



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

Minutes of January 16, 2022

President Dave or Penny Byers called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m. at Graceway Fellowship Hall, Raytown, Missouri and via Zoom.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Dave Byers

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved: (7 Executive Board; 12 District Directors; 3 Staff/Past Presidents).

Thank you to Host District and Club: Dave thanked Dick & Libby Gilbert of the Savannah Sashayers of the Northwest District for providing our lunch and the Northwest District for hosting our meeting.

Monica Reynolds and Dick & Libby Gilbert were welcomed as guests.

Approval of October 10, 2021 Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the October 10, 2021 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 September 30, 2021 of \$17,717.59, Revenue of \$3,634.49 and Expenses of \$3,270.83. The ending checking account balance as of December 31, 2021 was \$18,081.25. Total CDs including interest \$20,629.09 for Total Funds on hand of \$38,710.34.

In the Budget to Actual Report, our loss for 2021 was \$9,440.87. Our checking account balance is about \$500 short of our budgeted amount.

The 2021 State Festival has returned \$2,305.56

The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported there are 44 clubs this year. Five of the 44 clubs paid their dues late. The \$25 rebate amount for the other 39 clubs has been sent to their respective district for distribution to the clubs. Rosa asked for the starting date for the Greenville Squares in the St. Louis Metro District.

Longevity awards: Diamond B's (NW District) 25 years in April; Missouri Promenaders (St. Louis Metro) 40 years in April and Live Wires (NW District) 55 years in April.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. Thinking of You cards were signed to be sent to Stan Brooke, Larry Crisel, and Mary Miller.

Boundaries and Relations: Merle Hall reporting: No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Cathy Hall. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Cathy Hall, Merle Hall, and Art Kruse) reviewed and approved the proposed changes identified below to the current Standing Rules. It is the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee the following changes be brought before the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors for the purpose of consideration and adoption. Proposed changes read and will be discussed and voted on in the New Business part of the meeting.

Publications: Carol Morris: No activity to report. Carol has stepped down from the Publications Committee and the committee is looking for a replacement.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting.

Effective Immediately
CHANGES FOR THE SHOW ME DOIN'S IN 2022

1. The Doin's is moving to a quarterly publication and will be printed four (4) times a year. See the new deadline schedule.

Doin's Deadlines – Articles & Ads	Writing for which issue
November 15	January, February, March
February 15	April, May, June
May 15	July, August, September
August 15	October, November, December

2. We will no longer have the Lessons page. Clubs are more than welcome to mention lessons in their articles, purchase an ad in the magazine, or most important, list the information on the Missouri Federation website.

These changes take effect immediately with the January 2022 magazine.

MOST IMPORTANT: ALL CLUBS – (1) make sure that your 2022 dance schedule is sent to Edythe Weber for listing dances in the Dance Calendar; (2) make sure if you

purchase an ad in the magazine that Dave Shafer has that same 2022 schedule; and (3) send that same schedule to Dan Wheeler for the website.

If there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Doin's staff.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Paid subscriptions for the Jan-March issue of the DOIN'S 209, exchange copies 1, advertisers 1 and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 224. We had 59 electronic subscriptions, 91 renewals 5 new subscriptions and 0 copies for students. 11 postcards were mailed to subscribers whose subscriptions expired with the Jan-March issue.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100. Income Oct. 10, 2021 to Jan 15, 2022: of \$975.00 personal subscriptions, \$465.00 club subscriptions and a donation of \$411. Expenses: postage \$12.00 and printer ink/toner \$72.48. A check for \$1,766.52 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

DOIN's Advertising: Dave Shafer reporting. Balance brought forward of \$100.00. Revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$879.00 and expenses totaled \$18.46. A check was sent to the Federation for \$860.54; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

Dave reported he would like to train a replacement for his position.

Promotions: Fred & Carolyn Goucher. Toot Your Horn applications for 2021 need to be in by February 1. Information is available on the Federation website.

Member Services Committee: Fred & Carolyn Goucher: No report.

State Festival Site Screening: Madeline & Merle Hall: Northwest District has submitted 4 sites to be considered for the 2023 State Festival. We are currently sending out notifications to the committee members to schedule a time to visit these sites.

Committee needs a representative from Southwest, Southeast, and St. Louis districts. Cathy Hall or Art Kruse will serve from St. Louis. Gaylynn Cosby and Catherine McLemore from Southwest volunteered (will decide who is going to do it as each district can only have 1 representative).

Insurance Coordinator: Edythe Weber reporting: No report due to having new flooring put down.

