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

Minutes of August 18, 2019

President Bev Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Arden Mead Youth & Community Center in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers reporting. Full Quorum achieved. (5 Executive Board / 13 District Directors / 4 Staff & Past Presidents) Visitors: From St. Louis Metro – Robert & Lucy McMillian, Art & Wanda Kruse and Cathy Hall. SW District – Lisa Corbitt.

President Bev Stuart thanked the hosts, St. Louis District and The Singles & Doubles Square Dance Club for a wonderful dance and for a great luncheon.

Approval of Minutes: President Stuart asked for corrections or additions to the June 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 May 31, 2019 of \$6,791.79. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$541.48 and Expenses of \$4,790.75. The ending checking account balance as of July 31, 2019 is \$2,542.52. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,646.04 for Total Funds on hand of \$53,188.56. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported the Travelers Club, Central District will celebrate 55 yrs in September. There are 47 clubs in the Missouri Federation.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Cards that were signed and sent out were: Get Well: Sharon Crisel, Sharon White & Dan Reedy; Thinking of You: Ray Wittman; and Sympathy: Curt Brockhaus.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers reporting. Haven't heard anything back from the letters we sent out.

Constitution and Bylaws: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No Report. Waiting to meet with Edythe.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. Doin's staff is getting ready for the State Festival. Coffee will be provided by the hotel at \$25/per gal, paid by the donations at Sunday's Doin's Dance. Donuts will also be provided.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting. AGAIN, I can't tell you how important it is to use the club name as the subject of your emails. Nothing else is necessary. Anything else should be AFTER the club name.

It seems that everybody must be getting their magazine on time. We have only had one call since the big mess-up with the May/June issue. We love it when you get your magazine on time.

November 25 is a big deadline for 2020. Wow, it doesn't seem possible. These items are due:

ALL clubs should provide updated location listing for the pull-out section in the Jan/Feb 2020 issue. All locations, even temporary ones, should be listed.

Clubs dancing January-December dance year need to provide a full year schedule to us. ALL Clubs – ALL dates. Don't assume we know. If you have a date that you haven't confirmed a caller yet, put TBD (to be determined). If you haven't updated it by the time it rolls around, we will contact you if we have questions.

Make sure the club contact in the directory is a current dancer who knows what is going on. A cell phone is best, but we understand if you don't want to share a cell number. But if someone calls while you are at the dance, who's going to answer that home phone number?

Also, as lessons begin, don't forget we provide one issue for each new dancer (single/couple) for your graduation. What a better way to let them know how and where to get out and dance! There's a form to make your request on; please use it. Order EARLY. That form is available online or by requesting it from us. Please request your free copies to give out to your new dancers at graduations and make them aware of the magazine.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions 304, 2 exchange copies and 17 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 323. Electronic Doin's emailed 48.

We received 30 renewals, 8 new subscriptions and 0 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 6 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the Sept/Oct issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward on June 2, 2019, was \$100.00 with a total income of \$555.00. Expense of postage and supplies amounted to \$3.15. A check for \$386.85 was given to the Federation. The ending balance as of Aug 17, 2019 is \$265.00.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer, absent. Bev Stuart reporting. The balance brought forward on June 2, 2019 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings & 1 new subscription) was \$711.00 and total expenses (postage-\$7.35 & Show Me Doin's for new subscription-\$15) was \$22.35. A check for \$688.65 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on August 18, 2019, is \$100.00

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. We have 25 more yard signs that are free!

State Festival Site Screening: Jack & Becky Rockaway. No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reported. As of August 18, 2019, we have 1,184 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 304 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,488 Missouri dancers. (47 Missouri Clubs).

Markel/Bollinger Insurance company has created an online portal for clubs to sign in and complete your insurance forms. USDA Insurance internet portal <http://usda.rpsbollinger.com/#/> **This info is now on Missouri Federation website under insurance tab.** You will also find a “how to” video on the new enrollment system. Thank you to those who have started using the system.

When I know the 2020 insurance premium, I will send each club a letter with instructions on how to complete their 2020 USDA insurance enrollment. **DO NOTHING until you receive the 2020 enrollment instructions.**

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once lessons are over, the dancers are no longer insured until they join a club. As new members join, make sure you submit additional enrollment forms.

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 June 1, 2019, is \$95.60; total income of \$9.50 and expenses of \$9.30 leaves us an ending balance on August 17, 2019 of 95.80.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron absent. No Report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall absent. No Report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. We will be gone the two weeks before the festival. Be sure and date flyers so you know which is the latest. Look at your club website and make sure all info is current. Please send schedules to Dan and Edythe.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No Report.

License Plate: Sharon White absent. She mailed report and resignation letter August 26, 2019 (filed with secretary books). Final check in the amount of \$644 closed the account and was sent to Rosa Davis, Treasurer.

USDA: (United Square Dancers of America) Edythe Weber reporting. We are planning for the winter meeting in Wilmington, NC in January.

ARTS: (Alliance of Rounds, Traditional & Square Dance) Edythe Weber reporting. We have Live Lively patches and metal pins for sale. \$4 each.

