

(board approved)

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

Minutes of June 3, 2018

President Ron Selfors called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at Joplin Square Dance Center in Joplin, Missouri.

Invocation:

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board / 7 District Directors / 7 Staff & Past Presidents) Guest: Shirley Winans-SW District Secretary.

President Ron Selfors thanked the hosts – SW District & Western Twirlers for a fun dance and a great lunch.

Approval of Minutes: President Selfors asked for corrections or additions to the April minutes. Edythe Weber moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of March 31, 2018 of \$7,372.25. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,870.11 and Expenses of \$2,013.89. The ending checking account balance as of May 31, 2018 is \$7,228.47. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,332.10 for Total Funds on hand of \$57,560.57. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Rosa also reported the most recent interest on Academy CD's was not included. She changed the category "postage" on the DOIN's Expenses to "supplies, postage".

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 49 clubs that have paid their 2018 dues. No more longevity awards for this year.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Thank you from the American Cancer Society for our memorial gift for Jan Anslinger. Get well soon cards were passed around for Eldon Graham and Phyllis Brockhaus.

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

Constitution and Bylaws: Merle Hall reporting. A couple of drafts for Standing Rules, Article XI, Section 13, sounding the halls for the Missouri Federation Festival was presented. After much discussion, Merle will have a recommendation under unfinished business.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. No Report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. Not much to report. Things seem to be going okay at this time. All the forms are available and interactive on the web at www.squaredancemissouri.com Click on Federation Information, then Show Me Doin's. Send direct from the web or print out.

The next deadline is July 25 for the September/October issue. Sending early is always greatly appreciated.

DOIN'S Circulation: Jim Weber reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S for the July/August Issue was 303, 2 exchange copies and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 318.

We received 18 renewals, 4 new subscriptions and 5 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 31 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the July/August issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$709.00 (from subscriptions & SW District Doin's Dance). Expense of postage and supplies amounted to \$10.85. A check for \$698.15 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

Ruth Ann Reynolds will start working with me to become the Circulation Manager.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer. Absent, no report.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. Absent. No Report.

State Festival Site Screening: No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. In 2018 we have 1,263 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 335 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,598 Missouri dancers. (49 Missouri Clubs)

New Certificate Form is on the Missouri web site under insurance. Please use this new form when requesting a new certificate form. The insurance company won't accept the old form.

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once your new 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. They are not insured until the national insurance coordinator receives the enrollment form. The 2018 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.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of April 22, 2018, is \$369.43; total income of \$52.25 and expenses of \$120.90 leaves us an ending balance on June 2, 2018, of \$300.78.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron. Absent, no new report. **Jim & Loretta have moved.** Please look at the website for the new address to send in your Travel Missouri info.

As of April 20, 2018, the total members are 240 and 1 non-paying member. The total number of danglers given out for Missouri was 455.

Central	398	Northeast	383
Northwest	362	St Louis	352
Southeast	351	Southwest	402
West Central	373		

The grand total for all districts is 6146

Financial Report: Total balance carried over from 2017 is \$52.93. There has been no income and no expenses so far in 2018. Total balance on hand as of April 20, 2018 is \$52.93.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting. The Bluebirds that were ordered and have been paid for are very pale. I personally would not want to use these. The cost is also prohibitive in that just for the birds and ribbon for one skirt, the cost would be \$25.85. The advertisement in the Doin's reads, \$4.50/set of birds and the braid listed for \$8.00. I have asked Dave Schafer to remove the listed prices and just add my info so anyone interested can contact me. I checked with the printing company about the birds and they will NOT reprint the birds.

Merle discovered at the end of the school year that our local Graphic Arts class can do screen printing and would do it at their cost. She talked like it would cost \$30 for 90 birds. There would be a slight difference as they can only do 4 colors and our present birds have 5 colors in the design. This brings the birds down to .33 each or \$3.63/set. BUT she can't do anything until the fall when school resumes. I recommend that we scrap the poor-quality birds and absorb the loss, then order 90 birds in the fall. We could still sell the set for \$4.50 and braid for \$8.00 and use the extra \$1.39 to offset the cost of postage.

Edythe suggested we trust our committee chair to make the best decision for the federation.

Action will be taken under unfinished business.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. There is not much new with the website. We currently have approximately 1,000 hits a month on the Missouri Federation site and about 150 hits per month on the Missouri Festival site. Please remind your clubs to send me their schedules, special dance flyers and pictures.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

License Plate: Sharon White. No Report.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. No Report.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. No Report.

District Presidents' Report: Carol Morris reporting. 6 districts were represented. Consensus of continuation of National callers at the State Festivals. Each district has a new dancer promo for visiting other clubs in their district. (example: 5 free dances in their district or similar program in each district. Utilizing Facebook has become more popular. Results have not been determined. Still urging dancers to attend the Nationals.

