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

**Minutes of October 23, 2016**

President George Roth called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. at the Truman High School cafeteria in Independence, Missouri. He thanked the Northwest District for a great state dance and acknowledged all the work that made it a success.

**Invocation:** Edythe Weber

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**Roll Call:** Ruth Ann Reynolds

**Approval of August Minutes:** President Roth asked for corrections or additions to the August minutes. A correction was made on page 6 (deleting Past Presidents under Slate of Officers) the minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking account balance as of August 31 of \$9,343.24 with Revenue of \$1,279.64 and Expenses of \$1,257.74. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2016 was \$9,365.14. CDs plus interest amounted to \$30,225.68 for a total funds balance of \$49,590.82. Since this report she has collected dues for the 2017 year from 40 clubs and we have a total of 58 clubs. Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

**Membership and Club Longevity:** Rosa Davis reported one longevity award to the Peppy Promenaders, West Central District, celebrating 40 years.

**Correspondence:** Ruth Ann Reynolds: She received two thank you cards and sent around a get well card to Marie Selfors for signing by members.

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

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Dan Reedy reported on the current Standing Rules under Section 5. President Roth recommended that this be brought up for discussion under New Business.

**Publications:** Carol Morris reported that a survey had been taken at the dance by subscribers and also non-subscribers on suggestions regarding the Doin's Publication. The results and recommendations of that survey will be given at the December meeting.

**DOIN's Editor:** Edythe Weber reminded everyone of the November 25 deadline for the next issue. She noted the importance of any changes in your dance directory or dance location and the name of the dancer with cell phone emergency numbers. With the holidays coming, information should be sent in as early as possible.

There is a form for requesting copies for new graduates and it is available on the Missouri Federation website at [www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri](http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri). The DOIN's provides one issue for each new dancer. Please request your free copies to give out to your new dancers at graduations and make them aware of the magazine.

**DOIN's Circulation:** Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the November/December issue totaled 333 with two exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office. We received 25 renewals, five new subscriptions and 37 expiring DOIN's cards were mailed. The beginning balance was \$100 with total subscriptions of \$542. Expenses totaled \$36 and a check of \$506 was given to the Missouri Federation leaving a balance of \$100 in the Circulation account.

We had a very successful dance and at the DOIN's dance we received 46 renewals, and nine new subscriptions. We had 146 dancers at the DOIN's dance and 12 callers. We also took in \$528 in donations that will be in the next check for the DOIN's.

**DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. June 13 through August 14 Balance brought forward was \$100 with Revenue for ads and Caller/Cuer directory listings totaling \$506 for a balance of \$606. Expenses amounted to \$6.45 for mailing ads to the publisher for a balance carried forward of \$599.55 carried forward to the next report.

The balance brought forward for August 14 through October 23 was \$599.55. Revenue collected from puzzles sales (93) was \$935 and revenue for DOIN's ads and Caller/Cuer directory lists amounted to \$460 for a sub total of \$1,994.55 income. I paid for 12 puzzles and brought them with me to give away with new subscriptions and an anonymous donor stepped forward and donated \$790 to the puzzle fund to pay for the remaining puzzles. We have a case of puzzles (already paid for) that we donated to the 67th National Convention. They will take them around with the Ways and Means table and sell them for \$10 apiece to make some money for the National dance. Expenses amounted to \$6.45 for mailing ads to the publisher. Today I presented a check to the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,888.10 leaving us a balance of \$100.

We sold all of our puzzles including the donated \$790 giving the Federation \$2,010 of profit towards the DOIN's. Total income, from the puzzle sales, to date was \$5,114. We have nothing owed to the Federation and there are no puzzles left.

**Promotions and Advertising:** Jack and Becky Rockaway. He reported he received a request from Capital City Squares for \$400 to cover the cost of location rent and the Federation caller that teaches the class. The requested amount was granted as all the members of the class have joined the club.

