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

Minutes of October 18, 2015

First Vice President George Roth called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, Missouri.

Invocation: George Roth

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: Jim Weber

Pledge of Allegiance to the Missouri Flag: Jim Weber

Roll Call: Ruth Ann Reynolds

Introduction and Welcome of Guests: Edythe Weber introduced Floyd and Judy Engelhardt from Le Sueur, Minnesota, as the new USDA Vice Presidents, Plains Region. Liz Rooks introduced Dave and Penny Byers, Peppy Promenaders, from Chillicothe.

Minutes of August 16 meeting: Corrections were made on Pages 5 and 8. Vice President Roth acknowledged those corrections and asked for any additional changes. A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried. The minutes with corrections were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reporting. As of 8/13/15 the beginning checking account balance was \$9,504.11 with Revenue of \$1,339.67 and Expenses totaling \$4,448.17. The ending checking account balance as of October 6, 2015 was \$6,395.11. One CD matured in September and Carl found a 36-month fund with 1.1% rate of interest to reinvest. We have a total of four CD's amounting to \$40,146.25. Total funds on hand \$46,541.86.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reporting: We have a total of 61 clubs and I have received dues for 38 clubs to date. There is one Longevity Award to be given out. Tony Ahart did some research on our clubs and came up with the Tanglefooters, Southwest District, founded in November, 1975. He will deliver the 40-year badge to them.

Vice President Roth reported that \$118 was collected during the meeting, as a memorial to Wilma Boone, Carl's Boone's mother, who passed away this past week.

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: George stated that we are still looking for volunteers for that committee. No report.

DOIN's Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. She stated a very important date was coming up on November 25.

- Complete year schedules for **ALL** clubs are due.
- Location information sheet. This gives the Doin's staff information for the January Location Pull-out section. This information is needed only if you have changed locations from last year or added an additional location.
- Check your club contact in the Club Directory. The person listed in the magazine should be a current dancer and is informed about what is happening in your club. Also listed should be a cell phone number in case someone needs to be reached while at the dance.

All the forms for sending items for the Doin's are available and interactive 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.

DOIN's Circulation: Carol Morris reporting. The bi-monthly report for the Northeast District will be given at the December state meeting and the report will also include the weekend activity and subscriptions.

The balance carried forward as of August 15 was \$100 with Income from 34 subscriptions for a total of \$525 and Expenses of postmaster \$14, and a \$3 bank service charge for total expenses of \$17. Disbursement of \$508 to the Missouri Federation leaves a total amount of \$100 carried forward.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance brought forward was \$100 as of August 16, 2015. There was no new revenue from subscriptions, however, revenue was collected from eight puzzle sales for a total of \$120. Revenue collected for Doin's ads and Caller/Cuer directory listings and puzzles amounted to \$926 for total revenue of \$1,146 and one check for \$5.75 to the postmaster under Expenses. Disbursement in the amount of \$1,040.25 was made to the Missouri Federation and a balance carried forward as of October 18, 2015 is \$100.

We have added two new annual advertisers this year. We welcome the Beaux and Belles with a half page ad for a year and Silver Dollar Squares who have taken out a quarter page ad.

Puzzle report: Eight puzzles amounting to \$120 have been sold since the last meeting. That gives us \$965 profit to the Federation. Our Total income balance to date is \$4,139. We have 93 or 94 puzzles left.

Promotions and Recruiting: Jack and Becky Rockaway – No report.

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

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. Jim stated there were 1,556 dancers insured through Missouri and Missouri dancers insured through other federations of 490. As of October 18, 2015, the total number of Missouri dancers is 2,046 with 61 Missouri clubs at this time. Since April the Federation has added nine new dancers. As a reminder to all clubs holding lessons, you must submit a club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers at lessons. Once the dancers graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium, and the club submits an additional enrollment form. If your lessons continue into 2016, you must submit a new club roster form for 2016. You insurance for your club class drops on December 31. I must have a new roster for 2016.

Remember to complete accident forms for all accidents that occur at your dance and keep them on file as needed.

The insurance packets were mailed in September 18. The 2016 premium has increased from \$4.50 to \$4.75 per dancer. This is the first increase in five years.

For your club to receive the \$35.00 club rebate your 2016 dues must be paid and received by Rosa and your 2016 insurance packet must be received by me by November 1, 2015.

Financial report: The beginning balance as of August 16 was \$458.28. Income from clubs was \$2,026 . Payments to USDA - \$1,979.40, Mailing and Supplies - \$171.09, for total Expenses of \$2,150.49. The ending balance as of October 16, amounted to \$333.79.

I have received only 21 clubs' insurance to date for 2016.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting.

