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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 October 18, 2020

President Fred Goucher called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the ABC Building in Sedalia, Missouri and via FreeConferenceCall.com. He thanked the Diamond B's for hosting today's meeting and providing lunch.

**Invocation:** Dave Byers

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**Roll Call:** Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Exec. Brd / 16 Dist Dir / 10 Staff/PP). Introduction of guests: Pat Auriene introduced Charles and Linda Lile, Richard & Trudy Clawson, from Tanglefoot Squares and Debbie Moffitt of the Beaux and Belles introduced Chris Shoemaker. These visitors were from the Northeast District.

**Approval of August 16, 2020 Minutes:** President Goucher asked for corrections or additions to the August 16, 2020 minutes.

Edythe Weber moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 31, 2020 \$5,892.58, Revenue of \$475.49 and Expenses of \$2,639.43. CD redemption \$10,543.23. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$14,271.87. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$30,528.01 for Total Funds on hand of \$44,799.88. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Memorial gifts of \$25.00 each were sent to the USDA Scholarship Fund, VFW Post 4043, and Honor Flight KC in honor of Jim Weber. This distribution was approved by consensus of the Executive Committee via email.

**Membership and Club Longevity:** Rosa Davis reported we have 46 clubs this year. Longevity award was awarded and presented to Tanglefooters, Southwest District, for 45 years.

Fred also presented the Longevity awards to the other clubs who had been recognized at our previous online meetings: Little Dixie Squares and Tanglefoot Squares (NE)

River City Squares (West Central), Dandy Dancers (St. Louis), Cross Trailers (NW), and Twirl-A-Rounds (SW)

**Correspondence:** Liz Rooks reporting. No correspondence received. The following cards have been or will be sent: Sympathy cards to Edythe Weber and Kenny Zeller's Family, and a Thinking of You card to John & Bev Stuart.

**Caller-Cuer Recognition:** Bev Stuart announced Chris Wildhagen as the Caller of the year for 2020.

**Square Dancers of the Year:** Liz Rooks introduced the 2020 Square Dancers of the Year, Richard & Trudy Lawson and presented their plaque and badges.

**Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers. Peppy Promenaders submitted appropriate paperwork requesting to move from the West Central District to the Northeast District.

Redistricting: The majority of the committee talked about 5 districts. However, I feel personally it needs to be 4 districts, because almost immediately we would have one district in the same condition as a few are now.

I am ready to open this up for discussion to see what the majority of the Board wants to do. However, I think we should wait until after the first of the year, or whenever most clubs are dancing again, to see how many clubs/dancers we will actually have when the pandemic is over.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Dave Shafer. Making sure that all of the revisions have been inserted into the Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules so the most current versions can be posted on the Federation website.

**Publications:** Carol Morris. No report.

**DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. We are continuing to put what I call the "Covid-19 Disclaimer" at the beginning of each district to help all subscribers know where to go to check on dances being held.

As said before, "Once printed, the paper version of the Doin's can't be changed. Updating and resending the electronic version every time a dance is cancelled is simply not possible. Our recommendation for dancers is that if you are thinking about going to a dance, make a call to the club contact in the directory or check the Missouri website."

The next deadline is November 25, the Wednesday BEFORE Thanksgiving, for the Jan-Feb 2020 issue. Please send articles early; it will be greatly appreciated. We all have many holiday family get-togethers over that week and weekend, so get your articles in early.

Important deadlines NOVEMBER 25:

1. Complete 2021 dance listings for all clubs. If you don't know what you are doing yet, just guess. I need something, even if it is TBA.
2. Make sure we have accurate and correct directions and physical address for your dance location(s). All of them, even temporary locations. This is the issue that we print the pull-out Location Listing. Also a contact phone number, cell if possible, in case somebody needs to contact you while they are on the road to your dance. Let's make it as accurate as possible.
3. Club Directory – make sure the person listed in the Doin's is an active member who will know what to tell people if they call. It helps to have a cell phone, because if you are at the dance, who's home answering your phone?

Remember – Dan is a master at inserting the word “Cancelled” by your club dance date for the website. If you have a dance that is cancelled, contact Dan Wheeler, and he will take care of that for you. Fortunately, the website is going to be the most updated version for our dances, and we need your help keeping our dancers informed during the next months.

**DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the November/December issue of the DOIN'S are 225, 2 exchange copies and 14 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 271. We had 59 electronic subscriptions, 34 renewals 3 new subscriptions and no new student copies. We will be sending out 62 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the November/December issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$555.00 from subscriptions & clubs. Expenses: postage \$23.60 and Office Depot \$25.25. A check for \$ 506.15 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 \$934.00 and Doin's Subscription \$15.00 and Expenses totaled \$22.75. A check was mailed to the Federation for \$926.25 leaving a balance of \$100.

**Promotions and Advertising:** Jack & Becky Rockaway. No report.

**State Festival Site Screening:** Dave & Penny Byers. NE has checked out numerous locations for the 2022 State Festival with several locations having negative responses. They discussed 3 possible locations for the 2022 State Festival (Sedalia State Fair Grounds, Cowan Center in Lebanon, and Four Seasons at Lake of Ozarks).

The NE committee voted to have the 2022 State Festival in Lebanon at the Cowan Center, October 7, 8 & 9 (the second weekend)

The State Festival Site Screening Committee recommends the approval of the NE Committee's recommendation on when and where to hold the 2022 State Festival.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber, Temporary Chairman, reporting. 1,100 dancers are insured through Missouri Federation and 357 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1,457 Missouri dancers in 46 clubs.

There has been no activity since the last report on August 10, 2020.

- If your club has a new insurance person, please let me know their contact information: Name, Address, Phone and Email. I will contact them with instructions on how to use the new enrollment portal. When you use the portal to add a dancer or a dance facility please notify me what you did via email at [moinsurance@kc.rr.com](mailto:moinsurance@kc.rr.com). You should never delete a dancer from your roster after initial enrollment.
- **The 2020 Insurance premium is \$4.85 per dancer**
- **Please do not do anything for 2021 insurance until you have been notified to do so.** As of this writing (Oct. 12, 2020) we do not know the 2021 rate yet, and the Bollinger website has been under an upgrade for 2021 and is not ready yet.

I am going to complete this enrollment season and am looking for a replacement for Jim to begin the new year. If you know of someone who might be interested, or who you want me to talk to, please let me know.

USDA is going to work with me, and Dan Wheeler will still do upkeep on the Missouri website for forms that are still there.

- I promise we will get through this enrollment period.

**BUT DO NOT DO ANYTHING FOR 2021 UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO.**  
If someone has, please notify me immediately.

Thanks for all your patience and kindness during this upcoming few months.

- 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 who, what, when, where and how weeks later; documentation at the time is best. Keep them on file and submit as needed.
- If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me. If I do not know the answer, I know who to contact to get it.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of August 10, 2020, is \$263.65 ; total income of \$0.00 and expenses of \$0.00 leaving an ending balance on October 12, 2020, of \$263.65

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

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

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting. Please remember to send 2021 schedules and to keep him updated on changes or cancellations to your schedule.

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

**License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting. No report.

**USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting. As of this meeting, USDA Insurance Coordinator, Elizabeth Sanders, has not heard from the insurance company what the 2021 insurance rate for dancers will be. They are as frustrated, if not more, than we are because this affects multiple states, organizations, dancers, etc.

Please bear with us as we continue to get the information from the main company office so we can get it out to the dancer organizations.

At this time, USDA is planning on the annual meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

**ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting. Nothing additional to report at this time.

**District Presidents' Report:** Liz Rooks reporting. Six district presidents were in attendance.

The Northwest District agreed to host the first district meeting of 2021. Other hosting clubs/districts will be determined later.

Each one shared what has been happening in their district in respect to dancing. Every district has some dancing occurring whether it be in a club's regular venue or if the club has found another venue for the time being. The dancing is a combination of square and round dancing.

**Youth and Children's Dance:** Merle Hall. Received word from the 4-H groups in Kirksville, Randolph, Macon and Johnson counties that they want to start back with square dance lessons and would like us to do some demos at each region's Energizer Days. Trying to set that up ASAP. Has some students in Macon who are not a part of a 4-H Club who are interested in learning to square dance.

**Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner. The 2020 scholarship recipient's check has been sent to her school. Bob reminded everyone of who is eligible to apply and that the information for 2021 would be available after the first of the year.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Bev Stuart shared the following slate of officers for 2021: President – Dave & Penny Byers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president – Merle and Madeline Hall,

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president – Dave Shafer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president – Open, Secretary – Liz Rooks, and Treasurer – Rosa Davis.

