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

Minutes of October 22, 2017

President Dan Reedy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. 4 Guests: Floyd & Judy Englehart, USDA VP Plains Region, Roslie Mogernal of Travelers Square Dance Club, and Kevin Bersing.

Approval of June Minutes: President Reedy asked for corrections or additions to the Aug minutes. Fred Goucher moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 31, 2017 of \$6,216.09. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,034.67 and Expenses of \$4,516.92. The ending checking account balance as of October 22, 2017 is \$2,733.84. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,195.57 for Total Funds on hand of \$52,929.41. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

I moved the CD purchases from "Revenue" & "Expenses" to "Transfers NET" and I have added "Mo Fed Scholarship" to "Expenses".

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 20 clubs that have paid their 2018 dues. At this point we have 56 clubs. No Longevity awards this month.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. A get well soon card was passed around for John Stuart and sympathy cards were passed around for the Buck Family and Pat Coster, for the loss of Caller Mike Kelley.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Ron & Marie Selfors. Bob Turner handed out a revision to the By Laws concerning the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs Scholarship. (Article XVII)

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. Friday and Saturday nights, we had 6 new subscriptions and 12 renewals for the Doin's. Then today we had 18 renewals. We had 189 people sign in for the Doin's Dance this morning. Of that 189, 12 were callers. Donations today was \$682, our expenses were \$43, we had a profit of \$639.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. We want to thank all the club article writers. Without you and your dedication to helping your club get the word out about your upcoming dances, the magazine would be just a bunch of paper with staples down the side. Keep up the good work!

The next deadline is November 25 for the first issue of 2018, January/February. Items that are due are your club article, your dance location listing, the 2018 schedule, and check your contact in the Doin's to make sure it is a current dancer who knows what is going on in your club. Try to use cell phones if possible.

Again, the forms for sending items for the Doin's are available and interactive on the web at www.squaredancemissouri.com or you can request we send them to you electronically.

DOIN'S Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this month were 326, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 341. We received 24 renewals, 8 new subscriptions and 0 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 38 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the September/October issue. The 38 postcards may go down depending on who all renewed this weekend at the dance.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$525.00 (from subscriptions). Expense of postage amounted to \$8.24. A check for \$516.76 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

Jim is looking for a replacement for Doin's Circulation.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer. The balance brought forward on Aug 13, 2017 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$837.65 and total expenses (postage) was \$6.65. A check for \$831.00 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

I need your club schedules if you have not gotten them to me yet. I'm willing to work with you on Ad's for clubs, District Dances, personal, etc...

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. We received a letter from one of the clubs that received a grant. They told us how they used it and the number of students they have.

State Festival Site Screening: Ron & Marie Selfors Reporting. We received an invite by the SW District to go to Springfield and take a look at the Oasis as a potential site. They had no

pricing available yet and had no understanding of what the Visitors Center or Chamber might contribute to make that happen. Report is we found the site interesting but don't know yet if we will be able to use the site.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. As of October 22, 2017, 1,379 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation; 328 dancers are insured through other federations; for a total of 1,707 Missouri dancers. (56 Missouri Clubs)

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once your new dancer's graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium and the club submits an additional enrollment form. The 2017 premium is \$4.75 per dancer.

Remember to complete an accident form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time.

The 2018 insurance packets were mailed in September. The 2018 insurance premium will remain the same \$4.75 per dancer. (send in Form 1, 2 & 3)

DO NOT use the 2017 insurance forms, this will just slow things down, I will have to send them back to you.

For your club to receive the \$35.00 club reimbursement, your 2018 club State dues must be paid by your district to the State Treasurer and the Insurance Chairman has received your club 2018 insurance forms by the November 1, 2017 deadline.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of August 13, 2017, is \$297.95; total income of \$24.25 and expenses of \$181.42 leaves us an ending balance on October 21, 2017, of \$140.78

SW District is losing 3 clubs; NW District is losing 3 clubs; WC District is losing 1 club

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of October 19, 2017, the total number of dangles given out for Missouri was 444.

