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

Minutes of April 9, 2017

President Dan Reedy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Moberly Area Technical Center in Moberly, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Twenty four voting positions present. Full Quorum achieved.

Approval of February Minutes: President Reedy asked for corrections or additions to the February minutes. A grammar correction was made on page 2 & a spelling correction was made on page 5. Edith moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis was absent, but sent her written report. President Dan Reedy reported a beginning checking balance as of Jan 31, 2017 of \$11,144.72. Since the last meeting we've had a Revenue of \$20,586.50 (includes cashing in mature CD & Returns from 2016 State Festival) and Expenses of \$12,188.61 (includes the purchase of a \$10,000 CD). The ending checking account balance as of March 31, 2017 is \$19,542.61. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,094.12 for Total Funds on hand of \$59,636.73. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

We will soon need to pay the \$2,500 start-up funds for the State Festival; do we want to purchase another CD at this time?

Jim Weber asked why we are having bank service charges. (Feb 28 - \$10) We will have to wait for Rosa to answer this question.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis was absent, but sent a written report. President Dan Reedy reported we have 56 clubs this year. The Mo-Kan Squares (SW District) began in May 1982, were awarded a longevity award for 35 years.

Correspondence: Penny reporting. A get well soon card for JoAnn Miller was passed around for her surgery. A Thank you card was passed around for the 65th NSDC in Iowa for the donation of \$1,875.00 for all the help they received from the Missouri Federation.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Ron & Marie Selfors (absent). No report.

Publications: Carol Morris. No report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. I want to thank everyone who has helped us recreate the articles for the May/June issue of the DOIN'S. I am still missing two and if I don't have them I will have to write something cutesy myself. We lost all my emails and contacts the last week in March, just when I was starting to work on the info to send to the printer. My computer was in the shop for a week while trying to recover some of the lost stuff; but atlas, now I have a brand new computer. Everyone has been so helpful and you can't imagine how much we appreciate that! Kudos to the writers!!

I am hoping that we can still get the magazine out on time, but if it's a day or so late, it's not the printer's fault. They have been so patient to work with also.

I have about 8 clubs that have NOT sent me a 2017 schedule. I looked on the website and Dan doesn't have them either. I will be contacting you next week to see what we can do to complete the year.

The next deadline is May 25 for the July/August issue. Please send early. This is right before Memorial Day and around many college and high school graduations. I know many things are happening in May, so please send early.

DOIN'S Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this month were 331, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office. The March/April mailing was 346. We received 53 renewals (29 from SW District DOIN'S Dance), 13 new subscriptions and 18 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 35 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the May/June issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$947.00 from subscriptions & DOIN'S dance callers). Expense of postage amounted to \$23.93. A check for \$923.07 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of \$100. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$366. Expenses totaled \$6.65. A check was given today to the Federation for \$359.35, leaving us a balance of \$100.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack Rockaway. No report.

State Festival Site Screening: Ron & Marie Selfors (absent). No report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. In 2017, 1,343 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation; 328 dancers are insured through other federations; for a total of Missouri dancers of 1,671.

Remember to submit the club sponsored class form. As of January 2017, new dancers in lessons will be covered anywhere they dance, if the club sponsoring the lessons has completed and filed the Missouri club sponsored class form for 2017. Once the new dancers graduate lessons, they are no longer insured until they join a club, pay the insurance premium and the club submits an additional enrollment form. New members are not covered until the national insurance coordinator receives the enrollment form. The 2017 premium is \$4.75 per dancer.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of February 11, 2017, is \$300.21; total income of \$237.50 and expenses of \$256.91 leaves us an ending balance on April 8, 2017, of \$280.80.

I have had 2 clubs request insurance packets as new clubs (Ladies Mainstream & St Joe Squares)

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of April 8, 2017, the total number of danglers given out for Missouri was 439.

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| Central | 384 | Southeast | 331 |
| St. Louis | 341 | Northwest | 350 |
| West Central | 360 | Southwest | 385 |
| Northeast | 369 | | |

The grand total for all districts is 2,959

Financial Report: We have 276 members. Balance carried over from 2016 was \$68.35; total income from Feb 2017 was \$2.00 (for a magnet); a total expense for Feb 2017 was \$2.00 (given to the Federation); leaving a balance of \$68.35.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs (Absent). No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. All Missouri Federation club websites have been updated to remove 2016 dance listings, and to show 2018 listings as they are added to the database. We had our first advertisement for the Website in the March/April DOIN'S. It surprises me when I find someone who doesn't realize that each club in Missouri has a free website that they can have pretty much what they want on. This month's ad in the DOIN'S tries to make that clear. Please mention this in your District meetings. The quickest way to find your club's website: 1) go to squaredancemissouri.com 2) click on "Directories" 3) about the middle of the page that opens, click "Club Websites". All the clubs will be listed on the left.

There are still clubs that have not sent me their 2017 schedules and Districts that have not sent me their handbooks. Please get these to me.

