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

Minutes of July 23, 2023

President Merle or Madeline Hall called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., Room 300 of the Kirkwood Community Center.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Merle Hall

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum was not achieved for the purpose of voting on changes to the Constitution or Standing Rules. (4 Executive Board; 11 District Directors; 4 Staff/Past Presidents).

Thank you to Host District and Club: President Hall thanked the Singles & Doubles from the St. Louis District for hosting the meeting.

Approval of April Minutes: President Hall asked for corrections or additions to the April 16, 2023 minutes.

Dave Byers moved to accept the minutes as amended; motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of 3-31-2023 of \$17,057.69; Revenue of \$1,109.29 and Expenses of \$8,428.29. The ending checking account balance as of 6-30-2023 was \$9,738.58. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$30,868.98 for Total Funds on hand of \$40,607.56. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 42 clubs this year. The Pioneers of Mountain Home, Arkansas is a new club.

There are no Longevity badges to present at this meeting.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. A Sympathy card was signed to be sent to Nanie Hawkins from the Southeast District.

Boundaries and Relations: Dave Byers. No report.

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42 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Cathy Hall. July 23, 2023
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55 Cathy Hall, Committee Chair
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58 **Publications:** No report.

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60 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber. Thank you to the club contacts who send articles for each
61 issue. Their job is very important to getting the word out about your club dances; and thanks for
62 being on time!

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64 The next issue deadline is coming right up – August 15th – don't forget you can send early.

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66 Some clubs do not send in articles, so it is imperative that those clubs send me any updates or
67 changes to their dance schedule. If I do not get updates, I do not know about changes, and it
68 could be that your club info in the dance calendar might be wrong. Also, EVERYONE, please
69 notify me of changes in callers, locations, time, etc. if you change something after sending the
70 original schedule, ***especially if you do not send articles.***

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

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74 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Penny Byers. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this period were 201
75 paid subscribers, 1 exchange copy, and 16 for staff, historian and post office for a total
76 mailing of 218.

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78 We had 64 electronic subscriptions, 10 renewals, 9 new subscriptions and 12 student
79 copies. We will be sending out 34 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will
80 expire with the July-September issue.

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82 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with a total income of \$285.00
83 from subscriptions. Expenses of \$78.00. A check for \$ 207.00 was given to the
84 Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

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86 **DOIN's Advertising:** Dave Shafer. We had a balance brought forward of \$100.00. We
87 took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$460.00 and no expenses.
88 A check was given to the Federation for \$460.00; leaving a balance of \$100.00.

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

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

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94 **State Festival Site Screening:** Dave Shafer: No report.

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96 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber. 937 dancers are insured through Missouri
97 Federation and 179 dancers are insured through other federations for a total of 1,116
98 Missouri dancers in 42 clubs.

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100 Financial Report: Beginning balance as of 4-1-2023, of \$799.66; total income of
101 \$184.00 and no expenses leaving an ending balance on June 30, 2023, of \$ 984.46.

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

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105 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Penny Byers: No report.

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107 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler: Not in attendance.

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109 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler: Not in attendance.

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111 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore: Since our last state meeting in April, I have
112 received 13 requests for 2-year renewals at \$50 each, plus a \$5 donation.

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114 This changes my checking account balance from \$100 in April to a current \$755.

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116 **USDA:** Dave Shafer: The annual meeting of the United Square Dancers of America
117 convened at 1:00 p.m. on June 21, 2023 in the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel,
118 Mobile, Alabama.

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120 Opening Ceremonies from Calling to Order to approving the minutes of the previous
121 annual meeting were conducted.

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123 Dues notices for 2024 will be mailed to affiliates by September 1st.

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125 USDA Visa cards earned \$965.66 for the USDA this past year. The budget for the
126 upcoming year was approved.

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128 Each USDA officer and committee chairperson added to their previously submitted
129 reports that were included in the advance USDA report provided to delegates and
130 officers.

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132 USDA After party on Friday was a big draw. There were 22 squares with all the top
133 callers represented.

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135 The Centennial Award is awarded to active dancers who attain the age of 100. There
136 are three rules to receiving this award. 1. Be 100 years old. 2. Be active in your club. 3.
137 Be a member of your club for a minimum of 5 years. Since 2022, there have been five
138 (5) people added to this list of recipients.

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140 Education and Publications Chairman noted three publications were reviewed and
141 updated at the winter meeting. They are:

142 IS-012 – Bylaws for Square Dance Clubs, 02-23

143 IS-010 – Club Incorporation, 02-23

144 IS-011 – Sample Articles of Incorporation for Square Dance Clubs, 02-23

145 These publications were available at the national convention.

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147 USA Traveler Program slowed down during the COVID 19 pandemic, but it is
148 rebounding. The program was created to encourage dancers to visit regular club
149 dances, festivals and state or national square dance conventions in all 50 states. Each
150 participant is awarded a badge and bar after visiting at least 12 states (Red bar); 24
151 states - White bar; 36 states - Blue bar; 48 states - Silver bar; 50 states - Gold bar. No
152 duplication of states is permitted. Participants who visit 49 or 50 states will also be
153 awarded paid admission(s) to the next National Square Dance Convention.

