, from others. I think others is mostly smart phones. There were about 25,000 hits from robots.

**Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Cataloging historical material has actually started. New storage boxes have been purchased, and I've figured out how it will be done. When it is done, you should be able to look at a page on the federation website, and find a listing of what is in each storage box, and in what box a specific item is located.

**License Plate:** Sharon White reporting. For 2013 the beginning balance was \$71.70 on Jan 1, 2013. Total income was \$875.00, and total rebates were \$350.00. Total disbursement to Missouri Federation was \$500.00. Balance as of Dec 30, 2013, was \$96.70. From then through Feb 16, 2014, total revenue was \$121.70, and rebates/expenses were \$45.85. Ending balance was \$75.85.

**United Square Dancers of America (USDA):** Edythe Weber reporting. The USDA annual meeting will be on Wednesday, Jun 25, 2014 at the National Square Dance Convention in Little Rock, AR. The names of delegates from the Federation will need to be sent to the USDA secretary before the next Federation meeting in April.

**Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS):** Edythe Weber reporting. ARTS is working on a "rebranding" square dancing project. The purpose of the project is to change the public's perception of square dancing. Jim Taylor of Colorado is spearheading the project. They will be doing a seminar at the Little Rock convention. This would be a good seminar to attend.

**District Presidents' Meeting Report:** Edythe Weber reporting. The district presidents discussed:

- **District Directories.** Central, Northwest and Southeast need to publish directories before or at the April meeting.
- **NSDC Support Letters.** Letters of support need to be submitted by all clubs and related organizations to Carl and Cindy Boone for the proposed 2018 National Square Dance Convention (NSDC) in Kansas City. Letters are needed by Mar 15.
- **State Festival Packets.** Packets have been distributed to all districts and Federation officers.
- **DOINs to Students.** Procedures for obtaining DOIN's copies for graduating students were discussed.
- **Dancers of the Year.** Jul 31 is the suspense for submission of Square Dancers of the Year nominations. Form is on website. Ray and Vicki Wittman are committee chairs.
- **Dancer and Club Insurance.** Jim Weber also discussed insurance packets with them.

**Youth and Children Dance:** Sharon Crisel reporting (by letter). We recently received feedback on the workshop on square dancing we presented at the annual convention of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MoHPERD). Gene Wilson, Dave and Dee Shafer, I and several other square dancers presented the program at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. DVDs and curriculum guides were given to teachers or mailed to them. Fourteen evaluations were received from the 20 attending, and ratings were excellent.

**2013 State Festival:** Curt Brockhaus reporting. The 2013 Festival made over \$6,151 in net revenue. A rebate from the City of Sedalia will provide another \$1,551 in revenue. Final financial report, to include revenue sharing with the district, will be given at the April meeting.

**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. Everything is going well.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Dance Promotions Grant Program.** Carl Boone led a discussion of the need and procedures for the Promotions Grant Program. The program:

- Allocates \$2,000 of the FY14 Federation budget to the program
- Invites clubs to submit requests for funding at any time
- Requires the promotions committee to respond to the submitting clubs within two weeks
- Gives the Dance Promotions Grant Committee the authority to approve grant requests up to the limit set by the board.
- Requires the district presidents and promotions committee chair to report project status to the board at the bi-monthly meeting

Dave Shafer asked that the directors provide more specific direction to the committee. Carl Boone directed any motion be made during new business.

**October 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes.** The minutes were approved without corrections.

**Caller/Cuer Appreciation Month.** Directors were reminded that April is appreciation month for callers and cuers.

**Missouri Bid for 2018 National Convention.** Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Bartle Hall in Kansas City will be available for 2018. The bid team is in the process of collecting letters of support from associations and clubs. Sample letters are available on the website. Letters must be forwarded to the National Executive Committee (NEC) by Mar 26.

Cindy displayed and discussed a sample of the National Dress adopted for the 2018 convention.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Larry and Jan Anslinger Recognition.** Carl Boone, on behalf of the Federation Board of Directors, presented Larry and Jan Anslinger with a plaque commemorating their year as Federation President.

**Mary Sue Darwent Recognition.** Carl Boone, on behalf of the Federation Board of Directors, presented Mary Sue Darwent with a certificate of appreciation for selling the most square dance puzzles.

**Arkansas NSDC Education Program.** Jim Weber asked for volunteers to help with the education program at the upcoming national square dance convention (NSDC) in Little Rock. He noted that most of the Arkansas education program was being managed by Missouri dancers. More help is needed, and only a few hours per volunteer are needed. Please contact Jim (816-781-3598) if you can help.

**Federation Meeting Host Fee.** Jan and Larry Anslinger moved that the fee paid to clubs for hosting a Federation meeting be increased from \$150 to \$200. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Dance Promotions Grant Program.** Dave Shafer made two motions that were subsequently withdrawn after discussion.

**Annual Elections.** Ron Selfors noted that the Constitution currently requires elections be held at the December meeting. In 2013 that proved to be very difficult because of the weather. He suggested that elections be moved to October to avoid the winter weather and to increase number of directors at the annual meeting. After discussion, Carl Boone directed that the Constitution Committee study the suggestion and make appropriate recommendations to the board.

**State and District Officer Liability Insurance.** Jim Weber pointed out that the state and district officers are not covered at this time by liability insurance. Such insurance is available from the USDA for only \$45 per year that would cover all officers at both the state and district level for the single amount. Dave Shafer made the motion to direct the Treasurer to apply for and pay the annual premium for the insurance on a continuing basis. The motion was seconded and approved.

**2014 Budget.** Micky Lee moved to approve the proposed Federation budget for 2014. The motion was seconded and approved.

**State Fair Dance.** West Central District announced that it will again sponsor a special dance at the Missouri State Fair. The dance will be on Wednesday, August 13, from 10 am to 3 pm. From 12 noon to 1 pm, there will be a Square Dance 101 for prospective dancers.

#### **CLOSE**

Carl Boone recognized the Northwest District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Northeast District on Sunday, Apr 13, 2013, at 12 noon, location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary