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

Minutes for June 14, 2015 - Corrected

President Carl Boone called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Neosho Senior Community Center in Neosho, Missouri.

Invocation: Clif Gotaas

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Carol Morris

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

Introduction of Guests: Randy Boyles introduced his guest.

Minutes of April 12, 2016 Meeting: Edythe Weber noted a misspelled name and that there was to be follow up on an additional Toot Your Horn application.

President Boone acknowledged those corrections and asked for any other changes. There being no other changes or clarifications on the minutes, the revised minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reporting. As noted on the statements we have two checking accounts. We still have one check to clear on Carl's old checking account. As soon as that clears, the checking account will be closed. Looking at the final report, our beginning checking account balance as of last meeting was \$10,947.25. In looking at your report, there is .07 cents more interest reported on one of those CDs than what they had told us. We have revenue since the last meeting of \$2,592.55, Expenses of \$4,275.13. Our ending checking account balance as of today is \$9,264.67. We have \$40,119.72 in CDs and interest for total funds of \$49,384.39.

A reminder that we do have tax exempt status. I have a stack of tax exempt letters and if you are going to make a purchase you will need that letter so that we can avoid paying a tax. Carl Boone stated the treasury report will be filed for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reporting. We have 60 clubs and 1,958 members. For longevity we have two clubs to be given awards today. First, we have the River City Squares in the West Central District with 25 years and the Promenaders from the Southwest District celebrating 45 years.

Correspondence: Ruth Ann Reynolds--No report

Boundaries and Relations: Ray and Vicki Wittman--No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: George and Cleva Roth--No report.

Publications: Carl Boone stated we still do not have a chairman for this committee. No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting: She noted several important dates coming up: Clubs that have a September thru August dance season should send their complete year schedule to us by July 25. If there is a location change, please complete the Location Information sheet. Check your club directory to make sure the correct club contact is there and that person is willing to answer question about square dancing in your group. All that same information is due by November 25 for all the rest of the clubs that have a January to December dance season.

Stress to your club individuals who send in articles that the Club Name is on the subject line. If you do not receive a confirmation within a day or two, call or resend.

Forms for sending items to the DOIN's are available on the web 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, fill them in, and mail them. If you want the forms sent to you electronically to save to your computer, please send an email to doins@kc.rr.com and we will send them to you.

We are still in need of a Publications Committee Chairman. Dave Shafer and I have some ideas that we would like share with the new person and make a few changes for the future. We really need someone to step forward and help.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. This is the income-expense report as of today. Balance carried forward as of April 13, 2015 is \$100. We had a total income of \$586 and no expenses. Disbursements consisted of \$6.00 (3 issues remaining of 2015 subscription) refund to the family of Charley Worthington; a check to the Swinging Singles; a refund of Charley Worthington's 2016 subscription of \$15; and a check to the MO Federation of Square n' Round Dance Clubs in the amount of \$565. Balance carried forward as of today was \$100.

The mail list sent to Pittman Printing, for 385 issues. Total Paid subscriptions was 363, one advertiser, one exchange and 19 others for director and staff. Renewals for the period 4/11/15 through 6/13/15 was just 33 and three new subscriptions for that same time frame. Eight copies were requested for students, 40 renewal post cards were mailed, and 24 renewals was received.

She noted that after sending out renewal requests, some of those come back after the renewal deadline, thus they don't receive that particular book. Carl Boone recommended that she back up her deadline by a week so that renewals will get in quick enough to process for the next issue.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting: Balance brought forward was \$100 on April 12. We have zero revenue from DOIN's subscriptions. Revenue collected from six puzzle sales amounted to \$90 and revenue collected for DOIN'S Ads and Caller/Cuer directory listings amounted to \$824 for a total of \$1,014. We spent \$5.75 for mailing ads to the publisher for a total expense of \$5.75. Disbursement in the amount of \$908.25 to the Missouri Federation of Square n' Round Dance Clubs leaving us with a balance of \$100 carried forward on June 14, 2015. To remind you, we have been receiving ads up to a week after the cut-off date. July 25 is the cut-off date for the September-October issue of the DOIN's and we need to receive it by that date. We need to make sure that the clubs know that the 25th of the odd months of the year are the deadline dates.

Puzzle Report: We sold six puzzles since the last report putting us in the black of \$810.00. We still have another 113 left.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack Rockaway--No report.

