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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 July 17, 2022

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

**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

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

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

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

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

**Publications:** No report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **The 2022 Insurance premium is \$5.00 per dancer**
- You should never delete a dancer from your roster after initial enrollment.
- If you need to communicate with me about insurance, PLEASE use the Missouri Federation Insurance email at [moinsurance@kc.rr.com](mailto:moinsurance@kc.rr.com) . Do not send insurance info to the Doin's email address. It just delays communication.
- If your club has a new insurance person, please let me know their contact information: Name, Address, Phone and Email. I will make sure they have the instructions on how to use the enrollment portal. It would also be helpful to them if you were to take the time to train them from your end.
- 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.
- Remember to send me a roster of lesson names. There is no charge until they graduate.
- 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.
- We hope to know the 2023 insurance premium by October 2022 if all goes well.

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

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

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

**Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting: I have noticed that many of you send E-Mail to groups of people and when you do that, you list all the E-Mail addresses in the “to” field. This is considered impolite. When you send E-Mail to groups of people, you should put their E-Mail addresses in the “bcc” field. You can either leave the “to” field empty, or put your own E-Mail address in it. When you put all those E-Mail addresses, you are providing exposure to them including possible spam exposure.

This spring, when I replaced my computer (which had died) I loaded the program I use to edit websites. For some reason, it didn’t allow me to enter the authentication number. Since it is an old program, I just assumed that authentication was no longer needed. Two weeks ago, when I opened the program, it told me that it would stop working July 31<sup>st</sup>. I have spent a good part of the last two weeks searching for a suitable web editor. Either they are very expensive, or they wouldn’t work with the pages written with my current program.

I have finally found a program that seems to do the job. I have started editing the web pages with the program “Microsoft Expression Web 4”. As far as I can tell, the pages written with it look just like the pages written with the old program. If you notice anything on the Missouri Federation website that no longer works, please let me know.

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

**License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting: Since my last report for the April 3, 2022 meeting, I have received requests for one 2-year new license plate, one 1-year new license plate, seven 2-year renewals, and one 1-year renewal.

I have deposited \$475.00 into the License Plate account, bringing my current balance to \$575.00 as of the date of this meeting. Waiting to hear from 2 individuals who are due to renew this year.

Dan Wheeler asked about getting a replacement plate as the lettering is beginning to come off his. Catherine suggested contacting the DMV.

**USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting: The annual meeting was held in Evansville, Indiana on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, prior to the National Square Dance Convention.

The USDA Executive Committee, of which I am a member, holds a pre-annual meeting on Tuesday, the annual meeting on Wednesday, and a post-annual meeting on Saturday. All of these went well. Tuesday was mostly planning for the Wednesday meeting. USDA officers participated in some of the Education sessions, we had 5 tables of educational material displayed in the Showcase of Ideas during the convention, and we hosted an After Party on Friday night with the live band. Saturday was follow-up and critique of USDA participation in the National and how it all went.

I am going to let Dave and Penny and Dave Shafer and Roslie Mogerman critique the Wednesday meeting.

Dave Shafer and Roslie Mogerman reporting (Edythe shared his report):

Officers elected to office include:

President: Mark & Bina Krebsbach

Plains Region Vice President: Ellery and Karen Gulbrand

Western Region Vice President: L Paul and Sally Schmidt

Secretary: Edythe Weber

Treasurer: Jim and Judy Taylor

Admitted four new affiliates to USDA membership.

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

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

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

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

Donations to the Youth Scholarship Program are welcomed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Old Business:**

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

### **New Business:**

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

President: Merle & Madeline Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Vice president: Dave Shafer

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president: Cathy Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president:

Treasurer: Rosa Davis  
Secretary: Liz Rooks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Calendar of Events**

July 24 – Southeast District Dance – Honoring Puxico County Squares 40 years of Dancing

August 13 – Northwest District Dance

August 26 – Stewartsville Club will have its first dance. Larry Liebig is the caller.

September 6 – Stewartsville Club starting lessons

September 16 & 17 – Peppy Promenaders & Tanglefoot Squares hosting 3rd Annual Get Your Kicks on Route 36 dance.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Rooks  
Secretary

### **PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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

*First reading; vote to approve in October.*

## **CURRENT**

### **CONSTITUTION**

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