

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 1:35 by the President, Jim Weber

ROLL CALL: 12 club in attendance out of 17 clubs

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS

Introductions of all those attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 22, 2012 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

1. Page 3 #8 Lotawana Sailors have 5 kids taking lessons. Correction these children are members not lessoners.
2. Page 2 #13 women should be woman.
3. Page 2 #4 under Northwest District Dance: Youth are free. Correction Youth pay \$2.
4. Page 3 General Announcements: #5 Shootin' should be Shooting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was submitted by Jean Wheeler. Addendum #1

GENERAL REPORTS:

District Presidents Report(s): Reported by Edythe Weber

February 20, 2012

1. Jim and Edythe Weber were selected as chairman of the Square Dancer of the Year committee. Encourage each club to select a member to nominate. The district is not limited to one nomination. Forms and letters to clubs/districts will be going out shortly; also they are available on the Missouri website. Deadline is August 1st.
2. Discussion was held on "National" or "out of town" callers at district dances vs the local callers. Some have two halls, one plus and one mainstream. Is that fair to new dancers – they come expecting to dance with their peers who are all in the plus hall?

3. Attire – a never-ending discussion topic. How to encourage new dancers to wear the “attire” appropriate for district and/or state festivals and/or nationals. Most concur that casual is okay at the club level, but it needs to be made clear what “proper square dance attire” is worn at other levels.
4. Bob Turner asked to speak at the meeting. He will be making a motion that 10% of the profit from a state festival be retained by the host district.

April 15, 2012

1. The Central District president brought up several subjects that have been bothering them in their district and wondered if other districts had the same problem:
 - 1) Dancers not joining clubs after lessons, then coming to dances. Should non-club member dancers be charged a different donation price than those that do belong to clubs?
 - 2) Clubs that fold have dancers join plus or advanced clubs so they do not have responsibility of refreshments or set-up and clean-up
 - 3) Clubs in districts dancing the same night and nobody wants to change. This presents problems with visiting each other
 - 4) Club not having insurance.
After discussion, it was decided that we would ask the federation to make it a requirement that each club belonging to the Missouri Federation carry some type of liability insurance (not necessarily USDA’s insurance).

State Meeting Report(s):

| February 19, 2012 in Brookfield, MO Reported by Jim Marron

1. The Puxico County Squares of Southeast district were given an award for 30 years, also receiving awards were the Pommenaders and Hi-Hashers from the Southwest District.
2. Travel Missouri reported that 18 new members joined from the Shooting Stars of the Northwest District.
3. Web Master Dan Wheeler stated if your club will write a club history he would put it on the web.
4. It was stated that the Travelers will hold a dinner and dance on April 14 in St. Roberts, Central District, followed by the State Meeting on April 15.
5. 2012 State Festival motels are in place. It was also indicated there would be two different raffles; a TV and a fountain, both are 6 tickets for \$5.00. Everything is going along great for the Festival.
6. Mike Hogan will be the caller for the 2015 Festival
7. A check for \$1692.68 was turned in to the treasurer from the Southeast District as a final payment from State Festival.
8. A motion was made to give 10% of the profits from State Festival to the Sponsoring District starting with 2011 and run through one full cycle. It was tabled and will be brought back up for discussion at the April meeting.
9. A motion was made to show our interest in having the 2017 National in Missouri be brought to National committee in Spokane, WA. It was passed.

April 22, 2012 MO State meeting Reported by Edythe Weber

1. Important notes

- 73 clubs, 2,650 members, 3 new clubs, 2 in the Northwest District (Savannah and St. Joe Squares) and 1 in the Southwest District (a contra club that dances in Springfield).
2. Marty Altman reported on the Toot Your Horn for 2011. 12 clubs completed. For our district the Swingin' Singles completed for the 2nd year and the Maysville Wranglers completed for the 1st year.
 3. Eleanor Stover made the recommendation coming from the District Presidents committee that all clubs in the Missouri Federation be required to carry a minimum of 1 million dollar liability insurance.

Following discussion and some clarification, the motion was revised to add “beginning with the 2013 dance year.” Motion carried; only one negative vote. This will be added to the Federation bylaws.

