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

Minutes of
April 19, 2020

Presidents Fred and Carolyn Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:11p.m. via FreeConferenceCall.com.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Fred Goucher
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Invocation: Dave Byers gave the invocation

Fred thanked Liz Rooks for her efforts in helping get the meeting set-up and information out.

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Exec. Comm, 14 Dist Dir / 11 Staff/PP)

Approval of February 16, 2020 Minutes: President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the February 16, 2020 minutes. There was one correction needed in line 112 regarding the total income on the Insurance Report; the correct figure should be \$505.90.

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 January 31, 2020 of \$1,220.17. Since the last meeting we have had Revenue of \$10,094.81 from redemption of Security Bank CD #...4622 and \$1,994.96 in regular deposits and Expenses of \$526.14. The ending checking account balance as of March 31, 2020 is \$12,783.80. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,724.16 for Total Funds on hand of \$53,507.96. A CD with Academy Bank with a February 14, 2020 maturity date has been renewed through 2022. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 46 clubs this year. Longevity awards will be awarded to Twirl-A-Rounds (SW District) for 35 years since May 1985 and Crosstrailers (NW District) for 70 years since May 1950 the next time we are able to gather in person.

It was announced at our last meeting that the Hoedowners club is the oldest club in the MO Federation with 71 years. Rosa discovered later that Western Twirlers in the SW District will be celebrating 72 years this year.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. No correspondence has been received that needs to be shared. A sympathy card will be sent to the family of Larry Butler.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers, chairman, shared the letter the committee plans to send to all clubs sharing information about the need to reorganize the districts and asking for their thoughts, opinions, questions, etc. He hopes to have some feedback to bring back to our next meeting.

Constitution and Bylaws: Dave Shafer. The recommended change for Standing Rule Article V, Section 2E should not have been a part of this report as it was approved at our February meeting.

Discussion and approval of Article X Appointive Committee, Section 4 Standing Committees, Letter F State Festival Site Screening Committee will be taken up under Old Business.

Changes are needed to the Constitution, Article 5, Section 2D for the treasurer; those will be worked for possible presentation at the next meeting.

Also, the committee has been asked to look at the Standing Rules Article 3 Board of Directors' Meetings, Section 1 regarding the number of meetings per year.

Publications: Carol Morris. No report.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber thanked all club writers for getting their articles in taking into account the uncertainty surrounding if dances and activities would actually be able to take place in light of the Covid-19 situation. The following statement was put before each district's article: "Due to the coronavirus situation, please consult the Federation website and/or call the club contact listed in the Club Directory of the Doin's to find out if the club is dancing or not. Stay safe, stay well, this too shall pass, and we will be back on the dance floor soon."

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this month were 290, 1 exchange copy and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 305. We had 59 electronic subscriptions, 19 renewals 6 new subscriptions and 27 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 29 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 \$375.00 from subscriptions & DOIN'S dance callers). Expense of postage amounted to \$16.77 and papercard supplies for \$19.09 A check for \$339.14 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 \$368.00, Expenses totaled \$7.75. A check was sent to the Federation for \$360.25, leaving us a balance of \$100.

Some of our yearly advertisers have not renewed for this year due to the Covid-19 situation.

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway submitted the following Toot Your Horn Report: Crosstrailers 2 years, Live Wires 1st Time Award, and Silver Dollars 3 years.

State Festival Site Screening: Dave & Penny Byers; no report.

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe reported for Jim Weber. 1,095 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 357 dancers insured through other federations for a total of 1,452 Missouri dancers in 46 clubs.

When a club has a new insurance contact, let Jim know their name, address, phone and e-mail so he can contact them with instructions on how to use the enrollment portal.

The 2020 Insurance premium is \$4.85 per dancer.

Clubs holding lessons must submit a Club Sponsored Class form which is found on the Missouri website under the insurance tab. There is not cost to cover new dancers in lessons.

Once new dancers graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium and the club adds them to their online roster via the insurance portal and submits the new roster with insurance fees.

As new members join your club, make sure to add them through the insurance portal. They are not insured until you enroll them through the USDA portal and new roster and funds have been received by the Insurance Chairman.

Remember to complete an accident report form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time. It is hard to remember the who, what, when, where, and how weeks later; documentation at the time is best. Keep the report on file and submit as needed.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of Feb 16, 2020, is \$286.40; total income of \$33.95 and expenses of \$90.25 leaves us an ending balance on April 8, 2020, of \$230.10.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. As of April 6, 2020, the total number of dangles given out for Missouri was 507 and for the districts:

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| Central 433 | Northeast 413 |
| Northwest 395 | St Louis 394 |
| Southeast 378 | Southwest 427 |
| West Central 411 | |

The grand total for all districts of 2,851

Financial Report: We have 246 members. Money on hand is \$24.68; no income or expenses for the reporting period.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall. No Report.

Webmaster. Dan Wheeler reporting:

1. It has been a very busy month because of all the cancellations and changes. Please remind your clubs to keep sending in schedule changes. This will be even more important as clubs start dancing again. They can use phone or text (816.223.0803) or E-Mail (Webmaster@SquareDanceMissouri.com).
2. The covid-19 website announcement is available from a link on the home pages of the Missouri Federation & St. Louis Metro websites.
3. I have also been doing a lot of “housekeeping” on the Missouri Federation website. Most of it you will never notice, but the website should work better.
4. One of the much used features of the Missouri Federation website is the “Location” section.

Santa Fe Trailers location 113 times in two years. We would like to see that one used more.

Ramblers location 1,280 times

Little Dixie location 1,330 times

Capital City location 2,023 times

Hoedowners location 7,500 times

Kuntry Kuzins location 2,575 times

Puxico County location 1,825 times

Missouri Fair Grounds 4,958 times

5. The Missouri Federation website had about 1,400 hits in March.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reported she had been able to figure out how to print the brochures using her computer and printer at no expense to the Federation. She plans to have them at dances and future meetings.

There has been no activity with new or renewed license plates since the last report. The account balance remains at \$68.36.

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting. June meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting. June meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, June 21, 2020.

District Presidents' Report: No meeting was held.

Youth and Children's Dance: Merle Hall. Before the Covid Crisis we had 5 to 6, 4-H groups interested in demo's or taking lessons. Memphis, Missouri with Dave Roush had a group of 14 combined from Scotland and Schuyler Counties. A group of about 15 in Kirksville with Merle Hall. A group in Cameron area that had not started With Connie Graham. A group in the Moberly Area that had just expressed an interest in lessons with Leroy Conrad. A group in St. James, MO had a demo with Tom Murray and decided they wanted to do the dance nights but not take lessons. A group in Johnson County with Larry Butler that had a demo but did not express much interest in taking lessons.

As of now with the Covid-19 crisis everything is on hold.

When we loosen the social distancing, I hope to do some online Zoom lessons to review.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner. The recipient has been selected and that announcement will be made at the June meeting. All applicants have been notified accordingly.

2020 State Festival: Liz Rooks. E-mails or letters have been sent to a number of callers to ascertain their interest in providing sound for one or more halls for the 2020 State Festival.

Inquiries have been received **inquiring about the** status of the State Festival in regards to Covid-19. They have been told at this time plans are continuing as though we will be dancing. If the situation changes, appropriate steps will be taken.

Old Business:

501(c)3: Merle reported he was waiting for an application form from the USDA. Edythe replied she believed the form was finished and she would contact the appropriate people at USDA for the form.

Need two more delegates for the USDA meeting on June 20. Dave and Penny Byers volunteered.

New Business:

Site screening committee needs one more member. Cathy Hall, St. Louis District, volunteered.

Billie Jean Butler, Coordinator for the Day of Dance at the State Fair. Asked for \$550.00 for advertising in the State Fair Souvenir Booklet and Daily Schedule.

We will be limited to 60 parking passes this year. They will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for requesting tickets or passes is July 1.

Merle made a motion to approve the \$550.00 for advertising. Motion was seconded and carried. Check needs to be made out to the Sedalia Democrat.

Fred displayed the 2019 President's Appreciation plaque for John & Bev Stuart for Bev and all to see. He will mail the plaque to them.

Dave Shafer read the current wording and proposed wording for Article X Appointive Committees, Section 4 Standing Committees, Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. These proposed changes were voted on and accepted.

Fred announced the Southeast District will host the December Missouri Federation meeting on December 13, 2020; location to be announced later.

The next state board meeting will be June 7, 2020 at Eldon, Missouri. Central District will host.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rooks
Secretary