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

Minutes for February 15, 2015 - Corrected

President Carl Boone called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Friendship Hall, 1st United Methodist Church Celebration Center, Sedalia, Missouri.

Invocation: George Roth

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: Jim Weber

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Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds. Twenty voting positions present. Full Quorum achieved.

Introduction of Guests: Carl Boone welcomed the guests and new Officers and Delegates.

Minutes of December 14, 2014 meeting: Dave Shafer made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was approved. Carl Boone stated the minutes are approved as read and modified.

Treasurer's report: Carl Boone reporting. I am going to finish up my last report for 2014 with the multipage sheets you have on your tables. December activities included reimbursements:

Carol Morris, Missouri State corporate registration fee. Three clubs were each refunded \$10.00 dues, as they did not obtain insurance - GB Rounds, Ridge Rockers, and Merry Rounders

In December we paid out to the Districts, the Dues and Insurance Incentive funds as follows:

- \$140 - Southeast
- \$490 - Southwest
- \$175 - Northeast
- \$560 - Northwest
- \$210 - West Central
- \$175 – Central
- \$245 – St Louis District

We have had good feedback from the clubs we have attended thanking us for that money back and felt this was a successful promotion. Central District received 10% of the net proceeds for state festival of \$883.83 and Kountry Kuzins, \$200 for meeting hosts, and we approved the paying out of 2015 bid funds to the 67th National committee of \$335.84

There was an ending checking account balance of \$25,922.85, with \$30,094.12 in CDs for a total on hand, end of year, of \$56,016.97 for the year 2014. Comparison to actual budget of last year was \$2,000 more than what we had budgeted and expenses, about \$1,700 less.

The budgeted amount of net revenue was \$7,495 and we came in at \$10,917.06. If there are no further questions this is ready for audit. Our new treasurer, Rosa, will present the 2015 year so far.

Rosa Davis reporting. Balance forward for the new year, January 1, is \$25,922.85. In January we had two payments – one to BMI and one to Pittman Printing. Dues from two more clubs - \$20 for total revenue from January to February 9 of \$20. Total Expenses paid were \$2,535.94. As of February 9, checking account balance is \$23,406.91. CDs total \$30,094.41 for total funds on hand February 9 of \$53,501.03. Carl did all of this and passed the books on Thursday. I have a checking account ready to set up on Tuesday.

Membership: Carl Boone reporting. At the end of the year we have 58 clubs paid. We have since received dues from the Wheeler Dealers, Kelly's Classics and Razzle Dazzle. Kelly's classics have paid their insurance so we have actually had two new clubs since the first of the year.

Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reporting. Seven clubs are presently eligible for longevity awards this year and we have three today – 30 years, Trenton T Squares; Wheelers and Dealers, 35 years; and as of January we have a club with 60 years, the Ozark Whirlers. Four more clubs will receive their awards later on this year.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. We have a quorum. No correspondence has been received; however, three get well cards are being passed around for Mickey Lee, Carol Morris and Larry Anslinger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundaries and Relations: Ray and Vicki Wittman have agreed to be the new Chairman for this committee. No report.

Constitution and By-laws: George and Cleva Roth have agreed to be the new Chairman for this committee. No report.

Publications: Position is open. No report

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. March 25 is the deadline for the April DOIN's. This is very important because Jim and I and Dave and Dee will be traveling to Des Moines, Iowa for the National Pre-convention dance March 23 to March 28 and upon returning home we hope to get the DOIN's information to the publisher in a timely manner. No reminder emails or calls will be made.

As a reminder for the new writers, make sure you put the **CLUB NAME** in the subject line of an email. If you do not receive a confirmation on the article you sent, please let me know. All the forms for sending items on the DOIN's are available on the web site at www.SquareDanceMissouri.com. Click on Federation information, then Show-Me DOIN's. You can type in and send from the web page or you can print the forms and mail them in.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris, chairman was unable to attend. No report, however, Jim Weber stated that 408 issues of the March / April Doin's will be sent out.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. December 14 thru February 15 we had a balance of \$100. Since December we have collected revenue for six puzzles amounting to \$90, ads and listings, \$686 for a total revenue of \$876.00. We had a check of \$5.75 for postage to mail ad information to the publisher in January and gave a check to the treasurer for \$770.25 that left a balance of \$100 in the account.

