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

Minutes of October 20, 2019

President Bev Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Oasis Hotel & Conference Center in Springfield Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers reporting. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Executive Board / 13 District Directors / 13 Staff & Past Presidents) Visitors: SW District – Lisa Corbitt, NE District – Charles Hall and Dee Comstock, and Central District – Roslie Mogerman. Changes to the Roll Call and District Delegates made: in the NE District – replace Mary Sue Darwent with Bob Pemberton; in the St Louis District – replace Ray & Vicki Wittman with Cathy Hall and replace Kevin Bersing with Art & Wanda Kruse.

President Bev Stuart thanked the hosts, SW District for a wonderful 60th Missouri Federation dance and for a great luncheon.

Approval of Minutes: President Bev Stuart asked for corrections or additions to the August minutes. Dave Shafer moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 31, 2019 of \$2,542.52. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$2,072.03 and Expenses of \$2,369.92. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2019 is \$2,244.63. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,714.17 for Total Funds on hand of \$52,958.81. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have no more longevity awards for 2019. There are 6 for 2020. There are 47 clubs in the Missouri Federation. Two districts have paid their dues.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Cards that were signed and sent out were: Get Well: Ray Wittman; Thinking of You: Mary Pitts (c/o Frances Casteel) and John Stover; and Thank You to Sharon White.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers reporting. No Report. Thank you for all the hard work combining St. Louis District and St. Louis Metro.

Constitution and Bylaws: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. Corrections to the Constitution/ByLaws and Standing Rules have all been made (a big thank you to Edythe Weber). Changes will be discussed under new business.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. The annual Doin's dance on Sunday morning had 165 dancers and 17 callers in attendance. \$692 was donated at the door. Coffee was \$100 and doughnuts were \$47.76. A check for \$544.24 was given to Rosa.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting.

November 25 is a big deadline for Jan/Feb 2020 issue. 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 290, 1 exchange copy and 15 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 306. Electronic Doin's emailed 50.

We received 11 renewals, 2 new subscriptions and 0 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 50 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the Nov/Dec issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward on Aug 18, 2019, was \$265.00 with a total income of \$195.00. Expenses were \$16.25 and a check that was mailed to Rosa in the amount of \$165 for the Federation. A check for \$178.75 was given to the Federation at this meeting. The ending balance as of October 19, 2019 is \$100.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. The balance brought forward on Aug 18, 2019 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$556.00 and total expense for postage was \$7.35. A check for \$548.65 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on Oct 20, 2019, is \$100.00

Advertisers: 4 clubs from Central District; 1 club from NE District; 5 clubs from NW District; 1 district, 1 club and 1 caller from St. Louis District; 0 from SE and WC Districts and 1 club from SW District. Caller/Cuer Ad's – 3 new listings and all but 1 renewal. And 1 new caller free advertising for a year.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway. Had a request from a club for reimbursement for holding lessons, but club didn't provide any receipts. Jack will request receipts from them.

State Festival Site Screening: Jack & Becky Rockaway. Dave Shafer suggested going back to Lebanon for 2021 State Festival, but will have to move to the second weekend.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. We had 47 attend the insurance seminar (27 clubs represented). The deadline to have your insurance completed has been extended from November 1 to December 1. Insurance only, dues are still due by Nov 1 for the rebate.

As of October 19, 2019, we have 1,192 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 304 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,496 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.

The 2020 Insurance premium is now \$4.85 per dancer. (it went up \$0.10 cents). When the 2020 USDA Insurance Portal is ready for 2020 enrollment, I will send each club an email 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 August 18, 2019, is \$95.80; total income of \$38.00 and expenses of \$37.20 leaves us an ending balance on October 19, 2019 of 96.60.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron. Quantity per district as of October 17, 2019:

Missouri 470; Central 404; NE 390; NW 366; St Louis 1002; SE 352; SW 404; WC 381. Total members 242 and 2 non paying members.

As of today, Bob & Shirley Turner has started their 16th row!

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2019 was \$2.68. Total income is \$22.00 (2 new members and 2 new magnets). No expenses. Leaving us an ending balance of \$24.68 on October 17, 2019.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting. We sold 1 kit since last years State Festival. Gave Rosa the \$15 for the Federation.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. **Need Club Schedules for 2020!!** Be sure and send any dance cancellations to me ASAP so I can get the web updated. Texting is the quickest way to get the cancellations to me. All forms are on the web site. If you have forms on the web, please make sure they are up to date. Send me any updated forms. Please date your forms or flyers, preferably in the bottom right hand corner. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE have caller and cuers make sure they have an up to date picture on the website. IF they don't, please send an updated picture to Dan so he can get it switched out. Some of the pictures are poor quality and so they are blurry when you try to use them for a flyer. Please send a better-quality picture so people can use them to make flyers for their dances. Thank you!