Bev reported she had contacted a couple of potential candidates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president position, however, at this point, no one has accepted.

Two or three names were suggested from the floor. Cathy Hall from the St. Louis District accepted the nomination.

**2020 State Festival:** Liz Rooks. We are about to wind up business for the 2020 State Festival. Souvenir shirts are on sale at special prices until November 15. We want to have it all wrapped up by December 1.

**2021 State Festival:** Dave Shafer. The 2021 State Festival will be October 8-10, at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. The theme for 2021 is “Put the Spring Back in Your Step – Dance” and the colors are the dancer’s choice of autumn colors.

Registration forms and shirt order forms were passed out to everyone present and will be sent to Dan Wheeler for posting on the website.

#### **Old Business:**

Following discussion of reasons for and against district realignment, Edythe Weber made a motion to table further discussion and action on this to a later date. Motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Merle Hall reported he is following the suggestion made last meeting to hold off on the filing of our 501(c)(3) Non-Profit application until after the first year. He will file that after the first of the year and Rosa will provide the necessary 2020 financial information.

#### **New Business:**

Edythe Weber thanked everyone for their cards, prayers, and donations made in honor of Jim.

Fred Goucher read the proposed slate of officers for 2021:

- President: Dave & Penny Byers
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president: Merle & Madeline Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president: Dave Shafer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president: Cathy Hall
- Secretary: Liz Rooks
- Treasurer: Rosa Davis

He then asked for nominations from the floor for each of the positions. Fred asked three times for nominations for each position and none were made.

Dave Shafer made a motion for nominations to cease and the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded and carried.

Boundaries and Relations Committee recommended approving the move of the Peppy Promenaders from the West Central District to the Northeast District. Recommendation was approved.

Edythe Weber made a motion for December 1, 2020 be the deadline for clubs to have their insurance paid and their club dues paid by November 1, 2020 to be eligible to receive the \$50.00 insurance rebate. Motion seconded and carried.

Site Screening Committee recommended approval of the Cowan Civic Center as the site for the 2022 State Festival. Recommendation was approved.

Fred Goucher tasked the Boundaries and Relations Committee to study the timing of 4 state meetings and to report back at our December meeting.

Debbie Moffitt from the Beaux & Belles in the Northeast District reported she had been in contact with Jack Rockaway regarding a request for grant money in the amount of \$500 to help defray their expenses for lessons; however, she has not received a definitive answer.

After further discussion of the process to request grant money, Dave Shafer made a motion to table their request so they can provide receipts for their expenses. Motion was seconded and carried.

Vickie Schroeder from Capital City Squares in the Central District reported she had submitted a grant request three times last year and never received a response. She was advised to present the appropriate documentation to Fred & Carolyn Goucher for consideration.

Liz Rooks asked for permission for the River City Squares and Diamond B's move to the Northwest District; this would dissolve the West Central District.

Upon further discussion, the Standing Rules state that each club needs to submit a letter to the receiving district asking for acceptance and the district needs to submit a letter affirming this move and all of this paperwork submitted to the Boundaries and Relations Committee.

Liz Rooks made a motion for the Federation to send a donation of \$60 (4 meetings \$15 each) to FreeConferenceCall.com for the meeting that have been held online. Motion was seconded and carried.

Catherine McLemore made a motion to use the Zoom platform for future online meetings. Motion seconded and carried.

Merle Hall made a motion the Federation purchase a year's Zoom subscription as that provides a better price. Motion seconded and carried.

### **Calendar of Events**

October 8-10, 2021 State Festival in Lebanon, Missouri

Beaux & Belles have the following dances scheduled for the remainder of the year at Scotty's Auction Barn: Sunday afternoon October 25, 3:30 to 6:00; Saturday evening November 7, 7:30 to 10:00, and Sunday afternoon December 6 3:30-6:00.

Southwest District: Contact Shirley Winans for information.

Cathy Hall announced she had 3 Live Lively license plate holders left from the 67<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention available for those interested; they were quickly spoken for.

The next state board meeting will be December 13, 2020 at the Senior Center in Chillicothe, Missouri. Northeast District will host.

A motion was made by Madeline Hall to adjourn, was seconded, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Rooks  
Secretary