

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 1:31 by the President Jim Weber

ROLL CALL: 10 clubs in attendance out of 18 clubs

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: Linda and John Oelklaus from the Santa Fe Trailers were introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 22, 2012 by Randy Boyles and seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was given by Jean Wheeler (see Attachment #1) \$250 came from the state to the district to be used to promote square dancing. It is not to be used for club refreshments and supplies, rather for advertising and promotions of square dancing.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Single Promenaders rejoined NW District

District Presidents Report(s): No report since Weber's were not at the June meeting.

State Meeting Report(s): Jim and Loretta Marron were out of town, report was given by Dan Wheeler.

1. After the meeting was called to order: attendance taken, minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report, were read and approved.
2. The Millstone Wheelers of Central District and the Unicorn Squares of Northwest District were given an award for 30 years, also receiving awards were the Pommenaders and Hi Hashers.
3. It was stated that there are 207 puzzles left to sell.
4. Insurance will now be handled by Jim Weber. Dave Turner has retired. You can get information on the web at moinsurance@kc.rr.com
5. Web Master, Dan Wheeler, stated the club histories' given to him are now on the web site. He also stated that directions to club dances can be found on our web site.

6. The District Presidents' meeting brought up the possibility of redrawing Districts.
7. The 2013 Missouri State Festival committee has indicated they will be changing the size of booklet to a smaller size that will fit in back pockets.
8. The motion that was carried over from April meeting to give 10% of profits from State Festival to the sponsoring District starting with 2011 and run through one full cycle was passed. A check was given to the Southeast District for \$919.00.
9. A motion was made that Missouri Federation present to the National committee in Spokane, WA their interest in having the 2018 National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. It was passed.
10. It was moved and passed that \$250.00 be given to each district too help clubs have lessons. The money is to be used for advertising. If Districts accounts for money used responsibility, it can receive an additional \$250.00.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE: JULY 28, 2012 Dan Wheeler indicated that the Dance Hall had been given to the Northwest District at no charge and a donation might be appropriate. Dan moved that a donation of \$100 be given to the Point for the use of the building. The motion was seconded and passed. Jean Wheeler will send a check and a thank you note to the appropriate person.

The suggestion was made to move the donation table back further from the door in order to keep the door clear so that it could be closed and traffic might flow better.

MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 19-21, 2012, Lebanon, MO - Edythe Weber indicated that the Missouri Federation would like to have people pre-register so they will have a count. The theme for the State Festival is the 50s.

Fred Goucher moved that the Northwest District provide a district auction basket with the theme "Old Movies", not to exceed \$40. The motion was seconded and passed. Jack and Becky of Swinging Singles will put the basket together. They are only having the silent auction, no door prizes this year. Individuals or clubs can donate if they want to.

Edythe Weber indicated that the NW District had one nominee for Square Dancer of the Year.

The NW District had one Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame nomination

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Constitution & ByLaws / Working Rules committee

The report of the Constitution & By Laws (Attachment #2) was given with discussion by Edythe Weber. Randy Boyles moved that changes to the Working Rules be approved and the motion was seconded. Fred moved that the changes to the Constitution & ByLaws be tabled until clubs had an opportunity to review them. The motion was tabled until the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A nominating committee was established with Hurshell Herrell as the Chairman; Jim Weber will also be on the committee.
- Northwest District will host the MO Federation business meeting December 9th. Need to have a club that will host the meeting. Ramblers have agreed to host. These are the things the club will provide.
 - Provide small meal for 65-70 people
 - Club will receive \$150 to help in expenses from the Missouri Federation.

CLUB NOTIFICATIONS:

- Jim Weber advised that the state requires all clubs have a million dollar liability insurance. There are 3 ways that it can be obtained.
 1. USDA dancers insurance through the MO Federation
 2. Carry insurance through HOA and give MO Federation a copy of the certificate.
 3. Private insurance agency naming the MO Federation as additional insured.

The NW District application has a place to mark how your insurance is carried.

If a member belongs to more than one club they only have to pay the insurance through one club.

Need to make a copy of certificate provided for 2013.

Clubs should fill out and send in an accident report (on the web) for any dancer or accident that occurs at a dance and insurance will make decision.

- Edythe Weber indicated that there were clubs who paid membership for one club, but in reality the one club was several. Need to double-check one club/per \$25 dues.
- Jim Weber told delegates that pre-registration was going up \$10 per person with the 2014 National Square Dance Convention, so it would be prudent for those who were going to pre-register soon.
- Dan Wheeler indicated that (in regard to the \$250 money from the State) it was necessary to keep documentation for money spent on lessons for reimbursement. The State will be keeping an eye on how these monies are used.
- Reta Graf indicated that the last Unicorn dance would be August 15, 2012. The club will not be returning.
- Dan Wheeler indicated that:
 - Schedules need to be sent to Dan Wheeler for internet
 - Send Dan information on lessons being given to get listed on the internet.
 - Senior Day at the State Fair is August 15. Want to have 250-275 people signed up. Must sign up early. There are 8 callers.
 - Mo Federation web site has been updated.
- There was discussion about the procedures for the Silent Auction at the Northwest District Dance at the Point.
- Edythe asked if we wanted Fred and Carolyn to check on July 27, 2013 at the Point for the District Dance. There was a resounding “yes”. Carolyn said she would check.
- Lois Edmiston stated that on June 23, 2013 the Savannah Sashayers will be hosting a Trail Thru Dance to Oklahoma City for the National Convention with Phil Farmer calling. Mark your calendars now.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:00 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed.

