

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: 12 clubs in attendance out of 15 member clubs

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: Don Adkins, President of Swinging Singles and new delegate of Swinging Singles Ginny Battiest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 25 2015 Jack Rockaway moved that the minutes be approved as read. Motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Wheeler read the Treasurer's Report and it will be filed for audit. (Attachment #1)

GENERAL REPORTS:

State Meeting Report(s): Jim and Loretta Marron Northwest District Representatives, Loretta gave the report.

1. After meeting was called to order and attendance was taken, minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report was read and approved.
2. Two clubs were recognized for longevity; Twirl-A-Rounds, Southwest District, celebrated 30 years in May. The other club is Ozark Zigzags, Central District, with 25 years as of December.
3. Edythe Weber the Doin's Editor reported;
 - a. Please complete your club schedule for 2016, checking on contacts and cell numbers turn in.
 - b. The next deadline for the magazine is January 25. Edythe noted the following:
 - i. Complete your club's year schedule for 2016 and send in, if you haven't already.
 - ii. Check your club contact in the Club Directory for accuracy and their cell phone number in case it is needed during the dance.
 - iii. Make sure that your club information is up-to-date and also on the web site.
 - iv. All forms for sending items for the Doin's are available at www.SquareDanceMissouri.com.
 - v. Under Federation Information, then Show-Me Doin's you can type in and send from the web page or you can print out the forms, fill and send in.

- c. Carol Morris will be the new Publications Committee chairman next year. Jim and Edythe Weber will take over the Subscription role in the interim.
4. Carol Morris reported 367 books were mailed. From 8/16 through 10/16 57 renewals.
5. Dave Shafer for Doin's Advertising listed income of \$400 and expense of \$5.75, turning into the state a check for \$294.25. Also we still have 101 puzzles to sell for \$15 or 2 for \$20.
6. Jack Rockaway for Promotions and Recruiting has given out two checks; one check goes to the Bluff City Twirlers youth dancers for \$400 and the other goes to Country Western Squares in Potosi for \$300. There is money available through promotions to start new dancers for clubs.
7. Jim Weber, Insurance Coordinator reported dancers for 2015 insured thru the Missouri Federation total 1,528; dancers insured through other federations are 490 for a total number of Missouri dancers of 2,018 as of 12/11/15 and 60 clubs. For 2016, we have 57 clubs that are insured through Missouri with 1,292 dancers, 403 insured through other federations for a total of Missouri dancers of 1,695.
8. Jim Marron for Travel Missouri reported a total of 2, 840 dangles were given out. There is \$48.18 in the account with no income or expense.
9. Dan Wheeler, Web Master asked when making schedule changes, please use forms on the web to send in information. Send Doin's articles to Edith Weber as only item in email. Remember to notify Dan about cancellations so they may be posted.
10. Dan Wheeler, Historian reported he will start putting copies of minutes in archives section of web site.
11. Edythe Weber, reported USDA \$1,000 scholarship is due by February 1st, leaving time for the President's signature.
12. Sharon Crisel for District Presidents, reported dates for 2016 state meetings were as follows:
 - a. February 14th – Southwest District
 - b. April 10th – West Central District
 - c. June 12th – Southwest District
 - d. August 21st – St Louis District
 - e. October 23rd – Northwest District
 - f. December 4th – Central District
13. Bill Morris Scholarship application is on the web. Application must be turned in by March 1, 2016.
14. Mary Sue Darwent for 2015 Festival turned in a check for \$2500 as reimbursement of startup funds. She reported that 506 registered with another 100 walk-in's.

15. 2016 Festival, Jack Rockaway reported Jim Weber had tickets and ribbons for the dance. The Northwest District is also selling T-shirts, polo shirts and tickets on a T-Shirt quilt. The dance will be at Truman High School in Independence on Noland Road, North of I-70.
16. 67th National Convention, Cindy Boone reported 118 dancers from Missouri have signed up with a total of 514 registered.
17. Next meeting will be February 15th in Southwest District at Northview Center, Springfield, MO.

MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL:

1. Registration and flyers are on the web.
2. Dan Wheeler reported that a "Square" had been purchased in order to swipe credit cards for purchases dancers made. The Square attaches to the user's cell phone by fitting into the mic hole. It has both the magnetic strip and chip available for use. An account has been set up to take the credit card purchases. The % for the credit card companies will be taken out before depositing into the account. The balance remaining in the account will be transferred by the Treasurer into the Northwest District account.
 - a. Currently Jim Marron and Dan Wheeler are using the one Square for shirts, raffle tickets and registration.
 - b. Square costs \$41, there is currently one Square. Pat Coster moved that the Northwest District reimburse Dan Wheeler for the Square already purchased. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - c. Carol Hershey moved that a second Square be purchased to accommodate two people using it. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - d. Registration can be done online, but Dan Wheeler has issues that the site was not secure making it not a good idea to take money over the web. There are several ways to do this, but at this time it is not available.
3. A Festival Committee Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, at 4:00 pm at the IHOP in Raytown, MO.
4. Carolyn Goucher indicated that we are working diligently to type up the job responsibilities for better understanding for each chairman assigned for the Festival. We do have quite a few open options for any volunteers that would like to help.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Carolyn Goucher and Edythe Weber indicated that we need as much advertising as possible. Motion was made by Dan Wheeler to put a full page ad in the Doin's. Motion seconded and passed.
Also Festival packets for the clubs need to be made and distributed in April.

Other Old Business

1. Dan is archiving the minutes for the state meeting and will do same for the Districts.
2. Northwest District is still looking for a Host club for the Northwest District Dance July 23. The club will be responsible for setting up, taking refreshments, silent auction items and door prizes to appropriate tables. The club caller will MC.
 - a. All clubs are asked to bring refreshments, silent auction items and door prizes for the dance.

ADJOURNMENT: Randy moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and passed.
2:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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

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

Income:

Club Dues	50.00
Missouri Federation Insurance Incentive	490.00

Total income: 540.00

Expenses:

Mileage-	72.80
Insurance Rebate to Clubs	490.00
Dues to MO State Federation	20.00
Loan to MO Festival Account	1568.20

Total Expenses 2151.00

Checking Account Balance as of January 24, 2016 \$707.40

Missouri Festival

2016 Missouri State Festival Income

T-Shirts	1065.00
Quilt Raffle	200.00
Advance Registrations	875.00
Arts	14.00

\$2154.00

Treasurer's Report Submitted by

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