4. Dave Turner stated that due to moving to Florida after they sell their home in Ballwin he will be resigning from the position of Insurance coordinator for the State. This gives some time to find a suitable replacement.
5. Discussion was held on registration for the state festival. The deadline of Oct. 1st for early registration is too late. Recommend changing to September 1st. Also the difference in “early” and “late” registration needs to be more substantial to encourage early registration. This helps in planning events for the festival if you have a better idea of how many are registered. Just in discussion for future festivals; nothing definite.
6. Discussion on profit sharing of state festival profit was postponed until the June meeting.
7. The Missouri Federation will be placing an “intent to bid” for the national square dance convention in 2018 in Spokane, Washington. More to come. In February we discussed hosting the convention in 2017. But that year didn’t work for Kansas City, only St. Louis. And St. Louis was really uncooperative in working with the Federation, so we re-evaluated and are going to work with the K.C. convention center for 2018.
8. West Central District is having their district dance on Saturday, June 9th at the Little Blue Barn. Let’s see how many of our NW District clubs we can get to attend with at least one square!

NORTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE: JULY 28, 2012 Reminder by Jim Weber

1. Dance will be held at the Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO, 7-10 p.m.. The dance will be hosted by Shooting Stars and K.C. Whirl-Aways. Master of Ceremonies will be Stan Brooke.
2. Flyers were handed out by Edythe Weber for each club.
3. Clubs are asked to bring door prizes, items for silent auction, and refreshments.

4. This will be the 17th year for the Northwest District Dance, though the first year was called the Start-Up Dance, so this is the 16th Annual Northwest District Dance.

MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 19-21, 2012, Lebanon, MO

1. 53rd Annual Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Festival will be held at the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, 500 E Elm Street, Lebanon, MO.
2. Tom Manning is the featured caller and Gerry and Bob Tevlin are featured curers.
3. Information can be found on the web site at <http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Flyers/MissouriFestival/index.htm>
4. CallerCuer Hall of Fame nominations need to be submitted from our district to the Northwest District President for signature by the July 28 meeting.
 - a. There are three people who fulfill the requirement to be eligible to be nominated: Mike Hines, Bill Kanai and Gene Miller.Square Dancer of the Year nominations needs to be submitted to the Northwest District president for signature by the July 28 meeting. Any club can make nominations for this award.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Constitution & By Laws / Working Rules committee
Committee has not met.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fred Goucher moved to place ads in the Fed Facts and the Doins' for the Northwest District Dance. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dan Wheeler moved that a full page ad be placed in the State Festival Book. Motion was seconded and passed.

August 15th FREE pass to the Missouri State Fair. Square and Round dance at the State Fair, 10-3. Air Conditioned at Mohler Assembly Hall. Contact Billie Jean Butler, 2000 E 15th St., Sedalia, MO 65301. 660-287-1445, email: butlerdance47@gmail.com

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Maye Wegner announced the upcoming HASSDA Festival, March 22-23, 2013 at Manhattan, Kansas in the K-State Union Ballroom. Ken Burke, Mike Hogan and Tim Marriner will be the featured callers and Jim Couey will cue.
 - a. The K-Laires have also been invited to a reunion. These are square dancers from K-State who danced from 1957-1999.
 - b. Information from the last HASSDA dance, a Smoothie Hall will be available where basic and mainstream will be called for new/old dancers. Not as high energy.
2. Missouri State Festival has their packet up online so information can be gotten from there. Packets were handed out for the clubs.
3. Chris Wildhagen announced the Shamrock Dance May 11th with Vic Perry, Larry Liebig and Chris Wildhagen. Dance will be called continuous – mainstream and plus. 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.
4. Gene Miller attended CALLERLAB in Nashville and indicated that there was discussion on calling 36 basic calls, modifying the list and calling at one level. There was discussion on this
5. Edythe Weber reminded everyone to read the Toot Your Horn requirements and get clubs started participating.

Discussion was held about the July meeting. President Weber stated that they would not be able to attend on July 22, but that is what a vice president is for. Following discussion a motion was made by Fred Goucher and seconded to change the July 22 meeting to July 29 (the Sunday following the district dance). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT 3:00 p.m. Carolyn Goucher moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded and passed.

2012 MEETINGS: October 28, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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**Northwest District
Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance**

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of January 22, 2012		\$2,088.18
Income		
Club Dues	100.00	
Total Deposits		+ 100.00
Expense:		
Missouri State Dues	40.00	
Mileage	25.50	
Printing	51.16	
Total Expenses:		- 116.66
Checking Account Balance as of April 22, 2012		\$2,071.52

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