Thanked all of the insurance chairmen who got their reports in.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting: No report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall: No report.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting: For December 2021, the website had 3,000 Hits. This was a new high. It was almost twice as many as the last high. The number of hits for the year was 17,550. This was also a new high.

At this time of year, I am in the process of changing many things on the website from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023. All the new 2023 schedule & calendar pages have been written and posted for the Missouri Federation & St. Louis Metro websites.

On all Missouri Federation clubs websites, 2023 schedule pages have been written, and all club drop down menus have been updated to show only 2022 & 2023. It would be nice if this could all be automatic, but I have never figured out how to do that.

Sometime, about the end of January, all references and links to 2021 dances will be removed from the website.

2021 has been a difficult year for the website. Our web space provider has been installing new security rules that has made some of the script that was considered safe in the past, to no longer work correctly, or in some cases, not work at all. A lot of re-writing of web pages has been required, and in some cases, complete redesign of the pages. For the most part, even though many of the most used web pages are of a new design, you probably won't notice since the overall appearance of the pages pretty much stayed the same. I hope our provider is not quite so vigorous in 2022.

One thing you may notice is: If you copy a web page address from the address line at the top of your browser for a Missouri Federation website web page, the old address would have started out <http://www> etc. Most of the new more secure addresses now start out <https://www> etc. That may not seem like much, but those complete addresses appear literally thousands of times on the web pages. The Schedule & Calendar pages have it over 6,000 times. Fortunately, in some cases, I can make the changes globally, but in a lot of cases, it has to be done one at a time.

The main problem with rewriting web pages is that the new page may not work correctly. Sometimes information that belongs on a page will no longer be there, and sometimes links no longer work correctly. I check new pages, and as many links as I can, but if you notice anything like either of those conditions, please let me know. Many clubs have sent me their 2022 schedules, but there are still several who have not. Please remind your clubs to send those to me.

Another club has added their club newsletter to their club website. All Missouri Federation clubs can do that if they choose.

I am experimenting with QR codes. These are the funny looking square boxes full of little square dots that you often see on letters and packaging boxes. You aim the camera on your smart phone at them, and they automatically take you to some web page. I have currently made some for the phone ready daily dance schedules for this

year's HASSDA dance. If they work well, I plan to make them for this year's Missouri Festival.

The way that I think that these will work:

1. Pages will be printed with the QR codes for the schedules for the dances, and located at various places around the dance halls.
2. If you want the schedule for a particular afternoon, evening, etc. you scan the QR code with your smart phone, and the schedule will appear on your phone.
3. Next dance period, scan the next code to get the schedule for that dance.

It is possible that these codes can be printed in the Doin's and the Festival program book. It all depends on how well they work. If you would like to try out the codes, I can give you a copy of the codes for the HASSDA dance and you can see how they work.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting: No report. Would be glad to pass this on to someone else.

License Plate: Catherine McLemore reporting. There has been no new activity since last report. I encourage all dancers to get Square Dance license plates!

USDA: Edythe Weber reporting: My first meeting with my new job as secretary will be held in San Diego, California, January 21-22, 2022. I'm looking forward to it and excited to get on with my new position.

Our next annual meeting will be in Evansville, Indiana on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, prior to the National Square Dance Convention.

More to report and update at the next meeting.

ARTS: Edythe Weber reporting: Nothing additional to report.

District Presidents' Report: Carol Hershey: Pat Auriene, Northeast District, is chairman of the Square Dancer of the Year Committee. Brookfield and Peppy Promenaders are starting lessons and Jefferson City has a new caller.

State meetings: April 3 hosted by the Southwest District in Springfield, July 17 hosted by the St. Louis District, and October 9 hosted by the Northeast District in Sedalia.

Central District: Ozark Whirlers and Travelers will be starting lessons in February and March.

St. Louis District: All but two clubs are dancing; masks are required at this time. Their Jubilee is in May.

Southwest District: Doin's Dance is February 13.

Northwest District: All but two clubs are dancing.

Youth and Children's: Merle Hall: We did a demonstration at the Brookfield R-III schools and left a copy of the curriculum with them to use. Did a 4-H demonstration at Marceline the week of January 10.

We have left a copy of the curriculum for square dance with Macon and Mexico schools; they will implement them in the second semester of school. We will be going to the Mexico schools in February for 4 days to assist in teaching the dance curriculum.

Currently there are no 4-H groups practicing square dance and haven't been since the Covid shutdown.

Mo Fed Scholarship: Bob & Shirley Turner. Program currently on hold.

