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The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs
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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

Minutes of August 16, 2020

Presidents Fred and Carolyn Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. via FreeConferenceCall.com.

Invocation: Fred Goucher

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Fred Goucher

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Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Executive Board; 13 District Directors; 10 Staff/Past Presidents.)

Approval of June 7, 2020 Minutes: President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the minutes that had been e-mailed to everyone prior to the meeting.

Edythe Weber moved to accept the minutes as *emailed*. Motion was seconded by Dave Shafer and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of May 31, 2020 of \$9,722.44, Revenue of \$430.26 and Expenses of \$4,760.02. The ending checking account balance as of July 31, 2020 is \$5,392.58. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$40,724.16 for Total Funds on hand of \$46,116.74.

The check originally written for the State Fair ad in the Fair Souvenir book was voided as the Sedalia Democrat reduced the price from \$550 to \$500 and a new check was written; that check has also been voided since there will not be a souvenir booklet this year.

The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 46 clubs this year. Longevity awards were announced for Little Dixie Squares in the Northeast District for 50 years and Dandy Dancers in St. Louis Metro for 55 years.

39 **Correspondence:** Liz Rooks reporting. No correspondence has been received. A Get
40 Well or Thinking of You card will be sent to Mike Sikorsky and a Sympathy card to Chris
41 Wildhagen.

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43 **Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers. No additional report; waiting for an in-person
44 meeting for further discussion. Jim Weber suggested this be tabled for the time being.
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46 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave Shafer. Nothing new to report. Approval of the
47 previously proposed Constitution change will be taken up at Unfinished Business.
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49 **Publications:** Carol Morris. No report at this time; waiting to see whether they will be
50 able to host the Doin's Dance in October.
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52 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. Edythe asked everyone present to
53 encourage the clubs in their area to submit an article, even a short one, for each issue
54 to help the Federation be able to meet the criteria of the Post Office for the mailing rate
55 we have.
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57 The next deadline is September 25 for the November-December issue. Please send
58 early.
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60 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this
61 month were 262, 1 exchange copy and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total
62 mailing of 277. We had 55 electronic subscriptions, 65 renewals 4 new subscriptions
63 and zero copies went to new students. We will be sending out 11 postcards to
64 subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the September-October issue.
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66 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$180.00
67 from subscriptions. Total expenses of \$133.84. A check for \$46.16 was given to the
68 Federation. The ending balance is \$100.
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70 **DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of
71 \$100. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$286.00;
72 Expenses totaled \$7.75. A check was given to the Federation for \$278.25, leaving us a
73 balance of \$100.
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75 **Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. No report.
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77 **State Festival Site Screening:** Dave & Penny Byers. No report.
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79 **Insurance Coordinator:** Jim Weber reporting. 1,100 dancers are insured through
80 Missouri Federation and 357 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of
81 1,457 Missouri dancers in 46 clubs.
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83 Jim also shared information regarding questions he had received as to what our
84 insurance does and does not cover pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic situation as

85 well as information regarding how and when to use the insurance portal. A copy of his
86 full report is on file.

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88 Financial Report: Beginning balance as of June 2, 2020, was \$263.15; total income of
89 \$24.25 and expenses of \$23.75 leaves an ending balance on August 10, 2020, of
90 \$263.65

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92 **Travel Missouri:** Jim Marron reporting. No report

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94 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Madeline Hall. No report.

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96 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Not much is happening on the Missouri
97 Federation website.

98 The biggest thing is cancellations. It is important that your clubs keep their dance
99 schedule current. We hope that someday soon we will be dancing again.

100 I have taken this time to reformat a number of web pages, so if you open a web page,
101 and it looks a little different, that's why.

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103 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting. No report.

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105 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting. Catherine was not present but had
106 submitted her report to the Secretary. Nine 2 year and two 1 year renewals have been
107 received for a total of \$500 deposited and \$200 refunded. Beginning balance of
108 account was \$83.36 and an ending balance as of this report of \$383.36.

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110 There has been only one new plate request received this year. I feel we really need to
111 promote this program more and plan to campaign harder when we actually get back to
112 having dances. Please talk to your friends and club members about the square dance
113 license plates and convince them it is a very positive marketing tool and it shows our
114 pride in our activity.

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116 **USDA:** Edythe Weber and Dave Shafer reporting. Edythe reported that the Annual
117 meeting of the United Square Dancers of America was held on Saturday, June 20 by
118 Zoom meeting on computer/phone. Also attending the meeting were Dave Shafer,
119 Rosalie Mogerman, and Penny and Dave Byers delegates.

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121 Dave Shafer reporting: The virtual meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

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123 In 2020, a \$500.00 scholarship was presented to Petrina Bucheit, and a \$1,000
124 scholarship was awarded to Julia Bucheit, both of Silverton, Oregon.

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126 The president reported: They had authorized the renewal of the USDA Insurance
127 program.