State Festival Site Screening: George and Cleva Roth--No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Jim stated there are 1,535 insured dancers in Missouri at this time, 482 Missouri dancers insured through other federations, for a total of Missouri dancers insured of 2,017 with 60 Missouri clubs. Since the April Federation meeting we have added 36 new dancers. A reminder to all clubs, don't forget to submit the club sponsored class form that will cover dancers only while they are at and during lessons and at your lessons location only. Get them to join your club early and pay the \$4.50 so they can dance everywhere.

Remember to complete the accident form for all accidents that occur at your dance even if they appear minor. Keep them on file and submit as needed.

On the financial and expense Missouri Federation Insurance Statement, we had a beginning balance of \$440.78, payments from the clubs amounted to \$185 income and payments to the USDA was \$210.30, leaving us with an ending balance of \$415.48. The next page on the report gives us a breakdown of how many dancers are insured through club and federation as of 6/12/2015.

Travel Missouri: Jim and Loretta Marron reporting. We had no income nor expenses for June and we still have \$66.42 in the bank.

Number of dangles we have given out for Missouri was 412:

Central District -	371
Northeast District -	346
Northwest District -	323
St. Louis District -	325
Southeast District -	319
Southwest District -	358
West Central District -	350

Total for all districts of 2,804

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs--No report.

Webmaster: Dan and Jean Wheeler--No report.

License Plate: Sharon White was absent but Edythe Weber noted that all the personalized license plates are due in July so get your paperwork processed.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. The annual meeting of the United Square Dancers of America is Wednesday, June 24 in Springfield, Massachusetts at 1:00 p.m. in the Marriott Hotel Ballroom A. The Shafers and Rockaways are voting delegates and anyone else is welcome to attend. Wear your blue shirts, it looks awesome.

We are going off Executive Committee as Plains Regional Vice Presidents after three years and a couple from Minnesota is going to be elected, we believe. Jim and I appreciate all the support

from the Missouri Federation over the last three years and we will be staying on the USDA staff. The Shafers and the Rockaways will be giving a report at the August meeting.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. The Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance (ARTS). Please continue to add that logo to your graphic usage on flyers and anywhere you would like. It is being used in our Northwest District Festival Dance on our flyers, our t-shirts will have that on it and we are planning on using that in our festival in 2016 as well. The re-imaging logo is being used all over the United States, in Canada and now in Germany. The ARTS annual meeting is in Springfield Sunday following the convention June 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel. There will be signage for a room at that time. The topics will be "re-imaging of square dancing" and the new logos. Jim And July Taylor from Colorado is spearheading this. They are going to be doing two seminars during the convention that will be very informative on this topic. If you are going to the Nationals, please attend those seminars.

District Presidents' Report: Carol Morris reporting.

- Congratulations should go to the St. Louis District for their graduation of 40 students.
- Sharon Crisel sent each district a plaque to be given to the callers achieving the 20 years, 25 years, and retirement awards. These plaques look very nice and they come from a new source that Sharon has found. If you are interested in awards of any kind you might want to check with her later on her source.
- Dates and Deadlines. Caller of the year nominations to be received by Sharon Crisel no later than August 1. Dancer of the year to be received by Annette Thornhill no later than August 1.

Youth and Children Dance: Larry and Sharon Crisel--No report.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Carol Morris reporting for Bob Turner. The 2015-16 winner of the William B. Morris Memorial Scholarship winner is Maggie Markus of St. Charles, Missouri. She is the daughter of Mark and Kelly Marcus and granddaughter of Carol McKeone and Marty Altman. Maggie is planning to attend Missouri State University in Springfield majoring in the Bio-Medical field. She was selected from four very good applicants.

2015 State Festival: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. Registrations are coming in slowly. If you have not pre-registered, please do so. We have about 130 registered, but some of those are callers. Sales are going well with the shirts and we sold 11 of them last night at the dance. Things are coming together and we are very excited to have Mike Hogan this year.

2016 State Festival: Fred Goucher reporting. We have found a place to dance. It is Truman High School, 3301 South Noland Road, Independence, Missouri.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dance Promotions Grant Update: Carl Boone reporting. We have done two different things. One is the incentive for getting the dues and insurance paid on time. So, it is time for us to get the word out so that the clubs have plenty of time to react. The other thing we have done is to assist the clubs with expenses involved in giving lessons. Last year the incentive grant reimbursed each club \$35 that had their dues and insurance paid on time. I believe we put that in the standing rules to do that each year with the funding amount to be determined.