Number of dangles given out per district as of October 15, 2015, dangles passed out were 412

Central – 373

Northeast – 348

Northwest – 323

St. Louis – 332

Southeast – 319

Southwest – 364

West Central – 350

As of October 15, total number of dangles passed out was 2,821.

For October, Income was \$6.00 for one new row. There were no expenses. Total money in the account is \$48.18.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs – No report. Connie stated that she does have Blue birds and braid for anyone needing these items.

George Roth reminded everyone there is a new redesign on the bluebirds.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. He reported that, on the Missouri Federation website there is district letterhead stationery for all districts. One has the Missouri map on it and one with the Arts logo on it.

When you make or change forms, please date them. I prefer a date in the lower right corner. When you send me forms, I prefer them in MS Word or MS Excel. I can convert these files to PDF format which I can then reduce file size by 80%. This changes the space used on our website server and also takes less time to download the form.

Please use MS Word for written documents. Most people are now using MS Word and when you use one of the other programs other people may not be able to open them if you send a document to them.

Save your files in MS Word format so everyone can use them and if you don't know how, contact me and I will help you.

I talked last meeting about the security codes on the "on line" forms. The new security codes by "Google" appear to be working well. I haven't noticed any robotic spam with them. All the update forms have been updated to the new system. Please remind your clubs to use them. When you use these forms, there are blanks to fill in with all the information that the Doin's or I need. I am happy to accept information by regular email but it is very easy to leave something important out. The new forms for Doin's Chatter automatically puts your club name in the "Subject" line of the email - something that Edythe has been requesting for a very long time.

For the record, the new system requires that you click in a box to verify that you are not a robot. If you send too many of the forms in one day (3 – 6) the form makes you jump through one more hoop. You will be shown 9 pictures of something. Then you will be asked to click on all the same type picture. There are several more options that the system may use, none as difficult as the old numbers and letters. Usually the check box is all you have to do.

Remind your clubs to send me their 2016 schedules and also check their club web pages to be sure information is current. If the club officers need to be added to their web pages, please let me know.

Last month, the Missouri Federation web site had over 1100 hits. As of Wednesday, the Missouri Festival web site had over 300 hits. The Missouri Festival information for 2016 is already on the web site.

Historian: Dan and Jean Wheeler – No report.

License Plate: Sharon White – No report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. Edythe stated that the Executive Committee will hold their winter meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on January 23 and 24, 2016. She also reported that USDA Youth Scholarship applications are due February 1, 2016. If you have a senior in high school or freshman in college, please have them apply.

There is also a new Centennial Award being sponsored by the USDA for any square dancer 100 years or older. If your club has a dancer 100 years or older please get in touch with either Jim or me so we can fill out an application and get that award applied for.

Edythe introduced Floyd and Judy Engelhardt who are the new USDA Vice Presidents for the Plains Region.

Judy Engelhardt stated they were on their way home from an Arkansas meeting and stopped in to visit us. They have danced in all 50 states once and are on their second round, already at 48, and going strong. Judy and Floyd are looking forward to their work and position with the USDA, Plains Region.

ARTS – Edythe Weber reporting. Edythe reminded everyone to use the new logo on flyers and anywhere you would like. Information is available on the Live Lively Square Dance site. For logos go to www.arts-dance.org – Reimaging Project. They do have a program involving a workshop or presentation at your festival or will set one up for an educational weekend and will assist you with \$200 for doing that.

District Presidents' Report: Annette Thornhill reporting. Annette reported that the District Presidents met and discussed the following:

- Insurance report - we need a list of District officers plus their Board of Directors names for each district and what clubs they are delegates from for 2016. Send to moinsurance@kc.rr.com.
- Sharon Crisel has updated the caller's and longevity list for next year's 2016 festival
- District dates and dances - 2016

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| February 14 | Southwest | Kountry Kuzins, Springfield |
| April 10 | West Central | Peppy Promenaders, Chillicothe |
| June | Southeast | date and club to be announced |
| August 21 | St. Louis | Singles and Doubles Square Dance Club |
| October 21, 22, and 23 | Northwest | Truman High School, State Festival Independence, Missouri |
| December | Central | TBA |

Youth and Children Dance: Sharon Crisel reporting. Sharon announced that the Youth and Children dance workshop will be held at the MOAHPERD Convention Friday, November 13, Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. The session will be from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Gene Wilson will be teaching the program along with Larry Crisel and Dave Shafer. Angels are welcome and she requested wearing shirts promoting the Federation or 2018 National.