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155 There were no scholarships awarded this year. We need to promote our scholarship
156 program so our youth have knowledge of it. One Foundation Scholarship in the amount
157 of \$2,500.00 is awarded each year to deserving high school seniors or college freshmen
158 who are active square, round, contra or clog dancers, and have a record of volunteer
159 service in square dancing, and/or school, sporting or other social organizations such as
160 church, 4-H, FFA, scouting or similar groups and have outstanding leadership potential
161 and communication skills. Scholarship applications must be received by February 1st.

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163 Forms for the 73rd National Square Dance Convention Showcase of Ideas are being
164 passed out and several have already been returned. This year's Showcase had 41
165 tables.

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167 As of this meeting, the USDA Group Nonprofit Exemption Program has fourteen
168 participants. We have added seven new groups this year. It has been decided that
169 groups participating in this program will pay the annual dues of \$50.00 for the first two
170 years, maximizing the group's total investment to \$200.00. In subsequent years, it is
171 only necessary to pay annual dues to the USDA.

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173 Remember that to post to the USDA Facebook page, the post has to have approval
174 from the USDA Social Media Chairman.

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176 The new officers of the USDA were elected. Edythe Weber was reelected to the position
177 of Secretary.

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179 Roslie Mogerman, Dave and Penny Byers and I were the delegates for the Missouri
180 Federation.

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182 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber: Our annual meeting was held Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 9 a.m.
183 in Mobile, Alabama.

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185 ARTS had two seminars during the convention about the history of ARTS and debuted
186 several short videos made by doctors on the benefits of square dancing. At the meeting
187 on Sunday there was discussion on how to best distribute these free videos to clubs to
188 be used in promotion and marketing square dancing. A number of ways was discussed.
189 Michael Streby, the video project coordinator, is setting several ways up so that people
190 can download them. As soon as everything is ready, I will make sure everyone knows
191 how to get them. I believe that we might be able to set up a link off the Missouri website
192 to download from, but since I'm not a tech-savvy person, I am not sure how all that will
193 work.

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195 The Round Dance After Party that ARTS hosted on Friday night had 5 cuers and about
196 50 round dancers. They felt it was very well attended.

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198 Our Showcase table did not have much on it, one info page/combo membership
199 application form and the Fact Sheet, so at the meeting a committee was appointed to
200 work on a better display for next year.

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202 **District Presidents' Report:** Cathy Hall: Four of the five districts were represented
203 (Southwest was absent). The Northeast District talked about the Route 36 Dance
204 hosted by the Peppy Promenaders and Tanglefoot Squares. Dave and Penny Byers,
205 chairmen of both the Square Dance of the Year Committee and the Caller-Cuer Hall of
206 Fame committee reminded the district presidents nominations for both of these awards
207 are due by August 1. They also have a trailer available to use in parades; contact Dave
208 and Penny.

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210 Bob Turner reported for the Southeast District that the Little Dancers are raising money
211 for a square dance float. He also asked if any of the federation clubs are incorporated.

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213 Cathy Hall asked if anyone had the original letter/form from the IRS assigning our
214 federation E.I.N.

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216 All of the districts indicated lessons are being started.

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218 Northwest District has had a second Mainstream Blast Dance and their district dance on
219 August 12.

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221 She also reported the group discussed ways the Promotions Committee could get funds
222 to the clubs to help promote square dancing.

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224 **Youth and Children:** Connie Graham reported via e-mail read by e-mail: I have done
225 two presentations so far this year. In early spring did a presentation at the Kearney
226 Elementary School for 400 K thru 4 kids and teachers. The students were divided into
227 two groups of about 200 each. This was sponsored by members of the Shooting Stars,
228 however several clubs were represented. We did some demo dancing, a Q and A
229 session and some circle dancing. The kids and teachers were wonderful and really
230 enjoyed themselves. I was really struck by the great questions that the kids asked.

231 Last month I did a program for a church camp in Moberly. I had again, great assistance
232 from the Little Dixie Squares. We had over 9 squares of kids and teachers in the Middle
233 School age of kids. Wonderful participation and enthusiasm from all who were there.

234 I have several more programs lined up this fall and winter in Independence: Maysville,
235 Burlington Junction and King City. I will also be contacting groups and schools in the
236 area when the fall semester begins. If anyone has any groups that are interested
237 please contact me at eldon_graham2000@yahoo.com or 660-783-2011.

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239 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner: No report.

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241 **2023 State Festival:** Carol Hershey: A Committee Meeting is set for August 23 to
242 finalize activities the different committees have been working on for October. I have
243 been working with most of them and I think we are on target.

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245 The dance schedule has been sent to the callers/cuers and is posted on
246 SquareDanceMissouri.com The Committee tried to balance the levels of dancing, to
247 involve everyone. There will be calling through dinner hour on Saturday for dance and
248 entertainment. The Smoked Chicken dinner will be going on in the back of the hall. If
249 you haven't made your reservations for the dinner, please do so before October 6, so
250 Fred will be able to have food for everyone. Reservations can be made online on the
251 registration form and can be paid by credit card online; or if you catch Liz or some other
252 representative, you can make your reservation.

