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NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 17 member clubs, 9 clubs present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: Introduction of Dana and Donna Schirmer from Kansas City Plus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 26, 2014: A motion was made to approve the minutes as printed, seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Wheeler read the Treasurer's Report. Motion made to accept report as presented and file for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

District Presidents Report(s): Carolyn Goucher gave the President's Report.

1. The meeting will be held by the West Central District on February 15 in Sedalia, at the Methodist church.
2. The Northwest District has been asked to participate with West Central and Heart of America Federation in the Veteran's Dance to be held at Lexington Methodist Church, 1701 W. 32nd Street on August 30th. Jay Krebs will be calling.

State Meeting Report(s): Loretta Marron reported on the meeting December 14, 2014 in Springfield, MO

1. After the meeting was called to order and attendance was taken, minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report was read and approved.
2. The Treasure stated 58 clubs have insurance. With a total of 1867 dancers.
3. The Treasurer gave the list of club's to receive Longevity Awards in 2015:
 - a. Ozark Whirlers from Central District, 60 year in January.

- b. Wheelers and Dealers from St Louis District, 35 years in February.
 - c. Trenton Squares from West Central District, 30 years in April.
 - d. Crosstrailers from Northwest District, 65 years in May.
 - e. Rafter Rockers from St Louis District, 60 year in May.
 - f. River City Squares from West Central District, 25 years in July,
 - g. Pommenaders Wheatland from Southwest District, 45 years in August
 - h. Little Dixie Squares from Northeast District, 45 years in September.
4. The 2015 Club Incentive Refund to clubs for paying dues, 54 of the 58 clubs had both dues and insurance in on time to receive \$35 refund. As some clubs did not hear about this offer, it was decided for this year only to give rebate to all 58 clubs.
 5. Site screening for the 2016 State Dance in the Northwest District has not been done yet as dance location is not yet confirmed.
 6. Travel Missouri indicated there were 269 members as of December 12th with one new member being added today.
 7. It was stated that the deadline for applications for USDA \$1,000 scholarship for high school seniors and college freshman is February 1, 2015.
 8. District President's Report indicated insurance refund checks will be sent to districts, which will in turn send them to clubs. Also some discussion was held on cost of district directory and could they be put on web site.
 9. The Bill Morris \$500 Scholarship is in its second year, the deadline is March 1, 2015. Paperwork is on the web site to fill out and send in.
 10. 2014 state dance had 492 registrations, sold 307 shirts and turned in a check for \$11,331. Final report in February.
 11. 2015 state dance will be in Lebanon, MO, the host hotel will be the Super 8.
 12. A motion was made to turn over money (\$358) from 2015 National bid to the 2018 national dance committee, seconded and passed.
 13. 2018 committee stated they have 300 reservations in and have sold 400 shirts still working on long skirt for 2018.
 14. Rose Davis was introduced as next year's Treasurer.
 15. Next meeting will be on February 15, 2015 in West Central District, location to be announced later.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE:

- Saturday, July 25th, at the Point.
- District Meeting will be before dance.
- Club members need to bring refreshments, silent auction items and door prizes.
- Still need two hosting clubs. Please check with your clubs and let the District know at the April meeting. The hosting club's callers will MC the dance.

MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL:

- OCTOBER 16-18, 2015 Lebanon, MO.
- Registration and flyer are on the web:
<http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Flyers/MissouriFestival/index.php>

OLD BUSINESS:

- Edythe Weber indicated that Jim was still looking for a place for the 2016 State Festival.
 - She had a brochure for the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence. Information on cost was to be available next week.
 - The State Committee will have to approve the location.
- Edythe Weber indicated that the Northwest District will be hosting the April 12th state district meeting.
 - The meeting will be held on Sunday April 12 in the Prairie View Room at North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion.
 - We will need to have a club dance on the 11th that the group can attend, maybe Shooting Stars.
 - A club is needed to host the group on Sunday, providing lunch and snacks and staffing. Lunch can consist of sandwiches, soup, dessert and drink. There will be 50-60 people in attendance.
- Edythe Weber indicated that we need to begin organizing for the 2016 dance.
 - A chairman is needed so that the logo, shirts, etc can be ready by the time of the 2015 dance. Advertising needs to be ready at that dance for the 2016 dance.
 - The logo was discussed to use the new ARTS logo in the middle of the tee shirt quilt that the ladies have been making for the raffle.
 - A committee was formed with Fred and Carolyn Goucher as Chairman, Jim and Edythe Weber, Jim and Loretta Marron, Dan and Jean Wheeler, and Jack and Beck Rockaway.