2021 State Festival: Dave Shafer. We had 213 in attendance at the 2021 State Festival. We had 25 callers and cuers attend and call for the festival who were free attendees. We also had several past presidents and spouses attend as free attendees. We thank the two or three past presidents who paid for the dance.

We closed the festival checking account and transferred to the Federation Treasurer the amount of \$2,253.56. Since that transfer, I have forwarded to the Federation Treasurer a check for \$52.00 for the sale of shirts and Missouri State Lapel Pins; this brought the total reimbursed to the Federation up to \$2,305.56 leaving a shortfall of \$194.44.

I still have T-shirts and polo shirts that I will continue to attempt to sell with the money going to the federation. This is an attempt to keep the Federation from experiencing any loss for the 2021 festival.

2022 State Festival: Penny Byers: Your 63rd State Festival Committee for 2022 has been rockin' and rollin' the last few months to make sure we get off to a great start!

Great news to start with, we have had a \$500 anonymous donation for door prizes and 50/50 raffles. Instead of 3 \$100 door prizes, we will have 6 \$50 door prizes this year; and the raffle pot each night is a guaranteed minimum of \$100! Then we have a \$4,000 grant from the Wallace Foundation out of Braymer MO to pay for the top prize in the raffle and help with venue rental cost. We have ½ Beef (processed) donated for our 2nd and 3rd raffle prizes. We also have a \$500 grant from the Sedalia Area Visitor & Convention Bureau. We are hoping to make this a fantastic year.

We have 111 registered. 73 of that are paying registrations; and out of the 38 complimentary registrations, 13 are callers, 2 are cuers and they each have a guest. Totals - 44 from NE, 18 from NW, 7 from St Louis, and 4 each from Central, SE and SW Districts. If you are one of these numbers, thank you very much. We appreciate the early registrations.

We have sold 21 polos and 41 t-shirts as of last week. We've had a second order in for several months now; but they are having trouble getting more shirts in. They are all floating out in the ocean somewhere!

The raffle is off to a great start! Top prize is \$1,000 cash, 2nd & 3rd prizes is ¼ Beef processed (\$500 value each). We made sure we secured donations for all prizes for the raffle before we went forward with it. Let me run down how it works, then I'll answer questions for anyone who has any. There are still a few clubs that don't have a raffle packet, I have them with me if you want to pick it up. Also, I have extra raffle tickets if you need some more, or you can hand in any sold tickets to me. We've had one club hand in 13 "squares" of raffle tickets. Their club made \$208!! We have had a total of 18 (144 dancers) squares and 10 single raffle tickets handed in so far.

We hope to have food trucks available on the fair grounds. That is still a work in progress. The Sedalia Area Visitor & Convention Bureau are contacting various nearby businesses to see if they will extend their hours for us during the weekend. We plan to have these businesses listed in the program book and on posters in various places around the halls. We have not finalized just what rooms we will need on what days. We plan to visit the venue again within the next month or so, to ask a few more questions and get that finalized. Evan Pauley will also attend with us, as we think he will be the one sounding the halls for us.

Program Booklet / Booklet Advertising (\$30 full pg/\$15 1/2pg/\$8 1/4pg). Deadline 8.1.2022. We hope most clubs will buy an ad in the Program book for their 2023 schedule and any big dances they might have coming up in 2023 you'd like people to know about; or, Districts could buy an ad for their District Dances. Watch for more info on this. Thanks in advance.

Hotel: Our Host Hotel is Hampton Inn. Call 660.951.1163 and tell them you are with the 2022 Square Dance group, to get the special rate. Remember they will comp one room and if we have 45 rooms booked, they will comp the second room for us and lower everyone's room rate. (saving us close to \$400 for the caller/cuer's rooms.) We were about ½ way there last we checked, so be sure and get those reservations made.

Liz has been busy updating all the packet information, so these should be ready to hand out at our April State Meeting.

2023 State Festival: Carol Hershey, chairman reported: The Committee met in December and elected the following: Carol Hershey chairman, Ruth Ann Reynolds secretary, Jean Wheeler treasurer, Liz Rooks registrar, and Edythe Weber festival booklet. A bank account is opened and ready to go. Lois Edmiston and Mike and Cindy Shedor have been approached about being committee members. Lynn Nelson will be coordinator of the Caller & Cuer committee and Dana Schirmer will do the sounding. Four dance locations are under consideration and suggestions of other locations have been received which will be checked out; the possibility of using wood

dance floors is being considered. The committee has suggestions for the featured caller and cuer.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Delegates are needed to attend the USDA meeting on Wednesday before the National Square Dance Convention begins; we have four votes. Dave and Penny will be going. If interested contact Dave and Penny or Edythe. Edythe explained it could be 2 couples or 4 couples (if two couples, each person has a vote; if 4 couples 1 voter per couple).

Festival Area Caller-Cuer Guidelines: Concern has been raised if the current guidelines of the Federation Standing Rules (Article XII: State Festival Committee, Section 5A Area Caller/Cuer Committee), regarding area callers/cuers of the State Festival are feasible in light of the smaller number of callers and cuers in Missouri:

Article XII: State Festival Committee

Section 5. Area Caller/Cuer Committee

A. The callers and cuers for the Friday night dance, Saturday morning and Afternoon workshops/dances and Saturday night dance shall be scheduled by the host district's Caller/Cuer Committee in a manner equitable to all callers and cuers.

1. An area caller is defined as:

- a. One who is a designated club caller or cuer of a MFSRD Club.*
- b. One who is currently a dues paying member of CALLERLAB, American Callers Association, and/or ROUNDALAB*
- c. One who has called or cued for a MFSRD Club (one or different clubs) a minimum of six (6) times during the previous June 01 today 31.*

Fred Goucher made a motion to eliminate guideline 1a. *“One who is a designated club caller or cuer of a MFSRD Club”*; motion seconded.

After discussion, Liz Rooks made a motion to table the motion; motion seconded and carried.

Proposed Updates to Standing Rules: (See these proposals at the end of the minutes.)

Article VII, Section 4: Insurance Requirements to Qualify for State Rebate: Passed.

Article X, Section 3C: Selection of the Square Dancer(s) of the Year: Passed.

Article XI, Section 4E: Promotional Committee: Passed

Article XI, Section G: State Festival Featured Caller and Round Dance Cuer Committee: Passed

Article XIX: Caller/Cuer Longevity Awards: Dave Shafer made a motion to table this until next meeting to allow for further discussion; motion seconded and carried.

Zoom Subscription Renewal: Penny Byers shared in February our Zoom Subscription needs to be renewed; renewal fee is \$149.00. Carolyn Goucher made a motion to renew our Zoom subscription; motion seconded and carried.

Audits: Financial records needing to be audited need be sent to Edythe Weber by the end of February.

Edythe Weber asked the Federation for a Letter of Recommendation to continue as the USDA Secretary. Dave and Penny will take care of it.

Calendar of Events

January 29 - Beaux & Belles Soup & Chili dance at the Bles Room, Macon, MO.

February 12 – Kountry Kuzins Dance

Feb. 13, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Southwest District Doin's Dance, Sertoma Event Center, Springfield, MO

February 27 – Missouri Promenaders hosting a Benefit Event

April 3 – Missouri Federation Meeting, Springfield

April 30 – Northeast District Dance in Brookfield

May 15, Sunday afternoon - Savannah Sashayers are hosting a benefit dance for the Missouri Patriot PAWS.

May 6 & 7- St. Louis Metro Jamboree & District Dance (see the Doin's for details).

July 17, Missouri Federation Meeting, St. Louis area, specific location to be announced.

October 9, Missouri Federation Meeting, Sedalia following Doin's Dance

The next state board meeting is Sunday, April 3 in Springfield, Missouri hosted by the Southwest District.

Carolyn Goucher made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Rooks
Secretary

Approved April 3, 2022

Proposed Updates to the Standing Rule Changes:

Article VII: Insurance Requirements of the Missouri Federation (page 4 of current rules)

Section 4. Qualifying For State Rebate

CURRENT

- A. Pay State Federation dues by specified date.
- B. File and pay insurance through insurance chairman by specified date.
- C. The state rebate will be \$50 per club until adjusted by the Federation.
- D. The State Federation treasurer will write one check to each district for all clubs that qualify.
- E. Districts are responsible for distributing the state rebate to clubs.

PROPOSED

- A. The Federation Board of Directors may approve a rebate for qualifying member clubs who meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Pay annual club dues to the Federation by specified due date
 - 2. File and pay USDA Dancer Insurance, or show proof of compliance (per Article VII Section 3), by specified due date.
- B. If applicable, the State Federation treasurer will write one check to each district for all clubs that qualify.
- C. Districts are responsible for distributing the state rebate to clubs.
- D. The amount of the State Rebate will be determined annually by the Federation.

Article X: Selection of the Square Dancer(s) of the Year

Section 3. Criteria for award: (page 7 of current rules)

CURRENT

- C. The recipient(s) must be nominated by the district president of which the nominee's club is a member and supported by at least two presidents of affiliated clubs (or representatives to the district if the club has no president) from the nominating district. The nominations will close August 1st of that year, and nominations will not be held over to the following year.