**State Festival Site Screening:** Dan Reedy – No report.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. There are 1,449 dancers insured through Missouri and 390 dancers through other federations for a total of 1,839 dancers and 58 clubs. Clubs offering lessons should make sure they send in the club sponsored class. End date for starting lessons will be December 31 because of the end of the insurance year. For 2017 everyone will have to refile with new insurance. Beginning January 1 all class members are insured no matter where they dance. This will be left up to the club and the caller to tell the dancer where they can dance at other places. Insurance cost will still be \$4.75 for 2017. The insurance package for 2017 was mailed to all clubs on September 22. Club rebate of \$35 is available if your club state dues have been paid and in to Rosa and the 2017 insurance packet information for the club has been completed by November 1.

Beginning balance for August 21 through October 22 was \$432.71, with expenses of \$286.44, income of \$38 and ending balance of \$184.27. The biggest cost of the packets was printing, \$112.60; postage, \$91.06; and supplies of \$26.98.

Rosa has 40 clubs that have paid 2017 dues but only 29 have sent in insurance. For a Missouri club where your insurance is through another federation to qualify for this, Jim must have your states dues paid and a copy of your roster to be qualified.

**Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. As of October 18, 2016, the total number of danglers given out for Missouri is 415.

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| Central      | 376 |
| Northeast    | 363 |
| Northwest    | 330 |
| St Louis     | 334 |
| Southeast    | 325 |
| Southwest    | 379 |
| West Central | 354 |

Total per all districts 2,876

We have a total of 274 with two new members signing up in October. No income and no expenses since August. Total money in account is \$100.

**Blue Bird Coordinator:** Connie and Kenny Hobbs. She reported they have sold four sets of blue birds and four sets of braids.

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler – Absent. Ruth Ann Reynolds read Dan’s report as follows:

When you type a web address into any printed document, always copy it and paste it into your browser and make sure it actually opens the web site you thought it would. I often see material with web site addresses that don’t actually open web pages.

Recently I have seen a few forms set out for people to fill out that were in jpg & doc format. The jpgs will work although they may not print out as nice as a pdf. Docs on the other hand may not work at all. Just because an MS Word document looks good on your computer in your copy of Word doesn’t mean that everything will look the same on someone else’s copy of word. When you send forms to be filled (i.e. registration forms, etc.) they should always be sent in pdf format. Most computers are capable of saving Word files in pdf format. If yours is not, or if you don’t know how, contact me. I can either tell you how, or I will do it for you.

I am still receiving forms without revision dates. Please add a revision date to any form you send me. Without dates, I sometimes get new forms mixed up with old forms. If I didn’t modify the form, I probably can’t tell the new one from the old one.

Recently you may have received E-mails that appears to come from me. These E-mails usually have my name, and may have one of my E-mail addresses. They usually have some minor greeting like “Hi” or “You have to read this”, followed by a web link. My computer has not been hacked. These are spam. They are often called “Phishing” E-mail. It is very easy to send E-mail from any computer anywhere and make it “look” like it came from someone else. I have gotten these that appear to come from many of you. When I get these, I delete them. I never open the web address.

When you need a new form, check the web site before you make a new one. The one you need may already be there.

**Historian:** Dan Wheeler: Absent – No report.

**License Plate:** Sharon White – No report.

**USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting. We are preparing for the annual meeting that will be held in San Antonio, in January.

**ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting: Thanks to all that attended the work shop on Saturday morning. That will generate \$200 from the ARTS for our Federation. Carolyn and Fred applied for a \$200 grant to give out to organizations to give seminars on what the Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance and what they are trying to do. Also, thanks to the Add-A-Buck donation on the Festival registration page. The Missouri Federation will be donating approximately \$49 to the ARTS. That money will help as an organization to try and build our hobby up to what it once was.

Keep up to date on the <http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com> web site and sign up for what's going on with that program.

**District Presidents Report:** Carolyn Goucher reporting. She stated that 465 people registered for the dance. Jim Weber also met with the group and discussed insurance coverage and information that needs to be in for the \$35 rebate.

