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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 June 1, 2014 - Corrected

President Sharon Crisel called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm at Sayers Senior Center, 109 Lawrence Street, Potosi, MO.

Invocation: Charles Smith

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Carl Shellabargen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri flag: Larry Crisel

Roll Call: Ron Selfors: Directors representing 23 voting positions present; full quorum achieved. A total of 35 directors were present.

Introduction and Welcoming of Visitors and Guests: Sharon Crisel welcomed visitors and guests.

Minutes of April 13, 2014 meeting: Sharon White made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Boone reporting. The beginning checking account balance as of Apr 1, 2014 was \$14,472.18. Revenue received was \$9,410.27. Expenses paid were \$5,636.41. The checking account balance as of Jan 31, 2013 was \$18,246.04. There are three CD's totaling \$30,094.12. No change in CD's. Total funds on hand: \$48,340.16. The report was filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Carl Boone reporting. Dues have been received from 64 (+1) clubs. 2,171 members are reported.

Longevity Awards were previously distributed for Singles & Doubles (SLD), 40 years; Merry Mixers (SLD), 45 years; and Lost Creek Promenadors (SWD) 30 years.

Correspondence: Ron Selfors reporting. No correspondence received.

Parliamentarian: Sharon Crisel announced that they had selected Tony and Carolyn Ahart as the new Parliamentarian replacing Barb Turner who resigned due to health concerns. A card was circulated thanking Barb for her many years of service as Parliamentarian.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: George Roth reporting. The committee proposed the following change to the Constitution and By-Laws:

Election of Officers: Page 4, Article V

Section 3 – Term of Office – Current:

Officers shall serve from the close of the annual meeting to the close of the next annual meeting with the following exception: The incoming president begins his/her term upon receipt of the gavel following the election of officers.

Section 3 – Term of Office – Proposed:

Officers shall serve from January 1 to December 31.

Section 4 – Nominations and Elections – Current:

A. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers at the **state festival** meeting of the board of directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Consideration should be given to nominating only one officer from a district, if possible, so that representation may be diversified. Consent of the nominees must be obtained before their names are presented.

B. Officers of this federation shall be elected by the board of directors during the **annual** meeting in **December**.

Section 4 – Nominations and Elections – Proposed:

A. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers at the **August** meeting of the board of directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Consideration should be given to nominating only one officer from a district, if possible, so that representation may be diversified. Consent of the nominees must be obtained before their names are presented.

B. Officers of this federation shall be elected by the board of directors during the **state festival** meeting in **October/November**.

The changes are proposed in reaction to the challenge experienced last year in holding an annual meeting and elections in December due to adverse weather. The proposed changes were first read at the April meeting and will be voted on at this meeting.

Publications: No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Please remember to order your free copies of the DOIN's for your graduating dancers early. The form for requesting copies of DOIN's for new graduates is available on the website (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 and I will send them to you.

July 25 is the deadline for the Sep/Oct issue.

DOIN's Circulation: No report.

DOIN's Advertising: Dee Shafer reporting. Balance as of Apr 13, 2014, was \$100.00. From then through Jun 1, 2014, total revenue was \$616.00, expenses were \$30.60, and total disbursement to Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs was \$585.40. Ending balance was \$100.00.

Another 7 puzzles were sold since the last report. 29 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 new grant request had been received from the Puxico Country Squares. They were awarded a \$300 grant by the committee.

State Festival Site Screening: Carl Boone reporting. The Cowan Center was recommended for the 2015 Festival (NED).

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. As of May 30, 2014, there are 1,685 dancers insured through the Mo Federation, and 486 insured through other organizations. Total insured dancers in Missouri are 2,171. Total clubs insured by the Federation are 64.

From Sep 15. 2013 to May 31, 2014, total insurance program income was \$7,761.00, and total expenses were \$7,780.62. Net income was -\$19.62. Checking account balance on May 31, 201 was \$300.85.

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

Travel Missouri: Dan Wheeler reporting. As of May 31, 2014, 267 dancers have or are participating in the program. They have received 2,720 dangles. Two dancers are working on their 12th set, and three dancers are working on their 11th set. Five dancers have their tenth set, and seven dancers have or are working their ninth set. Total account balance is \$78.90.

Blue Bird Coordinator: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting.

Website Page Counter. I have added a page counter to the home pages and a few other pages for Missouri Federation & St. Louis Metro. It is at the bottom of the page. It has two sets of numbers with a forward slash between them. The first number is the number of hits the current month. The second number is the number of hits the current year. I have no plans to set the counters up for all pages. Each web page with counters requires two additional web pages. The Missouri Federation & St. Louis Metro website have will over 2,000 web pages not including the picture pages.

Obituary Section. I haven't received any interest in having an obituary section, so I will continue to put up obituaries when I get them, leave them up for a week or so, and then take them down.