PROPOSED

- C. Any current member of an affiliated club may nominate a recipient for the award. The nomination may be submitted to any district president. The district president must forward all nominations received to the selection committee chairman prior to the August 1 deadline.

Article XI: Appointive Committees

Section 4. Standing Committees: (page 10 of current rules)

CURRENT

- E. Promotional Committee (three members)
 - 1. The committee shall study and recommend to the board of directors effective means of promoting square and round dance activities on a statewide basis.
 - 2. The committee shall study existing publications for suitable promotional, educational and general informational materials that could be furnished by the board of directors to member districts for their benefit and recommend means by which the board of directors could provide these materials for the member districts.

PROPOSED (add the following)

- 3. The committee shall set up and carry out the provisions of the Let's Toot Our Horn Award as outlined in Article XV of the Standing Rules

Article XI: Appointive Committees

Section 4. Standing Committees: (page 11 of current rules)

CURRENT

- G. State Festival Featured Caller and Round Dance Cuer Committees (three members)
 - 1. The committee shall consist of the past presidents' committee.
 - 2. The committee shall hire the national caller and cuer four years in advance after approval by the board of directors.

PROPOSED

- G. State Festival Featured Caller and Round Dance Cuer Committees
 - 1. The District(s) in charge of the annual State Festival shall appoint a committee to be responsible for hiring the national caller and cuer for the festival that the district(s) is organizing.
 - 2. The committee shall obtain approval of the board of directors prior to hiring the national caller and cuer. This should be done as many years in advance as feasible.

Article XIX: Caller / Cuer Longevity Awards (page 21 of current rules)

Rationale: To recognize Missouri Federation callers and cuers for longevity and service to square and round dancing beginning with 20 years of service or at retirement, whichever comes first.

CURRENT

- Section 1. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been a caller or cuer for a period of 20 years or more and meets the eligibility requirements shall be presented a plaque (5" x 7") honoring the recipient for his/her years of service to square or round dancing.

- Section 2. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has received the first plaque and continues to call or cue until announced retirement with 30 total years or more of calling or cueing shall be presented a second plaque (7" x 9") honoring the recipient for his/her years of service to square or round dancing.
- Section 3. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been calling or cueing with 50 years or more and not retired shall receive a plaque (7" x 9") honoring the recipient for his/her service to square or round dancing.
- Section 4. Eligibility requirements
- A. A caller or cuer must have at least 20 years of calling or cueing, not limited to Missouri.
 - B. A caller or cuer must have called or cued during 5 or more Missouri State Festivals.
- Section 5. Special exceptions may be granted for the list of callers or cuers with the majority consent of the Federation Board of Directors.
- Section 6. Administering of this program shall be the responsibility of the Immediate past president. He/she shall:
- A. Report at the January or April Federation Board meeting all callers/cuers who met the eligibility requirements for longevity awards during the past year.
 - B. Order the plaques for those callers and cuers eligible for the longevity awards and present the bill to the Missouri Federation Treasurer.
 - C. Shall present the plaques to the recipients. They may convey this duty to the district president.
 - D. Shall obtain a copy of the caller/cuer sign-in sheet after each annual Missouri State Festival to verify eligibility.
 - E. Information and materials will be passed to the next immediate past president to continue the program.
 - F. Perform any other necessary tasks or duties to administer this program.

PROPOSED

- Section 1. Any Missouri Federation caller or cuer who has been a caller or cuer for the time period indicated and meets the eligibility requirements shall be honored for his/her years of service to square or round dancing as follows:
- A. 20 years calling or cueing – printed certificate in 8.5x11 certificate frame
 - B. 30 years calling or cueing – printed certificate in 8.5x11 certificate frame
 - C. 40 years calling or cueing – printed certificate in 8.5x11 certificate frame
 - D. 50 years calling or cueing – plaque (5"x7"), maximum cost \$50
 - E. Retirement after 30 years of calling or cueing, or between any of the above thresholds, warrants the next higher honor.

- Section 2. Eligibility requirements
- A. A caller or cuer must have at least 20 years of calling or cueing, not limited to Missouri.
 - B. A caller or cuer must have called or cued during 5 or more Missouri State Festivals.
 - C. A caller or cuer must have called or cued a minimum of 30 years to receive a retirement certificate or plaque.
 - D. A recently deceased caller or cuer will not be awarded certificates or plaques but should be honored and mentioned verbally at the time of presentation of other awards.
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Minutes approved as presented April 3, 2022