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129 Beginning in August and continuing into December, they are working with the Youth
130 Revision Committee to revise the Scholarship scoring rubric and the four USDA Youth
131 Trifolds.
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133 USDA is now a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Central Group Administrator as of December 2019.
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135 Prescription Card status was reported by Joy Vaccari. She reminded everyone that the
136 USDA Prescription Card works even if you have insurance. It always pays to carry the
137 card and ask when you get a prescription filled or refilled. You may be able to save.
138 The enhanced card may also help with vision and hearing services.
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140 Insurance report given by Elizabeth Sanders. For the first time, the enrollment process
141 was done by computer. It was a learning experience, but overall went well.
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143 The number of dancers insured through USDA continues to decrease. In 2014, there
144 were 38,119 dancers insured. Today, there are 26,279 dancers insured.
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146 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. Meeting was held via Zoom on June 21. ARTS is
147 working on with Square developing a way for pay membership, donations and other
148 ways to support the ARTS to be paid on line with credit card.
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150 Our Annual Associate dues of \$100 is due.
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152 Anyone wanting to support ARTS and be an individual member should check the
153 website. You can also become a member of the \$100 Club by donating \$100 to the
154 ARTS.
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156 **Youth and Children's Dance:** Merle Hall. No report.
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158 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner. Brianna Butler, granddaughter of Billie
159 Jean Butler, is this year's recipient. Check will be sent to her college in September. The
160 2021 cycle will open in January with applications due March 1, 2021.
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162 **2020 State Festival:** Liz Rooks. As of this date there are 24 callers and cuers
163 registered. There are 57 registered dancers with 21 of those being complimentary
164 registrants and 36 paying registrants. Will share more details in New Business when
165 discussing whether or not to hold this year's festival.
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167 **Old Business:**
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169 District realignment: Discussion tabled until an in-person meeting is able to be held.
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171 Dave Shafer, Bylaws Committee Chairman read the proposed wording for changes to
172 Article V, Officers and Duties, Section 2, Duties, letter D of the Constitution, Missouri
173 Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

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175 Proposal was voted on and accepted.
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177 Merle Hall reported he had completed the paperwork for our a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
178 application with the exception of the necessary financial information and was waiting to
179 receive that from Rosa. Rosa indicated she had sent it earlier, however, would resend.
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181 Jim Weber suggested at this point we wait until 2021 to submit the application as if we
182 do it now we would just have to do it again in 2021.
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184 Merle will present the full report for approval by the Board of Directors at a future
185 meeting.
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187 **New Business:**
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189 Fred Goucher, president, opened the floor for discussion regarding the 2020 State
190 Festival.
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192 Liz Rooks presented information regarding funds currently on hand as well as the
193 amount of basic expenses we would be committed to if we proceeded with the festival
194 as well as some other projected expenses and the projected number of additional
195 registrations needed.
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197 Merle Hall made a motion to cancel this year's festival; motion was seconded by Micky
198 Lee; motion carried.
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200 Merle Hall made a motion to go forward with the awards and select the recipients for
201 Square Dancer of the Year and Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Motion was seconded by
202 Dave Shafer; motion carried.
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204 Merle Hall made a motion to ask the recipients to be at our October state meeting to
205 receive their award. Jim Weber seconded the motion; motion carried.
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207 Cathy Hall, Audit Committee Chairman, gave the following report of the books for 2019
208 that were audited.
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210 The audit was done on August 10, 2020 by Cathy Hall and Gary King from the St. Louis
211 District; the third member of the committee was unable to attend due to health reasons.
212 They reviewed the financial records of the State Treasurer (i.e. General Fund), Doin's
213 circulation, Doin's Advertising, and Insurance Coordinator.
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215 Overall, the financials as presented and reviewed were complete and recordkeeping
216 methods are approved.
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218 The committee's full report is on file with the Secretary.
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220 Jim Weber reminded everyone there are a number of people who plan to renew their
221 Doin's subscription at the Doin's Dance held on Sunday following the festival. These
222 folks need to remember they will need to mail in their renewal this year.

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224 Dave Shafer suggested consideration be given to combining the Youth & Children's
225 Dance and Scholarship Committees into one committee since some of their work
226 overlaps. Jim Weber shared that probably would not be a good idea as having separate
227 committees improves the chances of being able to receive grant money to help with
228 their work.

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230 Whether to hold the October state meeting on the 11th or 18th was discussed. It is
231 hoped this can be an in person meeting with the option available for those who choose
232 not to do in person to join online as there are some topics that need to be discussed
233 that would best be done in an in person setting.

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235 Debbie Moffitt made a motion to hold the meeting on Oct. 18. Motion seconded by Jim
236 Weber. Motion approved.

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238 The meeting can be held in Sedalia, Missouri hosted by the Diamond B's of the West
239 Central District at the ABC Building, 4th & Osage.

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241 Madeline Hall moved the motion be adjourned. Motion seconded by Dave Shafer;
242 motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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244 Respectfully submitted,

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248 Liz Rooks
249 Secretary