The following dates have been chosen for the 2017 calendar for district meetings:

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| February 12                                    | West Central District |
| April 9  | Northeast District    |
| June 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | Southeast District    |
| August 13                                      | Southwest District    |
| October 22                                     | St. Louis District    |
| December 3 or 10                               | Central District      |

**Youth and Children's Dance:** Sharon Crisel. She had no report but thought the participation of youth at the dance and in the fashion show added much interest in making the dance successful.

**Bill Morris Scholarship:** Bob and Shirley Turner. Bob read a thank you note from the winner of the scholarship, Danielle Roberts. She plans to receive a degree in Physical Therapy.

**2016 State Festival:** Fred and Carolyn Goucher. Fred stated the Festival was a success and everyone had a good time.

**2017 State Festival:** Ray and Vicki Wittman reporting. Vicki reported on the 2017 Missouri Federation Festival and indicated that T-shirts and polos were selling well and she will have to order more large and extra large. Checks should be made payable to the Missouri Federation.

**Square Dancer of the Year:** Mary Sue Darwent reporting. The announcement was made at the Saturday night dance, and George and Cleva Roth are the Square Dancers of the Year.

**Caller/Cuer of the Year:** Carl Boone reported that the Caller/Cuer of the Year was Bob and Gerry Tevlin.

**Slate of Officers for 2017:** Carl Boone. The Nominating Committee met on September 1 with all members present and the following slate was nominated for 2017:

President – Dan Reedy

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Ron and Marie Selfors

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John and Beverly Stuart

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Jack and Becky Rockaway

Secretary – Penny and David Byers

Treasurer – Rosa Davis

Each nomination was read three times and there were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to elect the slate of officers by acclamation. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**Update of the 67<sup>th</sup> National Convention:** Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Carl reported that at the September meeting all of the national advisers came in and met with our board members and committees. He stated that the main focus right now is our pre-convention dance in March of 2017. We have our long form registration approved, printed and that is in process. We are working on contracts, tours, and entertainers for the show. All the districts and clubs are challenged to have a fundraiser dance for the 67<sup>th</sup> National with proceeds, after expenses, going toward the hospitality for the National Dance.

Cindy Boone emphasized the need to register more Missouri dancers for the convention and encourage the clubs by signing up now by March 17 and attending the Pre-convention dance for free. The registration fee after that date will increase by \$10 per person. She urged all the districts to promote the Pre-convention dance as part of the beginning of the National in 2018.

**Showcase of Ideas:** George Roth. He reported that Dave Shafer, who has been involved for a number of years in the Showcase of Ideas, needs a volunteer to take over that responsibility. We will need someone to step forward and go to the Cincinnati National next June. We will discuss this at the December meeting.

**I.D. Membership Card:** George Roth stated that several questions have come up regarding whether or not to use the Missouri Federation I.D. membership card. This subject will be referred to the Constitution and By Laws Committee and brought up in December.

**Reordering of Blue Bird Logo:** Connie Hobbs stated she is ready to order blue bird trim for the Federation club dress but wondered about the embroidered blue birds. Jim Weber stated that the embroidered birds are for the 67<sup>th</sup> National. The traditional blue bird that the Missouri Federation uses remains the same. After discussion, it was recommended that she work with Dan Wheeler to update the blue bird information on the web site.

**Change in Standing Rules:** Dan Reedy reporting. He stated that because a new caller had not called six dances for a federated club he was unable to call at the dance. After discussion was held regarding Section 5 and the wording of the guidelines, a motion was made and seconded to table this issue until the December meeting. Motion approved.

George Roth thanked the Northwest District for the lunch and meeting and the host for the State Dance.

#### **Calendar Events**

- Sharon White, SW District, Saturday, January 28 open party from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Northview Center will celebrate a dancer who will be 100 years old. She is still quilting, cooking and lives in her own home.

The next state Board meeting will be December 4, 2016, in Rolla, Missouri.

A motion was made by Jim Weber and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved.

Ruth Ann Reynolds and Pat Hunt  
Secretary, Missouri