District officers, please look at your district websites and let me know any club that is no longer dancing and/or updates that need to be made for your district.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. I'd like to thank Edythe for the back copies of the DOIN'S from 2000 through 2010. From them I have added copies of Missouri Federation meeting minutes to the Missouri Federation website. You can reach these by clicking on the "Archive" button, then clicking on "Federation Meeting Minutes" on the left. We are missing 15 meetings between Feb 1994 and Feb 2017.

I have come across some interesting things that I have added and will be adding to the history section of the Website.

I have added the 2016 Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame recipients, Bob & Gerry Tevlin, to the website, but I still don't have the 2016 Square Dancers of the Year. I need that info from whoever has the book.

License Plate: Sharon White reporting. No Activity.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. No report.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. No report.

District Presidents' Report: Mary Sue Darwent reporting. There were a lot of Solo's at the District dance last night. I'm going to distribute what we do for our Solo's, to the District Presidents so if you want to format something for your clubs, you can. Someone attended Mike Hogan's talk on how to generate new square dancers. A lot of it is stuff we are already doing, but we need to keep trying harder: Signs, business cards, trifolds, get videos of younger callers and put them on Facebook and share as much as possible.

Youth and Children's Dance: Sharon & Larry Crisel. No report.

Bill Morris Scholarship: Robert Turner reporting. The Scholarship was started 4 years ago with funds that were donated from the Memorial Fund for Bill Morris. The winner this year was Alysia Walker, she will graduate from R-VII HS in Festus; she is the granddaughter of John & Bev Stuart. We have given 4 - \$500 Scholarships. Out of the 4 winners, 3 of them have grandparents that are in this room today. This is the 4th year; the seed money that started this scholarship is gone. Sometime this year we need to decide whether or not we want to continue this scholarship. It was suggested that if we do go forward with the scholarship, that it be from the Missouri Federation since the money from the Bill Morris Memorial has been used. I don't want to take any action on this today. Please think about it and we will take action later in the year.

John & Bev thanked the Federation, on behalf of their granddaughter, for the scholarship.

2017 State Festival: Ray & Vicki Wittman reporting. We have paid \$2,500 for rent on the Cowan Civic Center. Registrations are coming in slow. Caller information is coming in very well. We are going to do a Bee Bonnet hat parade instead of a fashion show. Do I need approval for this? It was confirmed by many, no you don't need approval.

National Convention: Carl and Cindy (absent). Dave Shafer reported the Pre Convention was a success! The City Tour was great, well planned and enjoyed by all who went. We went to the Iowa State Convention this weekend and picked up 15 new registrations. Several more were passed out and several dancers said they would get them mailed to Jim. We have 1202 total registered now, that is a good figure, but we need more Missouri Dancers to register.

Jim Weber announced that whoever has pre-registered needs to complete a long form now. We have fewer than 300 Missouri dancers registered out of over 1,600 Missouri dancers.

Edythe Weber announced that she and/or Jim will be visiting a District meeting, from every District in Missouri, to hand out packets to the District Presidents, so they can pass them out to each club to get their members pre-registered for the Convention.

Old Business:

501C3: President Dan Reedy reporting. It has been very difficult to get ahold of the person in charge at USDA to ask questions. They have 3 states that have signed on, 1 state in the process and 2 showing interest (us being one). Because it's so up in the air at this point, the only thing I would recommend is to start the paper work and see where it goes with them.

Committee Member Tony Ahart reporting. USDA is a 501C3 already, this is a new application they will be submitting that will allow them to bring in individual clubs, but it will cost them \$3,000 just to submit the application. This does not guarantee that the application will be approved once they submit it. One of the positives is you will be able to deduct the expenses for traveling to a meeting, but only if you itemize your tax deductions. Also, you might be able to get Grants and donations from businesses easier. The USDA has never considered us subordinate clubs. The IRS considers us subordinate clubs. We would have to put into our constitution that we are subordinate with the USDA and we would be under the subject of whatever the USDA does, right now our Constitution reads that we communicate with the USDA. It doesn't hurt anything to go ahead and fill out the paper work. It will only cost \$100 after the paperwork is approved, which might take a few years or more.

Jim Weber announced that the USDA needs so many affiliates sign on before they will spend the \$3,000 to submit the application and they are not at that point yet. USDA has 63 affiliates.

Edythe Weber stated she believes the USDA will vote to go forward or vote to drop it, at their next meeting in June at the nationals.

There was much discussion about how the Federation would like our voting delegates to vote at the annual meeting in June. George Roth moved to table the discussion about how the Federation would like them to vote on the topic of the USDA moving forward or dropping the application for the 501C3. Motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

2018 State Festival: Sharon Crisel reporting. The SE District would like to request \$2,500 startup money for the 2018 State Festival. We are planning to hold the Festival in Lebanon. The colors will be Purple and “blingy”, just not sure what shade of purple and how “blingy” yet.

President Dan Reedy will make sure Rosa gets a check to you.

Hall of Fame Selection Committee: George and Cleva Roth reporting. We need a committee for the Hall of Fame Selection. George read the Standing Rule for selecting the committee.

Article X, Section 4 - H of the Standing Rules:

Hall of Fame Selection Committee (six members)

“The committee shall consist of: the immediate past president of the Missouri Federation, who will chair the committee, four members to be selected by secret ballot at the February meeting from the board of directors, with no two members from the same district, and the previous year’s recipient as a member-at-large.”