Youth and Children's Dance: Sharon & Larry Crisel reporting. Nationals we have 54 youth (5-18 yrs) registered, only 3 of those are from Missouri. We could use volunteers in the youth hall to come in and help dance. We have Karaoke in the youth hall for an hour each day to encourage youth callers.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert Turner absent. Carol Morris reporting. We had 3 applications. They all had 4.0 GPA or higher. Hannah Gentry is the winner. Report that Bob emailed me: The Missouri Federation of Square N' Round Dance Clubs' scholarship recipient for the 2018-19 school year is Miss Hannah Gentry. Hannah is the daughter of Richard and Becky Gentry of Blue Springs, Missouri and the granddaughter of Mark and Peggy Gentry of Cassville, Missouri. She graduated from Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, Missouri. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and earned the Academic Excellence Award each year in high school. Hannah participated in DECA earning first place at district qualifying for state DECA competition. During high school, Hannah worked 50 hours tutoring in math and science, worked over 100 hours for the Compass Service Program and served on four week-long mission trips with the Woods Chapel United Methodist Church (UMC) youth group. She has been employed at Olive Garden as a hostess from 2016 to the present. She plans to attend Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri this fall and to major in criminal justice. We congratulate Hannah and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

2018 State Festival: Larry & Sharon Crisel reporting. We have 107 registered; Presidents please encourage your members to get registered. Sell those 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets. Ads will be encouraged. They need people to participate in the fashion show.

Unfinished Business:

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone absent. Jim Weber reporting. Look for and participate in the Trails In Dances. They are doing a Contra dance on Tuesday evening. Only 390 signed up for the show/dinner on Wednesday night, we need 1,000. Only 2,837 registered for the Nationals, out of that only 479 Missouri dancers are signed up.

Showcase of Ideas: Jim Marron absent. Ron Selfors reporting. If you have anything for the table, please bring it Wednesday afternoon.

2019 State Festival: Catherine McLemore reporting. We have now secured the first \$500 from the City of Springfield in incentive money. The t-shirts have been ordered and the first lot

received and paid for. A flyer has been prepared and submitted to the 2018 Festival committee for use in the festival booklet. We continue to look for sponsors and financial assistance

Merle Hall: Amendment by addition of subsection I to section 5 and appendix A of the Standing rules for the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs.

Section 5

subsection I - Sounding the state square dance festival

“The state festival committee will be responsible for contracting with a state recognized Caller/cuer association or other entity to sound the State Festival Dance. The Contract will be bid out. The caller/cuer association or other entity will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of their own equipment.

For the purpose of sounding the festival, the caller/cuer association or other entity will agree to supply and maintain any equipment needed such as; amplifiers, turntables, speakers, microphones, cords, and various other equipment needed to set up the dance halls. The caller/cuer association is not responsible for individual microphones, computers, music players, or vinyl records used on the equipment provided by their organization. The Caller/cuer association and or other entity will check that the equipment is in working order and sounded correctly and replace or repair any if needed.

The state festival committee will use a standard caller/cuer contract which both parties will sign.”

I hereby submit this amendment to the standing rules of the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs. I also submit a standard contract to be placed in Appendix A and item I of the standing rules. (see attached contract) Jim moved to accept recommendation. Recommendation carried.

Madeline Hall: Jim Weber moved to have the school make the new Bluebirds and let the committee do what they want with the old ones. Motion seconded and carried.

New Business

Liz Rooks: For the State Fair day of dancing, do we want to do the ½ page ad and the “blurb” in the Daily Guide for \$550 again? Madeline Hall moved to do both ads for \$550, motion was seconded and carried.

Audit Committee Report: Liz Rooks reporting. The 2018 committee (to look at 2017 books) consists of Curt & Phyllis Brockhaus, Tom Miller and Liz Rooks. We met on May 7th. We reviewed the following books: State Treasurer – Rosa Davis; License Plate – Sharon White; Show Me DOIN'S – Jim & Edyth Weber; Mo Fed Insurance – Jim & Edyth Weber; Show Me DOIN'S Advertising – Dave Shafer; and the 2017 Mo State Festival – Ray & Vickie Wittman. We found all records to be in very good order. (see complete report attached)

Calendar of Events

- July 20-22 Beaux & Belles Macon Campout. Theme: World Travelers
- July 21 Square Dance Center, Joplin – “A Tribute to George Strait” 1st Tip at 7:00pm – Johnny Eubanks and Jay Wright
- July 28 NW District Dance at The Point in Kansas City
- Sept 8 SE District Festival

The next state board meeting will be August 19 in Eldon, Mo. The Central District will host.

A motion was made by Madeline Hall to adjourn, was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary