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**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30 pm by President Fred Goucher

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Change in Membership Application

ROLL CALL: 11 clubs attending out of 18 members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 26 2015. Corrections for minutes:

Page 1, Correspondence, 1. Kani should be Kanai

Page 1, State Meeting Report was by Loretta Marron

Page 2, #2 Prommenaders should be Pommenaders.

Minutes were approved with corrections

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Dan Wheeler and filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Sympathy card sent to the Boone's, Carl's Mother passed

District Presidents' Report(s): Fred reported that everything discussed in the Presidents' meeting was also discussed in the General meeting and could be given in that report.

State Meeting Report(s): Report was given by Loretta Marron

State Federation Meeting October 18, 2015 held in Lebanon, MO

1. After the meeting was called to order and attendance was taken, minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report was read and approved.
2. It was stated that for the longevity awards that the Pommenaders from the Southwest District was wrong in the minutes. They have been a club for 45 years not 25 years as listed. The Tanglefooters Dance Club from the Southwest District also listed as being a club for 40 years.
3. Clubs must have information in to the Doin's by November 25th if there are any changes to your club location. Please use location forms that are located on the Web.

4. The Federation has recently sold 8 puzzles totaling \$120.00. So far this year \$365 in puzzles has been sold.
5. Insurance Coordinator, Jim Weber stated that there are 61 clubs in the State and USDA with a total of 1056 insured. Total in State dancers insured is 2046.
6. For Clubs to get their \$35.00 bonus from the State; the 2016 dues must be in the hands of the treasurer, not postmarked, by November 1.
7. Travel Missouri Chairman, Jim Marron stated that he has sold a total of 2821 dangles so far this year.
8. Webmaster, Dan Wheeler asked that forms sent to him be dated and sent in word or excel. Send 2016 schedules to Dan using the new forms which will let you know if you are missing any information.
9. USDA will have their meeting in South Carolina in January. It was stated that insurance has had a rate increase to \$4.75. The new USDA Presidents were introduced at the meeting.
10. Arts new logo is now a part of many items being used in Square Dancing and is part of the reimaging program. The shirts for the 2016 Festival are an example of the new logo.
11. Schedule for 2016 was planned in the Presidents' Meeting. February 14, Southwest District; April 10 West Central District; June (no date), Southeast District; August 21, St Louis District; October 21, Northwest District; December, Central District.
12. Bill Morris Memorial \$500 Scholarship. The Scholarship was given to Maggy Markus. Forms for scholarship are available on the web site.
13. 2015 Festival Report was given by Harry, Annette and Marysue. 480 dancers attended, \$2600 was made on the 50/50 tickets and the silent auction.
14. 2016 Festival was reported by Fred Goucher and everything is ready to go. 75 people are pre-registered.
15. Square Dancer of the year was Mark and Rosalee Mortensen from Wheatland.
16. Caller of the Year was Kenton and Karen Sullivan from the Springfield area, Southwest District.
17. Slate of new officers was approved.
 - a. President George and Cleva Roth
 - b. 1st Vice President Dan Reedy
 - c. 2nd Vice President Ron Selfers
 - d. 3rd Vice President Jack Rockaway
 - e. Secretary Pat Hunt and Ruth Ann Reynolds
 - f. Treasurer Rick and Rosa Davis

- 18.67th National 2018 Convention has 502 people registered and only 109 are from Missouri.
19. Discussed the Marvin and Betty Rae Fluke Dance Off at the 2015 State Convention.
20. Next meeting is December 13 in Popular Bluff, MO. It will be a Christmas Dance.

State Federation Meeting August 16, 2015 in St Louis, Mo

1. After the meeting was called to order and attendance was taken, minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report was read and approved.
2. New Square Dance Club in the Northwest District called Dan's Dancers. We now have 61 clubs in Missouri. Longevity award this year for the Little Dixie Squares will be 45 years. Next year we will have 6 clubs eligible for awards.
3. Doin's due date is November 25th. Please send in completed forms for location changes and have a current person's name and cell phone number listed so they could be contacted for directions to the dance or location.
4. Four more puzzles have been sold.
5. State Festival site screening has been completed for the 2016 State Festival. Truman High School has been approved and met all the requirements for the state dance.
6. USDA insurance stated there are 61 clubs and they have covered 1547 dancers. Dancers also have a total of 490 insured through other clubs. There is a total of 2037 dancers. Dues must be in hand for 2016 by November 1, 2015 to qualify for the \$35 bonus from the state.
7. State Festival for 2015 has 185 pre-registered for the dance. A festival event called a dance-off will be part of the festival.
8. A ribbon or medallion will be given to the last square still dancing. It will be called the Marvin and Betty Rae Fluke Memorial Dance Off.
9. State Festival for 2016 is working on contracts and insurance. Tee-shirts are ready and everything is on track.
10. "Caller and Cuer of the Year" and "Square Dancers of the Year" have been selected.
11. State fair planning is in progress. Planning for better signage and a 3 by 4 foot banner has been made. Also planning on sandwich board set up.
12. National Square Dance 2018 are collecting items to sell through the Ways and Means Committee. At this time 106 have registered for 2018.
13. Slate of officers for the state have been selected.
 - a. President George and Cleva Roth
 - b. 1st Vice President Dan Reedy
 - c. 2nd Vice President Ron Selfers

- d. 3rd Vice President Jack Rockaway
 - e. Secretary Pat Hunt and Ruth Ann Reynolds
 - f. Treasurer Rick and Rosa Davis
14. Approved an amendment to revise standing rules.
 15. Proposed a change to the stationary logo to the new updated format. Live Lively Square Dance.
 16. Next meeting will be in Lebanon, MO, October 18, 2015

MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 16-18, 2015 Lebanon, MO.

Notes were taken at the festival by various Committee members as to things the Northwest District will do.

1. Northwest District will review the Grand March for smoother timing.
2. Question as to why callers were given only five minutes to call.
3. There were no listing of activities on the schedule.
4. Did not announce the 50/50
5. Need an invitation to callers for the Caller Breakfast.
6. ARTS seminar done at the MO dance.
7. Events were not announced and communication seemed to be lacking at this dance. We will need to address this issue.
8. When awards were given, precipitants stood to the back of podium and was difficult to see. Need to have in a more prominent position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Information on 2016 Missouri State Festival held by the Northwest District.

1. Tee-shirts sold – 39
2. Polos sold – 36
3. Treasurer’s report on the Festival
 - a. 2016 Missouri State Festival Income

i. Tee-shirts	\$1055.00
ii. Quilt Raffle	86.00
iii. Advance Regis	875.00
iv. Arts	14.00
4. Talked about getting a credit card for the phones. Setting up accounts to be used that will deposit into the Northwest District checking account.
5. **Meeting Room in NKC Hospital** has been approved for next year.
6. **Check for Veteran’s home** will be taken soon by Fred. If others wish to go with him let him know so times can be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of 2016 Northwest District Officers

Nominations was asked for from the floor, with none given, Randy Boyles moved that the current officers maintain their present positions for the 2016 year.

Motion was seconded and approved.

The officers for 2016 will be as follows:

1. President Fred and Carolyn Goucher
2. Vice President Jack and Becky Rockaway
3. Secretary Carol Hershey
4. Treasurer Dan and Jean Wheeler
5. State Delegate Jim and Loretta Marron
6. State Delegate Frances Casteel
7. Alternate Delegate Mary Pitts

A discussion on the Membership Application showed that the form needs some change so that data can be gotten for insurance. Carol Hershey will revise the application and submit it to Dan Wheeler.

Discussion as to whether the Standing Rules needed review and it was decided that they had recently been revised and a review would not be done.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Dan Wheeler announced that interactive forms are now on the website. When these forms are completed they will go to the correct person and a copy to Dan. There is a security code on the forms which you can find on the website.
2. Jack Rockaway reported that \$1156 for the 2018 National Convention was sold at the State Festival.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 3:06 pm, seconded and passed.

2016 MEETINGS: Sunday January 24, April 24, July 23 (Saturday dance 23), October 16.

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Northwest District
Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance
Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account Balance as of July 25, 2015 \$1827.41

Income:

Dancers Donations	649.00
Silent Auction	201.00
50/50	34.00
Return Change for Dance	325.00
Club Dues	350.00
Return Change for T-Shirts/Quilt Raffle	320.00

Total Income: \$1879.00

Expenses:

Graceway Hall Donation	100.00
Supplies for NW Dist Dance	76.77
Change for NW Dist Dance	325.00
Mileage	
Jim Marron	120.58
Jack Rockaway	36.20
Dues to Mo State Federation	140.00
Loan to MO Festival Account	
Change for T-Shirts/Quilt	320.00
Loan to Mo Festival Account	
Ribbons Galore 1	169.46
Donation to Veterans	100.00

Total Expenses \$1388.01

Checking Account Balance as of October 25, 2015 \$2318.40

2016 Missouri State Festival Income

T-Shirts	\$1065.00
Quilt Raffle	86.00
Advance Registrations	875.00
Arts	14.00

\$2040.00

Treasurer's Report Submitted by

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