Security Codes. Security codes have returned to all online forms. Our internet provider shut down the E-Mail part of our website twice in the last two months because of robot attacks. Rewriting these forms involved rewriting almost 800 web pages. If you have trouble reading these codes, remember these two things:

- Click on the small speaker button, and a sweet young thing will read the code to you. This is often necessary. I's, L's, & 1's look alike, so the system uses only L's, no I's or 1's. Lower case G's & 9's look similar and lower case F's & T's look similar. Let the lady tell you which is which. Remember, these codes are not case sensitive. The program will accept either upper or lower case letters no matter what the code shows.
- Click on the button below that and you get a different code. You can do this as often as you like, until you get one you can read.

These security codes are no longer just an option. In the past, without them, I just got hundreds of E-Mail. Now, our provider can actually detect when a robot tries to send out hundreds of these E-Mail, and just shuts the E-Mail part of the website down before they actually go out. He leaves it that way until I fix the problem. Mr. Matheson is a real helpful guy, but he has no sense of humor when it comes to having files on our website that can be used by robots.

Archive. An archive section has been added to the website. I will describe this in the historian report.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. The actual archiving of the historical material has finally begun. The material archived so far is:

- The DOIN's from 1974 to the present
- The DOIN's Circulation Manager file - Just started
- The Missouri Festival program books from 1978 to present. The committee has decided to keep a maximum of two copies each of the Festival program books. For one year, we had ten.
- The Missouri Festival planning books
- The Presidents files

These files are all inventoried, sorted, cataloged, and stored in zip-lock bags in tote boxes. On the Missouri Federation website, click on the "Archive" button to see an index of this material.

Material stored in the tote boxes may be checked out by authorized people on request. This group will need to decide who is to be authorized. I plan to require that any material checked out of these files be signed for by the person checking it out. Perhaps in blood.

When you look through this index, you may be amazed not only by what is there, but also by what is not there. For instance, there are very few DOIN's there after the year 2000. There are only six Missouri Festival planning books there. I have no idea where the others are. If anyone has one of these books I would like to have it. I plan to make a motion during new business that Festival planning books be surrendered to the historians when the festival business for that festival is complete. I thought that this was already being done. Adding DOIN's to the files is not currently a problem. Since we have been historians, we have received a "Historians" copy for the file.

There are a number of yearly files in folders. We have just started to inventory these. In most cases, these are poorly identified, so we have to actually go through the folders to determine what they are. Don't expect this to happen quickly. I actually have some plans for the summer.

I would ask that when you give us material that you do two things.

- Put a piece of paper in the front of the material telling us exactly what is there. Just telling us doesn't work. We can forget all that before we write it down. The lack of proper identification is costing us a lot of time identifying what is in many of the folders.
- Put it in a zip-lock bag. Loose papers will absolutely not stay in folders or binders.

We would prefer that you not leave things in notebooks or binders. They are big, clumsy, and difficult to store. We are removing and discarding all notebooks or binders, and putting the material in zip-lock bags.

License Plate: No report.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Jim Weber reporting. The USDA annual meeting will be on Wednesday, Jun 25, 2014 at the National Square Dance Convention in Little Rock, AR.

USDA will have a number of educational offerings during the convention. See the convention program for details.

Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS): Jim 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.

The annual ARTS meeting will be on Sunday, June 29, in Little Rock. Meetings are open to everybody. All are invited.

District Presidents' Meeting Report: Bob Turner reporting. The district presidents discussed:

- **Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame.** Nominations are due Aug 1.
- **Square Dancers of the Year.** Nominations are due at August meeting.

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bob Turner reporting. There were three applications for the \$500 scholarship. The winner for the 2014/2015 year is Ben Hardin of Greenville, MO.

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.

2015 State Festival: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. The 2015 Festival will be hosted by Northeast District and will be at the Cowan Center, Lebanon. Everything is going well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Fair Dance. Liz Rooks announced that the dance will be on Wed, Aug 13. Billy Jean needs to know who will be participating. See the DOIN's (page 36) for details. From 12 noon to 1 pm there will be open dancing for non-dancers.

National Convention in Little Rock. Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. 214 Missourians are registered at this time (5th highest number). 3.458 dancers are registered at this time.

The Missouri Bid session for 2018 National Convention will be on Friday at 8:30 am in Little Rock. Everyone is invited to participate. Dress for the bid session will be red, white or blue.

Need volunteers for the Education Program at Little Rock. Please see Jim Weber.

NEW BUSINESS

National Squares Magazine. Sharon White reports that this magazine is available on-line. It provides latest information on the National square Dance Conventions. Website is www.nsdcnec.com. The magazine is listed in the left hand column.

Constitutional Change. George Roth brought forth the recommended change to the Constitution as discussed in the committee report. The change was voted on and approved.

George publicly thanked JW and Jan England for their work as part of the committee.

Sharon Crisel noted that the Nomination Committee will need to have nominations available for the August meeting.

Insurance Rebate. Bob Turner proposed that the Federation adopt a policy of returning \$25 in insurance payments for clubs that pay their insurance on time. Sharon asked that Bob bring the idea back for a vote at the next meeting.

CLOSE

Sharon Crisel recognized the Southeast District hosts that provided the hearty lunch at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by the St. Louis District on Sunday, Aug 17, 2014, at 12 noon, at the Arden Mead Youth & Community Center (Next door To Christ Lutheran Church), #1 Selma Drive, Webster Groves, Mo 63119.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Ron and Marie Selfors

Secretary