- The Procedures for clubs to receive the most current Doin's for graduating new dancers was passed out. (Attachment #2)
- ARTS have a new logo, they are trying to re-image square dancing. This logo can be used in advertising, on business cards, anywhere square dancers want to use it. (Attachment #3)
<http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=arts+square+dance+logo&qpvt=ARTS+square+dance+logo&qpvt=ARTS+square+dance+logo&FORM=IGRE>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dana Schirmer wanted to let the district know about the Callerlab Annual Convention. There are a lot of educational sessions for both callers and non-callers
 - NEKSDA will have an education session at the meeting.
 - Talk about retention.
 - The Convention will be held in Springfield, MO, March 29 thru April 1. All dance leaders are invited. There is a NEED for dance leaders.
<http://www.callerlab.org/AnnualConvention/tabid/92/Default.aspx>
 - They will be staying at the University Plaza Hotel.
 - Outside speakers and marketing.
 - Square dancing has dropped 60% in the last 10 years. Reason is because people don't talk about square dancing.
 - Need group of dancers to help callers. There will be a social mixer.
 - Callers \$210 and Non-Callers \$200, includes food.
- Dana Schirmer also indicated that caller education is important. We as dancers need to come and listen to new ideas. Heart of America Callers School is this summer in June, second Sunday. Scholarships are available. Need young callers.
- Dana Schirmer said that clubs are responsible for callers license. Clubs should check to see if the caller has a BMI (Broadcast Music Industry) and an ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers). Callers cannot call in other countries without a license in that country. If a convention has a license, the caller does not need one.
- Dan Wheeler indicated that he felt like other officers who choose to go to State District meeting should be reimbursed. Current only the President and State Delegates are reimbursed. This should be voted on at the next meeting.
- Dan Wheeler asked that ALL CLUBS send their 2015 schedule to him to put on the web. If there is a change Dan should be notified. Check the web site and see if your dances and lessons are scheduled.

- Louise Coleman announced that the Crosstrailers will be meeting at the Point February 21st dance. This dance will also be a clothesline sale.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passed. 3:00.

2015 MEETINGS: Sunday, January 25; Sunday, April 26; NW DIST Dance with meeting, Saturday, July 25; Sunday October 25.

NW District respectfully submits:

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

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of October 20, 2014 \$4,139.55

Income:

Club Dues	425.00
MO Fed Insurance Rebate	560.00

Total Income: \$985.00

Expenses:

Mileage	114.10
Printing	98.47
Club Dues to MO Fed	170.00
Insurance Rebate (16 Clubs)	560.00
Reimbursement-Lesson Adver	137.00

Total Expenses \$1,079.57

Checking Account Balance as of January 25, 2015 \$4,044.98

Treasurer's Report Submitted by:

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PROCEDURES FOR CLUBS RECEIVING MOST CURRENT DOIN'S
FOR GRADUATING NEW DANCERS

Contact the Editor of the Show Me Doin's (info listed in the Doin's inside front cover) with the following information:

Club name			
Club Contact to mail Doin's to			
Complete mailing address, city, state, zip			
Phone number			
Email			
Number of Doin's you want (1 per graduating couple or family, and 1 per graduating single dancer)			
Issue of Doin's you want (see chart)			
Date of graduation or when you want the magazines to arrive			

Deadline for ordering:	Receive issue:
February 10	March/April issue
April 10	May/June
June 10	July/August
August 10	September/October
October 10	November/December
December 10	January/February

The deadline for ordering is important because we tell the printer how many magazines to print and must add the additional magazines for graduates to that number or we will run short. If you do not meet the deadline it's possible you won't get your magazines.

We hope this procedure is easy to follow. We will no longer mail new students or graduates a free issue. It is up to the club to get them their first FREE issue. Please follow these steps and that will happen.

This form is also available to fill in, print and send email from the Missouri Federation website.

Thanks and Happy Square Dance Lessons –
Jim and Edythe Weber, Doin's Editor

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Square Dance!