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. Jim & Edythe were honored in June at the Nationals, for serving 25yrs with the USDA. They are the only couple who has served in every elected position. (Congrats to Jim and Edythe for this recognition of all your hard work and years of service. Thank you for continuing to promote square dancing)

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: Carol Morris reporting. St Louis is securing more dancers staying for the last tip. Each square receives a number and each couple receives a number just before the last tip. After the last tip, a number is selected for the square and a number for the couple and the winner receives a free pass for their next dance. This is helping to keep dancers there for the last tip. Toot Your Horn question – does FaceBook count for the criteria for the Ad's? Yes it would count for Required #1 for advertising. NW District has a new club, Diamond Rounds. NE – Themed dances seems to spark more dancers for them. Discussion to increase the 10% of profits that the districts get back for hosting the State Festivals to 15%. Further discussion will take place under new business.

Youth and Children's Dance: Merle Hall reporting. We are trying different areas of Missouri for the 4H classes. Trying square dance classes in the Macon schools.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert & Shirley Turner. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2020. Push the kids to fill out those apps. The \$500 check was sent to the college for this year's winner, MU in Columbia.

2019 State Festival: Darrell & Catherine McLemore reporting. We appreciate everyone coming to the State Festival. We hope you all had a great weekend. As yet, we don't have an exact count of attendance, and are not sure of profit or loss. However, we feel we at least broke even. Our main objective was to have a great party in a nice facility and we feel we met that objective. There were 24 squares in the grand ballroom for the first tip Saturday night, plus others seated and in the side halls. There were also at least 14 squares at the Doin's Dance. We will meet once again to prepare committee reports, and have the final report at the December state meeting. Remember to share all your photos from the festival by emailing to Jubileepix@att.net.

Unfinished Business:

2020 State Festival: Liz Rooks reporting. We have 25 Registered. T-shirt sales are doing well.

Square Dancer of the Year: Liz Rooks, Chair. Ray & Vicki Wittman were selected for this year.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Ron Selfors, Chair. Dennis Mineau was selected for this year.

New Business:

Ron & Marie Selfors: Caller/Cuer for the 2022 State Festival. Mike Seastrom, caller for \$750 and 2 nights lodging; Karen Herr, cuer for \$400 and lodging.

John & Bev Stuart: presented Past Presidents Ron and Marie Selfors with a plaque for all their hard work last year and apologized for the miscommunication.

Election of Officers: Bev Stuart asked for nominations from the floor 3 times for each position. 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. Hearing no other nominations from the floor for any of the positions, Jim Weber moved the slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bev Stuart: Tony Ahart has been wanting to step down from Parliamentarian. Bev Stuart and the newly elected 2020 Presidents Fred and Carolyn Goucher have appointed Art Kruse to finish out this year as Parliamentarian and continue the position for 2020.

Bev Stuart: Since Sharon White resigned as License Plate Coordinator, I'm appointing Catherine McLemore to the position. Catherine will need to open a checking account for her new position. The names on the account will be Catherine McLemore and our state Treasurer, Rosa Davis as the second signer on the account. Catherine will set this account up as soon as she can.

Bev Stuart: The auditing committee with be: Cathy Hall, Rich Kilzer and Gary King all from St. Louis District.

Dave Shafer: We are having a hard time finding a venue for the 2021 State Festival. If we can't find another venue, we will have to go with the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. The center is not available for the 3rd weekend, so we would have to move the festival to the second weekend. The cost is \$3735 with \$750 down.

Carol Morris: Would the board consider increasing the 10% of the net profits from the State Festivals given to the hosting district, to 15%? After some discussion, Edythe found in the minutes that Bob Turner had moved to increase to the 10% on Dec 12, 2010. Motion carried for the Constitution change in Feb 2011. The change was never made to the Constitution. It was decided to table the discussion on raising it to 15% until we can get the Constitution up to date.

Edythe Weber: Contitution/ByLaws and Standing Rules changes to bring them up to date with everything we have voted on for the past several years. We will vote on it at the December meeting. (copy of the changes are filed with the Secretary and can be made available by asking for a copy)

Calendar of Events

- Nov 16 – Little Dixie Squares – Moberly – Thanksgiving Dance – Kenny Bailey & Leroy Conrad – 7:30 – 10pm
- Dec 6 - Twilight Twirlers – Wes Dyer – 7:30-10pm – VERY LAST CLUB DANCE
- Dec 6 – Bluff City Twirlers – Tom Murray – Poplar Bluff – 7-9pm
- Dec 6 – Tanglefoot Squares – Leroy Conrad – Brookfield – 7:30-10pm – this will be their Christmas dance. This is also a surprise celebration for Leroy for his 40th yr of calling!
- Dec 7 – Beaux & Belles – Kenny Bailey Retirement – Macon – 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 December 15, 2019, at the First UMC Celebration Center in Sedalia, Missouri. WC District will host.

Dave Shafer moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Byers, Secretary