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254 The program has been setup for Friday and Saturday evenings. Carol Hershey will
255 welcome dancers on Friday evening and Merle Hall will handle the opening ceremony
256 for Saturday evening. The Little Dancers will do a Demo again on Saturday. Dress for
257 these two evenings – square dance attire preferred, but casual is welcome. Friday
258 evening Blue Bird dresses can be worn or whatever dancer wants. Saturday open to
259 dancer.

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261 Make sure your clubs sell the raffle tickets. The prizes are: First Place - \$300, Second
262 Place - \$150 and 3rd Place- \$50. We are working on getting other prizes. The price of
263 the tickets is \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. The club keeps half the money and the other
264 half is turned into the State at the Dance. If you want tickets, Edythe Weber has some
265 she will be glad to give you.

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267 We have received a few ads for the Program book. Districts and clubs can put an ad in
268 the Program Book. We are working on an overhead projector presentation where ads

269 can be shown during the dances. The form for ads is at SquareDanceMissouri.com on
270 the Festival page. Send your ad to Edythe Weber.

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272 A food truck will be present on Saturday. Vendors: Ma and Pa Engraving will be
273 returning. Clothing vendors in most cases have closed their doors, thus we do NOT
274 have a clothing vendor. The Caller/Cuer Hospitality room Committee has been meeting
275 and is ready. Caller/Cuer Luncheon with pulled pork is ready. We are selling Ice
276 Cream Bars on Friday and Saturday evening at the Corner Café. Water will be
277 available at the Corner Café.

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279 Plaques, etc. for Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame and Square Dancer of the Year will be taken
280 care of by the Byers who are Committee Chairmen of those committees.

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282 As of last week, there were 126 dancers, callers, & cuers registered and reservations
283 for 22 meals.

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285 **2024 State Festival:** Cathy Hall reporting: The 2024 festival is scheduled for Oct. 18 &
286 19 with the Doin's Dance on the 20th at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Ken
287 Burke is the featured caller and Fred & Cathy Fisher the featured Cuers.

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289 **Unfinished Business:**

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291 Day of Dance: Liz Rooks: Order for tickets and parking passes has been sent to the
292 Fair and will be mailed out around the first of August. An anonymous donation was
293 received to increase the size of the ad for the souvenir booklet from ¼ page to ½ page.

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295 President Hall thanked everyone who attended the National Square Dance Convention
296 and represented Missouri.

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298 Shirley Winans reported she had sent information to Bob Turner regarding the 18" x 24"
299 yard signs; had one quote for 75 signs @ \$11.75 each. Bob had obtained these 2
300 quotes: 50 signs for \$11.40 each and 100 signs for \$10.25 each with frames and
301 included shipping.

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303 An additional suggestion was made to check with schools, etc. who might also be able
304 to do the signs; they can usually do them less expensively.

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306 **New Business:**

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308 Cathy Hall, Constitutions & Bylaws Committee chairman presented proposed
309 Constitutional and Bylaws updates found at the end of these minutes. These will be
310 voted on at our October meeting.

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312 Nominating Committee Report: The Nominating Committee recommends that the
313 current officers serve another term for 2024.

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315 President – Merle & Madeline Hall
316 1st VP – Dave Shafer
317 2nd VP – Cathy Hall
318 Treasurer – Rosa Davis
319 Secretary – Liz Rooks
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321 Nominating Committee members: Dave & Penny Byers, Fred & Carolyn Goucher, John
322 & Bev Stuart, and Dan Reedy.

Calendar of Events

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326 August 12 – Northwest District Dance
327 September 30 – Western Twirlers having a 75th Birthday Dance
328 September 15-16 – Route 36 Dance

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330 The next state board meeting will be October 15, 2023 in Sedalia, Missouri. Northwest
331 District will host.

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333 A motion was made by Penny Byers to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.
334 Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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336 Respectfully submitted,
337 Liz Rooks
338 Secretary

PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION

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351 *First Reading – 7/23/2023*
352 *Second Reading – 10/10/2023*

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357 Festival.

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362 the committee proposes to change the name of the Missouri State Festival to the
363 Missouri State Convention. This aligns with dance terms in use in other states and
364 better describes the nature of the dance.

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366 There are 6 terminology changes to be made to the Constitution to replace the term
367 “festival” with the term “convention”.

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369 Only terminology is changing, no other changes are included with this proposal
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371 July 23, 2023

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373 **PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE STANDING RULES**

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384 **CURRENT**

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387 State Festival.

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393 Missouri State Convention. This aligns with dance terms in use in other states and
394 better describes the nature of the dance.

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396 There are 113 terminology changes to be made to the Standing Rules to replace the
397 term “festival” with the term “convention”.

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399 Only terminology is changing, no other changes to rules are included with this proposal.
400 This terminology change is effective 10/15/2023 when the constitution changes will take
401 effect (after a second reading).

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