Square Dancers of the Year Update: Mary Sue Darwent reported that Annette Thornhill is not here, and we don't have a list as yet. Annette would like to have the list of nominations in by August 1 before she leaves on vacation.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Update: Sharon Crisel stated August 1 is the deadline for nominations for Caller and Cuer awards. Carl encouraged everyone to send in their choices as soon as possible.

2016 Sate Festival Site Screening: Carl Boone stated that since we now have a site for screening, George and Cleva will make a trip to Kansas City and look at that facility.

Audit Reports: Carl Boone reported that Jan and J.W. England were not able to be here today but all audit books have been returned. They were all satisfactory. Jan did have several comments on the state festival that an overall summary would be helpful and that paying back the \$2500 advance would be nice to do in two separate checks. Other than that, everyone is doing a great job. The books go back to the committees.

State Dance Promo Advertising: Liz Rooks reporting. Liz presented six ad possibilities for the upcoming Missouri State Fair, advertising our square dance on the fairgrounds, August 19. June 25 is the deadline to get this news into the Sedalia paper. Most of the ads used some color last year. Recommendations were to use sample #2, and adding "come and watch" and "air conditioning" with some color to the ad. The cheapest package for digital signage would be \$300.00.

Caller Cuer for State Festival 2018: Sharon Crisel reporting. For the 2018 State Festival I have a signed contract for Caller Joe Saltel, Pharr, Texas and Cuer, Shirley Heiny of Idaville, Indiana and Harlingen, Texas.

Caller Cuer Longevity Award. Sharon Crisel reporting. I met with the District Presidents and gave them their plaques. Basically I wanted to say the two eligibility items for this award was: Callers had to be calling at least 20 years and the other was they had to have called or cued at least five or more state festivals. This took quite a little bit of research to do because if they had more than 30, I didn't have any record. So I had to talk to the callers or cuers themselves. We gave out 15 plaques presented to the District Presidents to present to the callers and cuers in their own district at a time when they could do that with a lot of square dancers present.

Retiring - 7 x 9 plaque

Phil Howell – 35 years – SW District

Larry Leibig – 34 years – NW District

Bill Sherrill – 25 years – SW District

50 Years - 7 x 9 plaque

Mike Kelly – NW District

Kevin Bersing – St. Louis District

20 Years – 5 x 7 plaque

Julie Pigg Callahan, Cuer – St Louis - NW District

20 Years Plus – 5 x 7 plaque

Bob Tevlin, Cuer – 24 years – St. Louis District

Gerry Tevlin, Cuer – 25 years – St. Louis District

Glenda Morgan, Cuer – 25 years – St. Louis District

Mary Castleberry, Cuer-caller – 21 years – SW District

Ron Swartz, caller – 24 years – West Central District

Larry Dudgeon, caller – 25 years - West Central and Central District

Karen Craig, caller – 25 years – NW District

Stan Mangogna, caller – 23 years – NW District

Kenton Sullivan, caller – 22 years – SW District

This year I have an updated list and I have sent it out to the presidents, and the caller- cuer schedule, so if you need that list, please let me know. That list should be updated from year to year.

NEW BUSINESS

67th National Square Dance Convention®: Carl Boone reporting. A week from Tuesday we're flying out to Springfield, MA. We would like to have as many as possible to go. We meet with the National Executive Committee Wednesday morning, June 24 at 8:45 a.m. to go over our progress on the 2018 National Convention in Kansas City. We feel like we are in a pretty good place on that. Registrations as of today are 362. Cincinnati has 503. They are a year ahead of us so we are not that far behind in numbers. Des Moines has 1,589, and Springfield, MA has 3,792. We are hoping that Springfield will end up with 4,000. We have 2,017 Missouri dancers and 362 are registered so that is a pretty poor percentage of Missouri (just over 100 Missouri dancers registered). We would appreciate registering as many dancers as possible.

Jack Rockaway is our Vice-Chairman of Ways & Means, and he has been doing very well selling a little over \$4,000 so far. Jack is looking for anyone to volunteer to make things that we can sell that are appropriate. If you can think of anyone to make things for the 67th Nationals in Kansas City, we would appreciate it. If anyone has craft ideas that they want to make, we can pay some material costs for that as long as the cost is commensurate for what we sell it for. There is no maximum dollar amount on craft items that are for sale.