Bill Morris Memorial Scholarship: Bob Turner reporting. He reported that a tuition check for \$500 has been sent to the Missouri State University for Maggie Markus, the winner of the Bill Morris Scholarship. The scholarship is on the website so if you have any children or grandchildren that would be qualified, have them fill out a form and send in for next year's scholarship.

2015 State Festival: Annette Thornhill reporting. The festival was great fun and a good experience to be a part of. She issued a thank you for all those who helped in making it a success. There were 480 dancers who attended the dance and we brought in approximately \$2600. However, there are expenses yet to be deducted. The budget report for the festival will be presented at the next Federation meeting.

2016 State Festival: Fred Goucher reporting: He reported that t-shirts and ribbons are on sale. Seventy-five people are already pre-registered for next year's dance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dance Promotions Grant Update: No report.

Square Dancers of the Year: Annette Thornhill reporting. She stated the winners of the Square Dancers of the Year 2015 award went to Mark and Rosalee Mortensen. There will be a new chairman for next year's event announced at the February meeting. She encouraged every district who submitted a name for the award this year, to resubmit for the coming year. There are new forms for this nomination on the web site.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Sharon Crisel reporting. Sharon announced the Caller of the Year was Kenton Sullivan. The District Presidents should check requirements for this award and begin thinking toward 2016 and the deadline date that nominations have to be in. The chairmen for this Committee will be Carl and Cindy Boone.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2016 Officers: Sharon Crisel reporting. Sharon announced the slate of officers nominated for 2016 as follows:

President – George and Cleva Roth

1st Vice President – Dan Reedy

2nd Vice President – Ron and Marie Selfors

3rd Vice President – Jack and Becky Rockaway

Secretary – Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt

Treasurer – Rosa Davis

George Roth asked for nominations from the floor three times for each position. With no further nominations, a motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded by Liz Rooks that nominations cease.

Dave Shafer made a motion by acclamation to accept nominations and it was seconded by Jim Weber. Motion passed.

67th National Square Dance Convention: Jim Weber reporting: Jim encouraged early registration and at this time we have 502 registered. There are approximately 2,000 dancers in Missouri. we need to show the National Convention folks that we are going to have a spectacular dance.

Dave Shafer reported on the Housing and Registration. Plans are progressing well and on track. We had a meeting with NEC (National Executive Committee members) several weeks ago and reviewed all the plans so far. Everything is on track and they are pleased with everything we have done at this point. There is still a need for people to help with various committees. If you have a particular skill or knowledge that would help, please let us know. Early registration is important. There are 502 registered at this date but only 109 from Missouri. It is important that we register as many as we can from Missouri. Talk about it at your dances and encourage everyone to sign up and promote this event. Wear your ribbons when you receive them. The registration fee is \$50 per individual and allows you to attend the pre-convention dance at no cost in 2017. After March 18, 2017, the registration fee will jump to \$60 per person. Work at the club level to get the word out.

Standard Registration Form – Callers/Cuers: Jim Weber reporting. Jim stated that the Caller/Cuer registration form is now finalized. This form registers the Caller/Cuers for the convention or festival, and the caller and their spouse or partner will be admitted free. The second part is the Caller/Cuer profile as per Section 5 of our working rules, The only changes to the sheet would be the new name and date of the function and cancellation date. The callers will sign the bottom of it indicating the assigned time slot to call. If the callers don't cancel by September 1 and they are assigned a time slot to call, they will be unable to call at the next year's festival.

George Roth stated that, according to the Standing Rules, this new form will be on the web site

Article XIX – Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke Memorial Dance Off: George Roth reporting. George recommended that the last sentence under Section D of Article XIX be struck from the Proposed Standing Rules Addition – October 18, 2015.

(The MFSRDC will reimburse the host district up to \$60.00 for cost of badges or ribbons).

Jim Weber recommended that the proposed Standing Rule Article XIX be passed as amended. In order to count the votes accurately, George asked for a standing vote. A vote was taken with 17 for and 11 against. The motion carried by majority vote.

George Roth requested a vote to add Article X1, Section 12 - Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke Memorial Dance-Off Committee. A voice vote was taken and approved with one opposed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The next State Board meeting will be hosted by the Southeast District on Sunday, December 13 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will take place at the Odd Fellows Hall, 200 West Maude Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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| Sunday, October 25 | St. Louis District – Benefit dance for Alzheimer’s Kirkwood Center 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 24 | Southwest District – Rangers are having a Monster Mash Wade Morrow, caller |
| Saturday, December 12 | Southeast District - Puxico Country Squares dance Location announced later Robert Townsend, caller |
| Sunday, December 13 | State meeting, Odd Fellows Hall, Poplar Bluff |

A motion was made by Bob Turner and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt

Secretary, Missouri Federation