District Presidents' Report: Vicki Wittman reporting. Introduced Cathy Hall as new St. Louis District President and Micky Lee will be a rep for 1 more year. Mainstream lessons are starting in St. Louis in September for 20 weeks. Plus lessons are going on now and will start a new plus class in September in the Chesterfield area. Insurance Seminar will be on Saturday at 1:00pm at the State Festival in October. All district presidents should come to the meeting, as well as club secretaries or your club's Insurance Coordinator. Ads in Festival book are due by September 1. St. Louis District and St. Louis Metro will be merging, hopefully by the first of 2020. Our district dance will be our Jamboree dance on May 1 & 2, 2020.

Youth and Children's Dance: Merle Hall absent. No Report.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert & Shirley Turner. Will send the check to the college as soon as the winner enrolls.

2019 State Festival: Darrell & Catherine McLemore reporting. The current number pre-registered is 285. We are traveling extensively to promote the festival, and have logged in excess of 5,000 miles in Missouri and surrounding states. We would like to remind everyone that after the Sept 1 deadline, the price for registration will increase from \$25 to \$32. The drawing for the Early Bird registration refund will be held Sept 1. Members were reminded of the

Sept 1 deadline for advertising in the Festival Program Booklet. We encourage all Districts and clubs to place an ad to support the Festival. The “Bling” Fashion Show on Friday night of the festival was discussed, and forms were made available to fill out and return to Rosa Davis by Oct 1. The Oasis has released a few more rooms for the festival. Everyone was reminded that the festival committee has requested each club in the state supply a themed basket, or other item with a minimum value of \$25 for the silent auction. All members were encouraged to continue selling the raffle tickets. If more raffle tickets are needed, I will send all they want, just call, text or email. Do not make copies. We are in the process of contracting to sound the halls. Certificate of Insurance has been requested.

Unfinished Business:

Audit: Liz Rooks, Chair. The audit committee, Liz, Jolette Boyer and Penny Byers, met Saturday, May 11, 2019 to audit the following sets of books for 2018. Treasurer, Show-Me Doin’s, Mo Fed Insurance, Show-Me Doin’s Advertising, License Plate, Travel Missouri and 2018 Missouri State Festival. We found all of the accounts to be well documented and appropriate supporting documentation of receipts and expenses, with the exception of the Travel Missouri account, for which there was not documentation of the expense for new dangles.

2020 State Festival: Liz Rooks reporting. We have filled more positions from the NE District. We have finalized the design of the t-shirts.

Square Dancer of the Year: Liz Rooks, Chair. The winner has been selected and will be announced on Saturday night at the State Festival.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Ron Selfors, Chair. The winner has been selected and will be announced on Saturday night at the State Festival.

New Business:

Letter of Support for Wisconsin’s 2024 NSDC: Art Kruse stated he would like for the Missouri Federation to send a “Letter of Support” to Wisconsin for their 2024 Bid Book. Jim Weber moved we send the letter of support, motion was seconded and carried. Penny will get the letter ready and email it to Art. (copy of letter filed with the secretary book)

Nominating Report: Ron & Marie Selfors, Chair, reporting. Committee members: Dan Reedy, George & Cleva Roth and Carl & Cindy Boone. Proposed Slate of Officers for 2020: Fred & Carolyn Goucher, President; David & Penny Byers, 1st VP; Merle & Madeline Hall, 2nd VP; Dave Shafer, 3rd VP; Liz Rooks, Secretary and Rosa Davis, Treasurer. Officers will be elected at the October meeting.

Day of Dancing at the State Fair: Liz Rooks reporting. We handed out almost 300 tickets. Only about 175 people signed in. We had several new folks come to dance. Delegation from KS was present (including a club caller who called a tip or two) to get ideas for their State Fair. We had 10 callers. We had several visitors come in to watch.

Promotions Budget: Rosa Davis just wanted to let us know that promotions is way over what was budgeted this year. Micky Lee moved to increase Promotions budget by \$1000. Motion was seconded and carried.

Calendar of Events

- Sept 14 – SE 41st District Dance – Caller Kenney Bailey/Cuer & Lines Donna Barks – Fredricktown, MO – 7-9:30pm
- Sept 28 – Amateur Callers Night at Peppy Promenaders in Chillicothe – 7:30pm to 10pm. Caller Kenny Bailey and Amateur Callers.
- Oct 6 – Savannah Sashayers – Mike Hogan – 3-6 pm
- Oct 13 – Brookfield Tanglefoot Squares – Chris Wildhagen – 3-5:30pm
- Oct 18-20 – Mo State Fest – Springfield – Caller Noah Siegmann/Cuer Cathy & Fred Fisher
- Oct 26 – Macon Beaux & Belles – Fall Harvest Dinner Dance – Kenny Bailey – Dinner at 6:30 Dance 7:30 – 10
- Nov 16 – Moberly Little Dixie Squares – Thanksgiving Dance – Kenny Bailey & Leroy Conrad – 7:30 – 10
- Dec 31 – Chillicothe Peppy Promenaders Annual NYE Dance – Kenny Bailey – 9 to midnight. This will be Kenny Bailey's very last dance calling. We will have a Retirement Reception for him from 8-9pm before the dance. Then we will serve B&G and Cinnamon Rolls just after midnight. Hotel info on the flyer.

The next state board meeting will be October 20, 2019, at the Oasis Hotel & Conference Center in Springfield, Missouri. SW District will host.

Fred Goucher moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Byers, Secretary