Central	394	Southeast	343
St. Louis	350	Northwest	360
West Central	369	Southwest	395
Northeast	380		

The grand total for all districts is 3,035 (since the program began 14 years ago)

Financial Report: We have 276 members and 1 Non-paying member. Income since last meeting is \$0.00 and expenses of \$47.42 for new badges & dangles, leaving a balance of \$28.93.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Connie and Kenny Hobbs (Absent). Carol Morris reporting. Balance as of August 2017 was \$197.81, no income and expense of \$73.95 to purchase 109 yds of blue braid leaves a balance as of October 22, 2017 of \$123.86.

We are out of Blue Birds. Contacts were made in Springfield, Branson, Ozark & Hollister. Best offer was in Springfield, approximately \$20/set for silk screen & possible set up fee. After much

discussion, Bob Turner moved Connie & Carol put together something for Dec meeting. Motion was seconded & carried.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. All the pictures of this year's Festival are up on the Website. Most were taken by Jim Marron. Thank you, Jim. If you have any pictures of the Festival you would like on the website, please send them to me. Please remind your clubs, winter is coming. If you have any cancellations, please get them to me. Texts will get them listed quickest. Remind members to look on the web for cancellations. The information pages in the Doin's are working. I am having more response. Remind clubs to use the online forms to send me info.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

License Plate: Sharon White. (Absent) Edythe Weber reporting. Beginning balance as of February 12, 2017, \$65.00. We had 5 – 1 year renewal and 14 – 2 year renewals for a total income of \$825.00. We had 5 – 1 year renewal rebates and 14 – 2 year renewals rebates for a total of \$330.00 and a check written to Mo Fed for \$495.00 for a total expenses of \$825.00, leaving us a balance on hand as of October 22, 2017 of 65.00.

USDA: Floyd & Judy Englehart, USDA VP Plains Region reporting. We have 4 Regions total; website: www.USDA.org; we are into our 3rd year and we are done in June; It's interesting to see how each state's meetings are run; USDA News comes out 4 times a year – you can order that online; USDA Scholarship-deadline is February 1 – need to promote in Missouri; Send delegates, some states don't send delegates, but it's important that you do.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. No Report.

District Presidents' Report: Vicki Wittman reporting. 2018 Mo Fed State Meetings – Feb 18 NW District; April 22 NE District; June 3 SW District; Aug ? Central District; Oct 21 SE District and Dec 9 WC District. Approximate new dancers in districts: 2 in Central; 25 in NE; 25 in NW; 50 in St Louis; 11 in WC; 25 in SW and 4 in SE. Jim Weber indicated many clubs have not sent in their insurance forms or their club dues of \$10. (Club dues go to Rosa Davis)

Youth and Children's Dance: Sharon & Larry Crisel reporting. Sharon will be presenting a program at the 2017 MOAHPERD convention that will be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. The title of their program is "Jazz up Your Fitness with Square Dancing." It has been set for November 10 from 4:15 – 5:15pm in room Marbella B & C. Gene Wilson (Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame 2017) will do the program along with Larry & Sharon Crisel & Dave Shafer & any Angels that may be able to attend.

Youth Hospitality at State Convention. Sharon Crisel & BobTurner had applications for Missouri Scholarship & USDA Scholarship as well as info on Youth at Nationals. 7-10 Adults – No youth.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Robert Turner reporting. The Mo Fed Scholarship will soon be on the website. Please promote this Scholarship in your area.

2017 State Festival: Ray & Vicki Wittman. Attendance this year was 409 which includes 50 non-paying (callers/cuers/past presidents); Caller did a great job; Auction was very good – we think about \$849; 8 callers did not show up (some due to illness or death in the family); We would like to pay our sound person out of our profits; We could not get anyone to man the concession stand so our daughter volunteered (I did not realize you were supposed to get the Girl Scout or Boy Scouts in the area to do this).

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone reporting. Out of the 1,705 dancers we have in Missouri, we have 348 registered for the National Convention, 1,674 total registered. We hope to get to 4,000. We have board meetings every month now. 248 days away (as of Oct 22). National callers are out there promoting the Convention as well.

Old Business:

Hall of Fame Selection: George and Cleva Roth reporting. Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame for 2017 is Gene Wilson.

Square Dancer of the Year: Fred & Carolyn Goucher reporting. Square Dancers of the Year for 2017 are Larry & Sharon Crisel.

Ron Selfors: White Paper – “re-look” “re-focus” “recruitment” and “retention”. This is going to be a major task to undertake. I would like volunteers to be on the committee with me. We will probably do the most part by tele-conference and emails. The committee will be made up of volunteers: Merle Hall, Fred Goucher, Carl Boone & Dan Reedy. We still need members from different areas and districts, callers/cuers and definitely youth members.

Youth at 2018 Nationals – Sharon Crisel & Edythe Weber reporting. After much discussion about how to reimburse youth dancers who attend the 2018 Nationals, Sharon Crisel moved Youth members of a Missouri Federated Club, who register and attend the 2018 Nationals in Kansas City be eligible for up to a \$30 Rebate from the Missouri Federation. Motion seconded and carried.

2018 State Festival: Larry & Sharon Crisel reporting. Sharon wanted to commend Ray & Vicki Wittman for a great job on 2017 State Festival. They have helped us so much. She is very well organized. For the 2018 State Festival, the Theme is “Bling into Swing in 2018”. We had a great kick off at the 2017 Festival; 76 shirts sold and we have 53 registered. All committee chairs are filled. Several forms are on the internet, more to come. Convention rent went up \$500, it is now \$3,000; no contract signed yet. It was suggested that Sharon try talking to the Mayor to see if they will honor the verbal agreement. We look forward to caller Joe Saltel and Cuers Shirley & Don Heiny. If anyone has stayed at a really bad hotel in this area, please let us know so we don't have it on the list for next year.

New Business

Ron Selfors: moved to commence the study action from the white paper that has been circulated. Motion seconded and carried.

Jack Rockaway: SE District asked for 50 of the Learn to Dance signs and NW District asked for 30 signs. (\$8.44 each)

Liz Rooks: Many of you attended the Missouri State Fair Dance. As best as we could count, 200 folks showed up. We passed out almost all of the 300 tickets we had requested. I think the

weather kept some people away. I have the brochure with the ad where we added our website at the bottom of it, if anyone would like to see it.

George Roth: 2020 Caller/Cuer selection committee met and we have the following recommendation: Romney Tannehill featured caller for \$800 & 2 nights lodging; Natalie Sprocey featured cuer for \$350 & 2 nights lodging.

Nominating Committee Report: George & Cleva Roth reporting. We have election of new officers for 2018 at our October meeting. We would like to present our 2018 MFSRDC Slate of Officers. President: Ron & Marie Selfors (Central District); 1st VP: John & Beverly Stuart (St Louis District); 2nd VP: Jack & Becky Rockaway (NW District); 3rd VP: Merle & Madeline Hall (NE District); Secretary: David & Penny Byers; Treasurer: Rosa Davis; Past President: Dan Reedy. President Dan Reedy asked 3 times if there are any nominations from the floor. Dave Shafer moved to close nominations and accept the slate of officers from the committee by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Edythe Weber: Article XII of the Standing Rules is labeled Officer Memorials. Section III addresses that a suitable floral arrangement or a monetary donation to a charitable organization will be sent upon notification of death a state caller/cuer. I would like to move that Mo Fed makes a \$75 donation to a charitable organization that Pat Coster designates for Mike Kelley. Motion seconded and carried.

Calendar of Events

- St Louis District Dance – Feb 11, 2018 – 2-5pm - Kirkwood Community Center – Caller John Stuart – Cuer Bob & Terry Tevlin – Resale Shop

President Dan Reedy thanked the St Louis District for hosting the state dance and state meeting.

The next state board meeting will be Dec 3 in Eldon, Mo. The Central District will host.

President Dan Reedy adjourned the meeting at 2:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary