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

Minutes of October 9, 2022

President Dave Byers called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. in the large Classroom of the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall.

Invocation: Given by Dave Byers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: President Byers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (5) Executive Board; 11 District Directors; 4 Staff/Past Presidents).

Introduction of Guests: Monica and Scott Reynolds and Kelly Bockover Northwest District, Roslie Mogerman Central District, and Roseann Maxwell Southwest District.

Thank you to Host District and Club: President Byers thanked Mat and Pat Auriene of the Northeast District for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Approval of Minutes: President Byers asked for corrections or additions to the July 17, 2022 minutes.

Fred Goucher moved to accept the minutes as corrected; motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 1, 2022 of \$14,074.17. Revenue for July through September of \$ 5,501.94 and expenses of \$2,236.34. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2022 of \$17,349.77. Total CDs including interest of \$20,856.67 for Total Funds on hand of \$38,206.44. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 45 clubs this year.

Five clubs are eligible to receive longevity awards in 2023. Three of those clubs are receiving their awards today. Longevity awards were awarded to Beau & Belles of the Northeast District for 70 years and Western Twirlers of the Southwest District for 75 years.

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42 **Correspondence:** Liz Rooks reporting. No correspondence had been received since
43 the last meeting and no cards had been sent.

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45 **Boundaries and Relations:** Merle Hall reporting. No report.

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47 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Cathy Hall. We have the second reading of the proposed
48 change to Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution regarding the third vice-president's
49 position in the Unfinished Business part of our meeting. If this change is approved,
50 there will be a related change needed in the Bylaws which will be read and acted upon
51 under New Business.

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53 **Publications:** No report. A chairman is needed.

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56 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. Most clubs are converting to the new
57 deadlines, but a few are still forgetting. Please put a reminder on your phone, your wall
58 calendar, whatever it takes to meet the deadlines.

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

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65 When sending me your club information and dates, I expect you to give me the dates
66 you are dancing, not just tell me "every Thursday" or "every other Saturday".
67 Remember, I have to look those dates up on a calendar. That is not my job. Then when
68 I do look them up, if I see that something conflicts with State Festival or a holiday, then I
69 have to contact you AGAIN to confirm whether you are actually dancing or not. So
70 PLEASE give me the dates the first time around. You might catch that conflict ahead of
71 time if you do. If you see one that might be a problem, but you don't know yet, just put it
72 in and cancel it later. But don't forget to contact me to cancel it. I should not have to
73 read your article (and not all clubs send articles which is a shame in itself) to find out
74 you have cancelled a dance date. I am not a mind reader.

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

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79 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this
80 period were 199, exchange copies 1, and 13 for staff, historian and post office for a total
81 mailing of 213. We had 63 electronic subscriptions, 46 renewals, 3 new subscriptions

82 and no student copies. We will be sending out 80 postcards to subscribers whose
83 subscriptions will expire with the October - December issue.

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85 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$900
86 from subscriptions and expenses of \$114.20. A check for \$ 785.80 was given to the
87 Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

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89 **DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer reporting. We had a balance brought forward of
90 \$100.00. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$42.00 and no
91 expenses. A check was given to the Federation for \$42.00; leaving a balance of
92 \$100.00.

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94 Several new caller ads were received at this year's state festival.

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

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98 **Member Services Committee:** Fred & Carolyn Goucher. Carolyn reported that Bob
99 Tevlin was receiving a plaque for 30 years of cuing; this was given to Cathy Hall of his
100 district to present to him.

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

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104 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber reporting. 1,013 dancers are insured through
105 Missouri Federation and 203 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of
106 1,216 Missouri dancers in 45 clubs.

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108 Insurance to cover dancers from now through Dec. 31, 2022 is \$5.00. If questions, call
109 Edythe.

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111 You should never delete a dancer from your roster except during initial enrollment. You
112 can delete dancers when you are doing your enrollment for 2023. Edythe will let clubs
113 know via e-mail when the portal is open for 2023 enrollment.

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115 Use Missouri Federation Insurance e-mail address when communicating with Edythe
116 via e-mail regarding insurance matters.

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118 There is no charge for insurance for students while taking lessons, only after they
119 graduate and join your club.

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121 Send Edythe the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if your club has a
122 new person handling the insurance so she can contact them.

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124 Insurance premium for 2023 is \$5.25. The minimum charge for a club is \$50.00 for
125 clubs who do not have enough members to reach the \$50.00 mark or a club whose
126 members are covered by another club.

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128 Financial Report: Beginning balance as of July 1, 2022, is \$406.71; total income of
129 \$184.70 and expenses of \$93.10 leaves an ending balance on September 30, 2022 of
130 \$498.31.

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

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

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136 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting: Web site hits for September 1,537; for the year
137 14,077.

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139 The website has a feature displays a set of directions including a map for every square
140 dance location. The Mathewson Exhibition Center has been visited 5,311 this year; this
141 includes hits from anyone wanting directions to the Exhibition Center. The point is that
142 this feature is very helpful.

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144 It is not too early to send 2023 dance schedules; they can be sent as soon as you have
145 them, even if you have them into 2024.

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147 Every club has a website they can use for sharing all kinds of information regarding their
148 club and its activities. Please let you clubs know about this and that Dan is willing to
149 talk with them about it.

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151 Send Dan flyers for your dances.

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

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155 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting: Checking account balance on hand at
156 the July 17, 2022 state meeting was \$575. There has ben no new requests for license
157 plates or renewals. I wrote a check to Rosa Davis, state treasurer, for \$475, leaving the
158 current balance at \$100.

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160 Called everyone's attention to the application information on page 45 of the Doin's
161 reminding folks the plates do create interest and questions asked regarding square
162 dancing.

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164 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting: I have already reported on the insurance increase..

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166 My next big adventure as secretary for the United Square Dancers of America is
167 January 27-29, 2023 when the Winter Meeting will be held in Bismarck, North Dakota. I
168 am not especially looking forward to the cold, but have never been there and think it will
169 be interesting. The hosts are planning a tour of the North Dakota Heritage Center and
170 State Museum, which they say is very interesting. We will spend two fun-filled days in
171 meetings and attend a square dance while there. I am packing warm clothes for sure in
172 case we do anything outside.

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174 A webinar sponsored by the USDA is coming up regarding marketing square dancing.

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176 Dan Wheeler is the webmaster for USDA.

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

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180 **District Presidents' Report:** Pat Auriene, Northeast District. The following dates were
181 announced for Federation meetings in 2023:

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January 15	Southwest District - Springfield
April 16	Northeast District
July 9 or 16	St. Louis District
October 15	Northwest District - Sedalia

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184 Also discussed activities that are happening and planned in the districts. Discussed the
185 future of upcoming state festivals regarding hosting, when held, etc.

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187 **Children and Youth:** Merle Hall reporting: No report.

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189 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner reporting: Received a message from Mark
190 Gentry whose granddaughter received the scholarship a few years ago. She has
191 graduated with straight A's, has started a 2-year graduate program in Arizona and has a
192 great job and benefits with the university. Thanked the Federation for the scholarship.

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194 Would appreciate receiving updates from anyone whose kids or grandkids received a
195 scholarship on how they are doing.

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197 **2022 State Festival:** Dave & Penny Byers: Was able to return the \$2,500 start-up
198 money this weekend. Financially definitely on the plus side. The raffle to help raise
199 funds for the federation and clubs went well. 23 clubs sold tickets and raised \$2,495
200 and \$3,355 was raised for the federation. The silent auction raised \$914.00.

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202 Received really good feedback overall from those who completed the evaluation form.
203 One individual fell on Friday evening dancing hex and an incident report form was
204 completed. The individual did not require any health attention.

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206 Approximately 250 people including callers attended the festival. Will have a final report
207 at the January meeting.

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209 **2023 State Festival:** Carol Hershey reporting: Received 39 paid this weekend and 6
210 complimentary registrations. Had T-shirts, registration information, etc. ready for the
211 weekend and ready to roll for the second half; still have some chairman spots open.
212 Credit card payments are being accepted.

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214 Lynn Nelson is taking the caller-cuer registrations.

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216 **Unfinished Business:**

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218 Election of Officers: President Byers read the Nominating Committee's slate of officers
219 and asked for nominations from the floor for each of the positions; there were none.

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221 The slate is as follows: Merle & Madeline Hall president, Dave Shafer 1st Vice-
222 president, Cathy Hall 2nd Vice-president, 3rd Vice-president no nominee, Rosa Davis
223 treasurer, and Liz Rooks secretary.

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225 Dave Shafer made the motion to close the floor for nominations and elect the slate as
226 presented; motion seconded and approved.

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228 Approval of Proposed Constitution Changes: Cathy Hall gave the second reading of the
229 proposed Constitution change. There were no changes suggested and the vote was to
230 accept the proposed change to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution. (See the change
231 at the end of the minutes.

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233 President Byers called for a vote on the proposed change to the Constitution. The
234 proposed change was approved.

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236 State Fair Day of Dance: Liz Rooks reporting: Overall it was a successful day; not
237 quite as many dancers as a 3 or 4 years ago but still a good number this year.

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239 The Federation approved a quarter page ad for the State Fair Souvenir booklet. An
240 anonymous donor came forward to fund a half page ad and there were two additional
241 quarter page ads so that the Federation essentially had a full page ad in the booklet.

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243 **New Business:**

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245 Cathy Hall read the Proposed Updates to Article XI, Section 4, Letter C of the Standing
246 Rules (*see the current wording and the proposed wording at the end of the minutes.*)

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248 President Byers called for a vote on the proposed updates; updates were approved.

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250 Rosa Davis commented that in our discussions about the budget we have talked about
251 reducing the amount spent on awards and recognition. In regards to that, she asked
252 about continuing to present the outgoing president with a plaque and gavel. It was the
253 consensus to continue with presenting the plaque and gavel to the outgoing president.

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255 Liz reminded the district presidents they need to send her the names and contact
256 information of the individuals who will be representing their district as president,
257 delegates, and alternate delegates to the state meetings by the end of the year.

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259 Edythe commented that the meeting notice needs to be sent out a minimum of 10 days
260 prior to the meeting.

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262 Passing of the Gavel: Presidents Dave & Penny Byers passed the gavel to the
263 incoming presidents Merle and Madeline Hall and released their committees for 2022
264 effective December 31, 2022.

265 **Calendar of Events**

266 November 1 and December 6, 2022 – Peppy Promenaders Plus Dance

267 November 8, 2022 - Patriot for Paws Dance

270 Dec. 31, 2022 - Peppy Promenaders Christmas Eve Dance

271 July 21 - 23, 2022 - Beaux & Belles Campout

272 April 15, 2023 - Northeast District Dance

273 May 5th & 6th, 2023 - St. Louis Jamboree; Carolyn & Tony Ahart are the featured cuers
274 and 2023 State Festival

275 May 20, 2023 - Southwest District Dance

276 Last weekend in July 2023 - HASSDA Dance in Arkansas

277 August 12, 2023 - Northwest District Dance

278 The next state board meeting will be January 15, 2023 in Springfield, Missouri with the
279 Southwest District hosting.

280 Dave Shafer made the motion to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded and
281 carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

282 Respectfully submitted,
283 Liz Rooks
284 Secretary

285 **PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION** 286 **Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.**

287 **CURRENT**

288 **CONSTITUTION**

289 **Article V: Officers and Their Duties**

290 Section 1. Officers

291 The elected officers shall be president, first vice president, second vice
292 president, **third vice president**, secretary and treasurer.

308 **PROPOSED**

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310 **CONSTITUTION**

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314 president, secretary and treasurer.

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316 **PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE STANDING RULES**

317 **Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc.**

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319 The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed and approved the proposed changes,
320 identified below, to the current Standing Rules. It is the recommendation of the
321 Constitution and Bylaws Committee that the following change(s) be brought before the
322 Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors for the
323 purpose of consideration and adoption.

324 Cathy Hall, Committee Chair

325 Art Kruse and Merle Hall, Committee members

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328 **CURRENT**

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330 **STANDING RULES**

331 **Article XI: Appointive Standing Committees**

332 Section 4 – Standing Committees

333 C. Constitution and Bylaws Committee (three members)

334 1. The 3rd Vice President shall be the chairman of the Constitution and
335 Bylaws Committee.

336 2. The committee shall review the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing
337 Rules and Standard Operating Procedures in accordance with the
338 needs of the federation.

339 3. The committee shall study the Constitution and Bylaws matters as may
340 be directed by the board of directors.

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342 **PROPOSED**

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344 **STANDING RULES**

345 Article XI: Appointive Standing Committees

346 Section 4 – Standing Committees

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351 Rules and Standard Operating Procedures in accordance with the
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(Note: Appointment of committee chairs is already covered under Article XI, Section 1 and does not need to be specified here.)

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