Once again, we are going to Iowa for the Pre-Convention from March 23 to the 29th so if you have ads to put in the DOIN's get them in early. We will work on them the day we get back.

We now have a \$690 profit off of those puzzles. We don't owe the Federation anything at this point. There are 90 some puzzles left to sell. You can give as gifts or door prizes or resell. Help us out.

Promotion & Recruiting: Carl Boone reporting. Jack and Becky Rockaway are the new chairmen of this committee. Jack stated he just received his information so he has no report at this time.

We do have some Toot Your Horn applications and will be processing those.

State Festival Site Screening. Carl Boone reporting. The Northeast district reported that the Lebanon site has already been done. Northwest is the one following that and they do not have a site selected as of now.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Since the December Federation meeting we have added 70 new dancers and one new club. I also have 8 new dancers in the mail from Mo-Kan Squares, so we are growing slowly. A reminder to all clubs holding lessons, you must submit a new class club sponsored place form. Your dancers are not insured until I receive the list with the names of the people taking lessons, so get them in as quickly as you can - within the first three lessons at least. There is no cost but they are insured at and during lessons at that specific place, but only after Jim receives the list.

Remember to complete an accident report if anyone is injured at your dance, even if it appears minor. Documentation at the time of an accident is best and keep it in your files for further reference. Forms are all on the web site, (www.SquareDanceMissouri.com).

At the last meeting, balance forward was \$382.76. Total revenue was \$320.00, expenses were \$307.73 with an ending balance as of 2/15/15 is \$395.03.

We have 1,449 dancers insured through Missouri and dancers insured through another federation is 463 with a total of 1,912 Missouri dancers. There are eight clubs that insure through Heart of America. I haven't got their new club numbers yet. They are insured, but I will be getting that information shortly. We now have 60 clubs total, and 70 new dancers added since last report.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. We have given out 2,797 danglers. As of February 14, 2015 for the state of Missouri we have 412, Central - 370, Northeast - 346, Northwest - 321, Southeast - 319, St. Louis - 325, West Central - 347 and Southwest - 357. Balance carried over from 2014 was \$82.51. Income for February, \$24.00. Total income for 2015 is \$106.51. Total expenses for 2015 for postage was \$2.32. Balance at this time is \$104.19.

Blue Bird Coordinators: Connie Hobbs. No report. She did state that she has Blue birds and braid with her today, if anyone wants a set.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. As of today, the Missouri Federation web site is up to date. We had 950 hits in January and 600 so far in February. The district hand books are now on the web site.

2015 dance schedules – It would be a lot easier if I put up a whole year of dancers for a club at a time. At district meetings, please encourage your people to send me their schedules for the remainder of the year or on into 2016 if they have that information.

All board members have an email address. To look professional, we should use our Federation address. Your Missouri Federation email address will automatically go to your own personal email address.

Remind your people to send me cancellations due to weather conditions. They can be posted on line in a matter of minutes.

We continue to have trouble with email forms. I may have to think of another way of doing it. Using these forms are to make our life easier but it doesn't always work that way. Starting with Windows 7 a person may fill out the form and send, but that email sometimes cannot be opened; less likely to work if using Gmail, Yahoo or one of the others. I like these programs but connecting automatically doesn't always happen. You may have to copy the email and paste into whatever program you use if we get rid of these forms.

Historian: No report.

License Plate: No report.

United Square Dancers of America (USDA): Edythe Weber reporting. There is a new logo and slogan sponsored by the ARTS to rebrand square dancing. Information is being sent out about how to use it. We hope that each district and also the state will begin using it. If nothing else, it's a conversation piece. It is available online at the ARTS website. It may be used by any Square Dance club or organization. You may also use any colorization that you want.