Cindy Boone reported that we have some newly appointed Committee members for the 67th National Square Dance Convention® coming up. We have officially appointed Larry and Sharon Crisel as our new Vice-Chairman of Youth. Randy Boyles, Mary Pitts, and Frances Casteel will be in charge of the Archive Room, and Fred and Carolyn Goucher are the Housing and Registration Assistant Chairman. I believe we are on target after looking at some reports from past national conventions, so we are doing a good job.

Slate of Officers: Carl Boone reporting. Larry and Sharon Crisel are working on a slate of officers for next year. They will present at the August meeting.

Promotions: Carl Boone reporting. There are two dance promotions that we are currently supporting and need discussion. One is the incentive for getting the dues and insurance paid on time. The other is to assist the clubs with expenses involved in giving lessons. Discussion was held on both promotions.

Club Reimbursement: The Federation will reimburse each club \$35 if both insurance and club dues are received in hand by November 1. There will be no exceptions on clubs handing in late. Carl asked for a voice vote on this reimbursement. Vote passed.

Lessons: In the past, we have been asked to defray the cost in lessons and two years ago we put several thousand dollars out there for those clubs to apply for. We gave approximately \$800 dollars away last time so this is a program we want to continue. The Lebanon group which we helped, was started at the festival last year. We also helped defray some expenses to the Kountry Kuzins, and the River City Squares. Those were the clubs that applied, and we did grant funds to everyone that did apply. The Lebanon group did not complete all the lessons and they are going to pick it up again this fall. The Kountry Kuzins have 13 new students still currently in lessons and the funds helped to defray their costs. The River City Squares had three students, and some had conflicting work schedules. They are hoping to take lessons again when their schedules change.

A motion was made by Dave Shafer and seconded to support this program for one more year at the \$2,000 level. Carl stated it would be up to the Promotions Committee to review those applications under the same guidelines that we have used in the past and this would be the funding for that. A voice vote was taken and motion was approved.

Proposed revisions on the Selection of Callers and Cuers for State Festival, Tabled motion from the last meeting: Carl Boone handed out Proposed Revisions and the existing Standard Rules. A motion was made by Liz Rooks and seconded by Dave Shafer to remove the motion from the table. Motion passed.

Carl recommended that items be reviewed line by line. Good discussion was held on reviewing these items.

A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded that we table the revision pending a rewrite and review at our next meeting. Motion carried.

Edythe Weber recommended that the By-Laws Committee look at taking Section 6 out of Article XI because it is a repeat of Section 4 B. in Article X about the featured caller.

As soon as the proposed revision is rewritten it will be emailed to everyone. Comments should be emailed back to Carl and Cindy and they will coordinate with George and Cleva to complete work on revision. Cindy commented that once the revisions have been finished, the Ad Hoc Committee will be presented.

Jim Weber reported that the Missouri Federation has been a member of the ARTS for several years and paid our dues but they are also asking for donations of \$100 that can be designated for the re-imaging project. A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded that the Missouri Federation donate to the ARTS \$100 for use on the re-imaging project. Carl recommended that

the motion include the Missouri Federation become a reinstated member of ARTS at a fee of \$100 and donation of \$100 for a total of \$200. A voice vote was taken on this motion. Motion passed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11, Saturday, 37th Southeast annual District Dance, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Madison Co. Farm Supply, Inc., 320 North Mine LaMott Avenue, Fredericktown, Missouri.

July 11, Saturday, Maysville Wranglers, Maysville High School, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Homemade Ice Cream dance.

July 25, Saturday, Northwest District dance, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City Missouri, hosted by the Ramblers.

August 15, Saturday, Singles and Doubles Square Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Missouri.

August 19, Wednesday, Sedalia State Fair Grounds, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall, Sedalia, Missouri.

August 30, Sunday, Veterans Benefit Dance, hosted by West Central, Northwest, and HOA, Lexington United Methodist Church, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Lexington, Missouri.

CLOSE

Carl thanked the Lost Creek Promenaders and their President, Melvin Bond, for their wonderful hospitality in hosting the dance and luncheon.

The next meeting will be hosted by the St. Louis District on Sunday, August 16 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will take place at the Arden Mead Youth and Community Center, #17 Selma Drive, Webster Groves, Missouri. The dance will be held on Saturday night, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. by the Singles and Doubles at the Webster Groves Christian Church, at 1320 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, MO.

A motion was made by Larry Anslinger and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt

Secretary