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

Minutes of July 17, 2022

President Dave called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First St. Charles church.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Dave Byers

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (5 Executive Board; 10 District Directors; 4 Staff/Past Presidents) plus 6 other individuals.

Carol Kilzer, Robert and Lucy McMillion were introduced and welcomed as guests.

President Byers thanked the St. Louis Metro District for hosting the meeting and providing the lunch.

Approval of April 3, 2022 Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the April 3, 2022 minutes and those were highlighted. Fred Goucher made the motion to accept the minutes as amended; motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of 3-20-2022 of \$16,080.69, Revenue of \$1,623.98 and Expenses of \$3,630.50. The ending checking account balance as of 6-30-2022 is \$14,074.17. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$20,832.48 for Total Funds on hand of \$34,906.65. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 45 clubs this year. Stewartsville Cut-ups is a new club in the Northwest District.

Longevity awards were awarded to the Shooting Stars in the Northwest District for 45 years in October and St. Peters Squares in the St. Louis Metro for 60 in September.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks read a letter that had been received from the 42nd National Festival Square Convention Committee which hosted the convention in St. Louis June 22-24, 1993. Enclosed with the letter was a check for \$5,000.00 to the

40 Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs to use in support of educational
41 and promotional activities for square dancing in the state of Missouri.

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43 Liz reported a Get Well card had been sent to Larry Anslinger and it was mentioned a
44 Thinking of You card be sent to Stan Brooke as he continues his recovery from health
45 issues. A card was passed around for signatures and it will be mailed to him.

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47 **Boundaries and Relations:** Merle Hall: No report

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49 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Cathy Hall. No report at this time.

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51 **Publications:** No report

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53 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting:

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55 1. The Doin's **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

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57 Most clubs are converting to the new deadlines, but a few are still forgetting. Please put
58 a reminder on your phone, you wall calendar, whatever it takes to meet the deadlines.

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60 November 15 is a BIG deadline for clubs that dance January to December – your full
61 year dance schedule for 2023 is due to me for the Doin's and to Dan Wheeler for the
62 web. Now that most clubs are back dancing, please make this a priority.

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

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67 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this
68 period were 203, exchange copies 1, and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total
69 mailing of 217. We had 66 electronic subscriptions, 10 renewals 3 new subscriptions
70 and 4 student copies. We will be sending out 21 postcards to subscribers whose
71 subscriptions will expire with the July through September issue.

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73 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$120.00
74 from subscriptions. Expense of postage amounted to \$16.00. A check for \$ 104.00 was
75 given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

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77 **DOIN's Advertising:** Edythe Weber presented the report in Dave Shafer's absence:
78 Balance brought forward of \$100.00. Revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings
79 of \$328.00 and expenses totaled \$0.00. A check was given to the Federation for
80 \$328.00; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

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82 **Promotions:** Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No report.

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

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86 **State Festival Site Screening:** Madeline & Merle Hall. No report.

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88 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber reporting: Dancers insured through Missouri
89 Federation 986 and dancers insured through other federations 203 for a total of 1,189
90 Missouri dancers in 45 clubs.

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- 92 • **The 2022 Insurance premium is \$5.00 per dancer**
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 - 94 • You should never delete a dancer from your roster after initial enrollment.
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 - 96 • If you need to communicate with me about insurance, PLEASE use the Missouri
97 Federation Insurance email at moinsurance@kc.rr.com . Do not send insurance
98 info to the Doin's email address. It just delays communication.
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 - 100 • If your club has a new insurance person, please let me know their contact
101 information: Name, Address, Phone and Email. I will make sure they have the
102 instructions on how to use the enrollment portal. It would also be helpful to them
103 if you were to take the time to train them from your end.
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 - 105 • Remember to complete an accident report form for ALL accidents that occur at
106 your dance, even if they appear minor at the time. It is hard to remember who,
107 what, when, where and how weeks later; documentation at the time is best.
108 Keep them on file and submit as needed.
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 - 110 • Remember to send me a roster of lesson names. There is no charge until they
111 graduate.
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 - 113 • If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me. If I do
114 not know the answer, I know who to contact to get it.
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 - 116 • We hope to know the 2023 insurance premium by October 2022 if all goes well.

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118 **Financial Report:** Beginning balance as of April 1, 2022 \$433.51; total income of
119 \$220.00 and expenses of \$246.80 leaving an ending balance on June 30, 2022, of
120 \$406.71.

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122 **Travel Missouri:** Dan Wheeler reporting for Jim Marron: No report.

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

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127 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting: I have noticed that many of you send E-Mail to
128 groups of people and when you do that, you list all the E-Mail addresses in the “to” field.
129 This is considered impolite. When you send E-Mail to groups of people, you should put
130 their E-Mail addresses in the “bcc” field. You can either leave the “to” field empty, or put
131 your own E-Mail address in it. When you put all those E-Mail addresses, you are
132 providing exposure to them including possible spam exposure.
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134 This spring, when I replaced my computer (which had died) I loaded the program I use
135 to edit websites. For some reason, it didn’t allow me to enter the authentication
136 number. Since it is an old program, I just assumed that authentication was no longer
137 needed. Two weeks ago, when I opened the program, it told me that it would stop
138 working July 31st. I have spent a good part of the last two weeks searching for a
139 suitable web editor. Either they are very expensive, or they wouldn’t work with the
140 pages written with my current program.
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142 I have finally found a program that seems to do the job. I have started editing the web
143 pages with the program “Microsoft Expression Web 4”. As far as I can tell, the pages
144 written with it look just like the pages written with the old program. If you notice
145 anything on the Missouri Federation website that no longer works, please let me know.
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147 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting: No report.
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149 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting: Since my last report for the April 3,
150 2022 meeting, I have received requests for one 2-year new license plate, one 1-year
151 new license plate, seven 2-year renewals, and one 1-year renewal.

152 I have deposited \$475.00 into the License Plate account, bringing my current balance to
153 \$575.00 as of the date of this meeting. Waiting to hear from 2 individuals who are due
154 to renew this year.
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156 Dan Wheeler asked about getting a replacement plate as the lettering is beginning to
157 come off his. Catherine suggested contacting the DMV.
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159 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting: The annual meeting was held in Evansville, Indiana
160 on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, prior to the National Square Dance Convention.
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162 The USDA Executive Committee, of which I am a member, holds a pre-annual meeting
163 on Tuesday, the annual meeting on Wednesday, and a post-annual meeting on
164 Saturday. All of these went well. Tuesday was mostly planning for the Wednesday
165 meeting. USDA officers participated in some of the Education sessions, we had 5 tables
166 of educational material displayed in the Showcase of Ideas during the convention, and
167 we hosted an After Party on Friday night with the live band. Saturday was follow-up and
168 critique of USDA participation in the National and how it all went.
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170 I am going to let Dave and Penny and Dave Shafer and Roslie Mogerman critique the
171 Wednesday meeting.
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173 Dave Shafer and Roslie Mogerman reporting (Edythe share his report):

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175 Officers elected to office include:

176 President: Mark & Bina Krebsbach

177 Plains Region Vice President: Ellery and Karen Gulbrand

178 Western Region Vice President: L Paul and Sally Schmidt

179 Secretary: Edythe Weber

180 Treasurer: Jim and Judy Taylor

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182 Elected four federations to USDA membership.

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184 USDA Insurance covered: 24,565 dancers in 2020 and 18,288 dancers in 2021. A drop
185 in the number of dancers insured.

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187 No USDA scholarships were awarded this year as no applications were received. We
188 need to work harder to get young people into dancing and identifying those who are
189 dancing that qualify for the scholarship and get them to apply.

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191 Edythe added the following: USDA is expecting a little over 16,000 for 2022 based on
192 the trend of declining numbers.

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194 USDA decided due to increasing costs of education and the declining numbers of
195 applicants to increase the amount of the scholarship to \$2,500 per year and only award
196 one scholarship each year. It is hoped increasing the amount of the scholarship will
197 encourage more applicants.

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199 Donations to the Youth Scholarship Program are welcomed.

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201 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting: The annual meeting was held Sunday, June 26 in
202 Evansville following the National Square Dance Convention. It is hoped that the video
203 project will make it's debut at the USA West Convention in San Diego, California in
204 August. I will keep you updated on that progress and how we can get copies.

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206 **District Presidents' Report:** B. K. Loynes reporting: A big portion of their time was
207 spent discussing hosting of the state festival, is it possible to change the way a festival
208 is hosted and what some of those changes might look like. West County will be hosting
209 the 2024 state festival.

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211 Also discussed the status of whether or not nominations had been received for Square
212 Dancer of the Year and Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame nominations. Nominations are
213 needed by August 1.

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215 **Youth and Children's:** Merle Hall reporting: No report.

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217 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner reporting: No report as Program is on hold.

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219 **2022 State Festival:** Dave & Penny Byers: Dave reported plans the committee is
220 encouraged and plans are moving along and. Trying some different ideas in regards to
221 venue size and scheduling of dance times; will see how that goes (good and bad).
222 Northwest is waiting to nail down some of their details to see how this year goes.

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224 Penny reported shirts are still available. Black and white are the colors for Friday night
225 to represent the “Then” of this year’s them and bright, techno colors for Saturday night
226 for the “Now”. Raffle tickets have been selling well.

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228 Raffle tickets: The festival committee has made \$1,103 so far and that will cover the
229 \$1,000 that is for one of the raffles. Clubs that have participated in this have made a
230 total of \$810. 150 registrants at this point which includes 14 callers and 5 cuers.

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232 Planning to ice coolers of ice water with cone-style cups in each of the rooms.

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234 Kenny Bailey will be in charge of the grand march on Saturday evening.

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236 Will have an exhibition from the Southeast District on Saturday evening. Two dancers
237 from that area have a daycare and have been working with the 1st through 5th graders
238 on square dancing as one of their activities. They are excited to be coming to the
239 festival. If there are enough available on Friday night they also due one that evening.

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241 Host hotel has over 40 rooms booked. Number of vendors is limited to three. Ads and
242 names for the Memorials page are needed by August 1 to Liz Rooks.

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244 After parties are scheduled for both evenings from 10 to 11 with some fun activities
245 planned.

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247 **2023 State Festival:** Edythe Weber reporting: Committee meetings are occurring and
248 at our next committee meeting, we will be discussing skit ideas, t-shirts, and ribbons.
249 The featured caller and cuer have been secured. The hotels will most likely be the
250 same as this year with the Hampton as the host hotel.

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252 **Old Business:**

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254 Dave reminded everyone once again nominations for Square Dancer of the Year and
255 the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame are due August 1.

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257 **New Business:**

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259 **Nominating Committee Report:** Fred Goucher reporting:

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261 President: Merle & Madeline Hall
262 1st Vice president: Dave Shafer
263 2nd Vice president: Cathy Hall
264 3rd Vice president:

265 Treasurer: Rosa Davis
266 Secretary: Liz Rooks

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268 Nominations from the floor and voting will occur at the October meeting.

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270 **Cathy Hall, Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chairman:** The Constitution and
271 Bylaws Committee reviewed and approved the proposed changes, identified below, to
272 the current Constitution. It is the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws
273 Committee that the following change(s) be brought before the Missouri Federation of
274 Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors for the purpose of consideration
275 and adoption.

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277 The question was asked if there is a description of what the responsibilities are for the
278 third vice president; those are outlined in the Standing Rules. If a Standing Rule
279 change is needed, that can be accomplished at the October meeting.

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281 Further discussion on this proposed change can occur if necessary at the October
282 meeting if necessary as well as the vote on this proposed change.

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284 Bob Turner recommended that the Constitution & Bylaws Committee consider changing
285 the deadline for submitting nominations for the Square Dancer of the Year as well as
286 Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame from August 1 to July 1.

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288 Bob also mentioned if the change is approved we would need to check the number of
289 Executive Committee members needed for a quorum.

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291 **Hosting the state festival:** Dave reported there has been discussion in light on the
292 decreasing numbers of dancers and clubs which is effecting the number of districts, do
293 we need to consider changing the way in which the state festival is hosted.

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295 One possibility that has been suggested is having a Festival Chairman which is an
296 appointive position on the state level which would then have committee members from
297 the districts.

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299 Another option is to keep the district rotation with a district having the option to pass on
300 hosting the festival and moving on to the next district in line.

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302 **State Fair Day of Dance:** Liz Rooks presented information regarding having an ad in
303 the State Fair Souvenir booklet. Last year the ad was a quarter page at \$225; this
304 year's price is the same. The deadline for requesting tickets to the fair has been
305 extended a few days; get in touch with Liz or Billie Jean Butler ASAP if you need tickets.

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307 Edythe Weber made the motion to do a quarter page ad for \$225.00 and incorporate the
308 set-up changes (size of the logos and increase size of font for wording regarding square
309 dance info, and info regarding also site of the next 2 square dance festivals) that were.
310 Motion seconded. Dan Wheeler recommended adding a QR code. Motion carried.

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312 Edythe Weber commented that \$100 had been budgeted to cover expenses related to
313 the Showcase of Ideas at the national convention. Edythe made the motion to
314 reimburse Dave Shafer \$50 for his work on the Showcase of Ideas. Motion seconded
315 and passed.

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317 Cathy Hall suggested having people send an RSVP if they are attending a state
318 meeting would be helpful for the hosting district for meal planning. May also want to
319 consider doing away with the Zoom meetings altogether.

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321 Robert Turner made the motion that the October meeting be held in person only; motion
322 seconded and carried.

323 324 **Calendar of Events**

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326 July 24 – Southeast District Dance – Honoring Puxico County Squares 40 years of
327 Dancing
328 August 13 – Northwest District Dance
329 August 26 – Stewartville Club will have its first dance. Larry Liebig is the caller.
330 September 6 – Stewartville Club starting lessons
331 September 16 & 17 – Peppy Promenaders & Tanglefoot Squares hosting 3rd
332 Annual Get Your Kicks on Route 36 dance.

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334 The next state board meeting will be October 9 in Sedalia, Missouri following the Doin's
335 Dance. Northeast District will host.

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337 Dave Byers adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

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339 Respectfully submitted,
340 Liz Rooks
341 Secretary

342 343 344 **PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

345 Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
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351 purpose of consideration and adoption.

352 Cathy Hall, Committee Chair
353 Art Kruse and Merle Hall, Committee members

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355 *First reading; vote to approve in October.*
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CONSTITUTION

Article V: Officers and Their Duties

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