Cleva has passed out ballots for the vote. We cannot have anyone from the NE District since Cleva and I are from that District. We need 4 members selected from the Board of Directors. George defined the Board of Directors from the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article IV, Section 2

“The board of directors shall consist of the members of the executive committee, all members of the past president’s committee, three delegates from each member district (one of which must be the district president or vice president), insurance coordinator, webmaster and the staff of the Federation’s official publication, The DOIN’S, (The DOIN’S staff being: DOIN’S editor, circulation manager and advertising manager). A member of this board shall consist of a couple/single entitled to one vote only. If a couple or individual fills more than one position they or he/she may have only one vote.”

George & Cleva tried to get volunteers from each District. There was much discussion about who can be on the committee, which district is everyone from, does the person we nominate have to be present today, etc... Then there was much discussion about “if we have to select this committee today?” Consensus was that everyone wanted a list to look at to make their selections. Dave Shafer moved to table this vote until next meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

USDA Delegates: President Dan Reedy announced he received a letter from the USDA stating they will have their annual meeting of the Board of Directors June 21, 2017 in Cincinnati, Ohio during the 66th National Square Dance Convention. The Board is composed of accredited delegates from USDA Affiliates, one delegate for each vote. Our affiliate has four (4) votes. We need to select 4 delegates and 1 alternate.

President Dan Reedy asked who all was going to Cincinnati and who will be there by noon on Wednesday. George & Cleva Roth, John & Bev Stuart and Dan Reedy all volunteered.

Secretary Penny Byers will get the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the delegates and alternate to the USDA by email before the deadline of May 1, 2017.

Liz Rooks: The day of dancing at the State Fair in August is coming quickly. It is that time of year again to make a decision on advertising. In years past we have done the ½ page ad and the “blurb” in the Daily Guide for \$500. This year, we still get the ½ page ad for \$500, but it will be \$50 for the Daily Guide also. After much discussion, Tony Ahart moved to change the ad to include “if you’re interested in classes or learning more about square dancing, you can visit our website at squaredancemissouri.com” and do the ½ page ad and the Daily Guide for a total of \$550. Motion was seconded and carried.

On behalf of the WC District, we need some clarification on the Standing Rules for the “Toot Your Horn” Award. Under Article XIV, Section 2 (B-2) “100% DOIN’S Club”, I’m guessing that just means everyone in your club has to subscribe to the DOIN’S; and (C-1) “100% Booster Club – State Festival”, what does that mean? After much discussion, it was decided that the Standing Rules had been updated in 2015 and the revisions must not have been made on the website. (C-3) “Have a National Caller dance, (d.) Host a Missouri Federation State Board Meeting”, what does this mean? Discussion was made and was decided that this was also taken out. President Dan Reedy asked Dan Wheeler to update the website form for the “Toot Your Horn” award from the DOIN’S, since it has the correct criteria. President Dan Reedy will also get with Ron Selfors to get the changes made to the Standing Rules and get those changes to Dan Wheeler so he can update them on the webpage.

Robert Turner: Do we need to reconsider the boundaries of the various districts in the state of Missouri to adjust those and maybe even eliminate or increase the number of districts? After much discussion about some of the districts hosting the State Festival’s not having the man power in their districts to host them; maybe have the Boundaries & Relations Committee (Ray & Vicki Wittman) look into this (it will take a while for them to look into this, since they are the ones in charge of the State Festival this year; if the District in charge needs help, maybe they could ask another District to help; maybe have the Federation host the State Dance each year and have all the Districts rotate what part they would be in charge of; etc. George Roth moved to table this discussion. Motion was seconded and carried.

Carol Morris: SW District had their annual DOIN’S dance in February and we are happy to present to the DOIN’S a total of \$756.00, which was profit after all the bills were paid. The SW District would like to ask the Federation to make a donation of \$756.00 to help the 2018 National Square Dance Convention. After much discussion, it was the consensus, that because the Missouri Federation is the sponsoring organization for the 2018 Nationals and we will have to endure any losses the Nationals may incur, we will keep the money in the Missouri Federation treasury right now and pay what we need to when it’s over.

President Dan Reedy thanked the Northeast District & the Little Dixie Squares for hosting the state meeting.

Calendar of Events

- April 15, Dee Shafer Memorial Dance, 7:00 pm at the St. Robert Community Center. 7:00-10:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. Caller: Walt Burr from Munich, Germany
- April 22, Central District Dance at Methodist Family Life Center Gymnasium in Rolla. 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Caller: Chris Wildhagen
- May 21, SW District Dance in Mt Vernon
- May 21, Benefit Dance for 2018 Nationals at The Point in KC
- May 5 & 6, St Louis Jamboree, Kirkwood Community Center
- July 7 & 8, Macon Beaux & Belles will host a square dance/campout in Macon

If anyone needs tickets and/or parking pass for the State Fair dance in August, call or email Billie Jean Butler.

The next state board meeting will be June 4 in Arcadia, Missouri. Southeast District will host.

A motion was made by Jim Weber to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers

Secretary