2012 MEETINGS: October 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Northwest District Secretary:

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Northwest District
Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of April 22, 2012 \$ 2,071.52
Income

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Club Dues | 25.00 |
| Missouri State Federation | 250.00 |
| 50/50 | 37.00 |
| Silent Auction | 175.00 |
| Dancers Donations | 834.00 |
| 170 dancers | |
| 24 clubs | |

Total Deposits: + 1321.00

Expense:

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|---------------------|--------|
| Missouri State Dues | 10.00 |
| Printing | 19.00 |
| Advertising | 195.00 |

Total Expenses: - 224.00

Checking Account Balance as of July 29, 2012 \$ 3,168.52

Bills due: Donation for Hall

Treasurer's Report Submitted by
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ATTACHMENT #3

RE: Proposed changes are in bold, underlined italic. I have only included the Articles or Sections with changes, not the entire document. Many of these changes are simply clarification or wordsmithing.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS NORTHWEST DISTRICT MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

ARTICLE 3 – Membership

- Section 2. Clubs desiring membership in this district will submit an official district membership Application form, roster of members and appropriate fees. **Clubs must meet the current State Federation requirements regarding liability insurance.** A club must consist of at least eight (8) members and hold at least one (1) dance per year.
- Section 3. Voting members of the district consist of district officers, two delegates from each member club (one of which may be the president or vice president or caller of a caller-run club), and members-at-large (as identified in the Constitution). Voting is one (1) per position, maximum two (2) votes per club. **The district president has no vote except in case of a tie.**

Article 4 – Club Responsibilities to the District

- Section 1. The responsibilities of the club are:
- A. Pay district membership dues in accordance with ~~Number 4 of~~ the Working Rules. Include roster of members and appropriate application form and fees. Designate club contacts as requested on application form. Complete address and phone are necessary.

Article 5 – Officers

- Section 1. The ~~club members delegates~~ of the Northwest District will elect from ~~its district club~~ members a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, two state delegates, and one alternate state delegate, none of which may be a club caller or cuer. Each officer will be entitled to one (1) vote, **except the president who has no vote except in case of a tie.**
- Section 6. The President and State Delegates or Alternate State Delegate should attend and participate in the meetings of the Missouri State Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs, Inc. They will be reimbursed for mileage one way to attend State Board meetings in accordance with ~~Number 12 of~~ the Working Rules if an official request is made. A report of this meeting will be given by the Delegates or Alternate Delegate at the next District meeting. A written copy of this report will be made available to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. (Revised 7/22/07).

ARTICLE ~~6~~: Elections

- Section 1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~2~~ State Delegates, and ~~1~~ Alternate State Delegate will be elected annually.
- Section 2. The President will appoint the Nominating committee at the July meeting. Election will be held at the October meeting. The Nominating committee will recommend the slate of officers, with additional nominations being taken from the floor. Newly elected officers will be installed by ~~the presiding any past~~ president **or officer** as the last order of ~~old~~ business at the ~~January~~ **October** meeting.

ARTICLE ~~7~~: Committees

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ARTICLE ~~8~~: Amendments

- Section 1. ~~This constitution may be changed only with written notification of the proposed change to all eligible voting members and with an approval vote of 3/4 of those members voting at a general membership meeting or by mail in ballot. This constitution may be amended only with written notification of the proposed amendments to all eligible voting members. Approval requires the vote of 3/4 of the members as defined in Article 3 Section 3 at a general membership meeting.~~

WORKING RULES

5. Completely eliminating the length and duplicate detail of #5. New #5 wording as follows:

The Northwest District President and Secretary will work together to complete a District Handbook once new membership applications have been received. The Handbook should be complete for distribution by the January meeting for district membership and February for State officers and others.

a. The Handbook should include:

- i. List of district officers, including position, addresses and phone numbers
- ii. List of member clubs, presidents and district delegates (include position, address and phone number), number of members per club and number of students in lessons.
- iii. List of member club callers and/or cuers, addresses and phone numbers.
- iv. Copy of the Constitution and Working Rules
- v. Current information about Missouri Federation membership (How To's)
- vi. Current information about the Show Me Doin's magazine and forms
- vii. List of current Missouri Federation officers
- viii. Information on Missouri Federation programs, such as Travel Missouri, Toot Your Horn, and others as necessary
- ix. Current membership application on back page.

b. The Handbook should be complete for distribution to district membership at the January meeting.

c. The Handbook should be distributed to Missouri State officers and current year State Festival Chairman at the February State Board meeting.

9. a. All ~~square and round~~ dancers attending the dance will pay the door donation, except those with special invitations to attend at no charge.
- d. The Master of Ceremonies will be responsible for the following:
- ii. Scheduling all district callers/cuers and announcement time and level. Dance is to be mainstream with no more than two (2) announced plus tips. Lines and/or rounds subject to availability of cuers.
10. A committee appointed by the president will review the constitution and by-laws ~~each year. The president shall appoint the committee in July, with results and recommendations, if any, presented at the October meeting. at the request of the membership or as recommended by the delegates.~~