The new slogan "Live Lively – Square Dance" and new image is intended to attract new dancers to a fun filled activity and we have heard that public service announcement type videos are very close to being made.

We are planning to use this logo as a t-shirt for our next festival theme.

District President's Meeting Report: Liz Rooks reporting. The district presidents discussed:

- **Updates for the coming meetings**
Northwest – April 12, North Kansas City – Saturday night dance with the Shooting Stars
Southwest – June 14, Neosho – Saturday night dance with the Lost Creek Promenadors
St. Louis – August 16, St. Louis
Southeast – December, Poplar Bluff
- **Square Dancer of the Year.** Nominations for square dancer of the year deadline is requested to be moved to July 1, if possible as Annette Thornhill will not be available during August. It was noted that the Standing Rules list a deadline of August 1st.
- **Caller / Cuers for State Festival.** Deadline for nominations is June 1 (Debbie Bailey).

Youth and Children Dance: No report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bob Turner reporting, via voice message. We are still taking applications and the recipient will be announced at the April meeting.

2015 State Festival: Annette Thornhill reporting. Festival plans are coming along nicely. Packets are being uploaded this week and should be in the mail by April.

2016 State Festival: There is no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lebanon Lesson Group for financial Assistance: Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. At the State Festival last year in Lebanon, Dave Shafer posted a sign-up list for anyone interested in beginning Square Dance lessons. As a result Gene Wilson, caller,, has 11 new dancers taking lessons in Lebanon. They will likely start a new club but need financial assistance to get through lessons. Rent for the use of the church would be \$20 per week for twenty lessons amounting to \$400.00. Students are each paying

\$3.00 a week for the lessons, which is going to Gene. Insurance was discussed, but as there is no club there is not a way to provide insurance. A motion was made by Fred Goucher to approve \$400.00 to be paid to the church for hall rent. Seconded by Jack Rockaway. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Audit Committee: No report. J.W. England as chair of the 2014 Audit Committee was absent but the portion of the audit items that they have been provide have been audited.

NEW BUSINESS

National Convention: Carl Boone reporting. Contracts, By Laws, and hotel contracts are being worked on. Cindy Boone stated that they will be attending the Des Moines pre-convention where they will have training sessions and guidance on what needs to be done. Cindy is currently working on a long skirt design in addition to the shorter skirt that we have for the convention.

Cindy welcomed on board Fred and Carolyn Goucher as Assistant Registration and Housing Coordinators and also Jack and Becky Rockaway as the Ways and Means Committee. Carl stated that all volunteers are appreciated and there are jobs, both big and small that need to be filled. Please help your Federation.

Ad-Hoc Committee report on Standing Rule, Article XI: No report.

Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Sharon and Larry Crisel. Report in April. Committee will consist of six members with no more than one from each district. Vote on the committee members is tabled till the April meeting.

USDA 501 C 3: Jim and Edythe Weber. No report. Carl Boone reported that the USDA is offering to be an umbrella organization for square dancers across the nation. Dancers would join under that umbrella and get a 501 C 3 status. There would be a \$1,000 fee to organizations that participate. Discussion was held regarding the qualifications and expectations in joining. Needs further research.

CALENDAR

Dave Shafer has flyers for April 2 dance inviting everyone to dance to caller, Walt Burr, from Germany who attended Callers Lab and is on his way home. Dance will be 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the St. Robert Community Center.

Dave also passed around flyers on a Historic Route 66 dance in Waynesville/St. Robert, Mo. with two dance clubs for one fun weekend, May 29, 30 and 31, plus a tour bonus for those interested. See Dave for more information.

Maysville Wranglers : The date is one week later than normal - July 11 for their great dance and homemade ice cream shindig.

Shooting Stars are cancelling their May dance but will have the \$100 Pot of Gold dance in April.

CLOSE

Carl Boone thanked the Diamond B's for the wonderful lunch they provided at the meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Northwest District on Sunday, April 12 at 12 noon. The meeting will take place at North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion, 2800 Clay Edwards Drive, North Kansas City, Missouri. The dance on Saturday night will be at the Shooting Stars.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt

Secretary