

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2023**

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order at 2 p.m. on October 22, 2023 at North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion, Burlington Room, by President Carol Hershey.

Roll call was answered by nine clubs. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Corrections were made to the August minutes that were sent out my email. A motion was made by Fred Goucher to approve the August 12, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded, vote taken, minutes were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning balance August 12, \$4,651.03, Ending balance October 22, \$5,337.68. Report was filed for audit.

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**Correspondence:** A card will be sent to Shirley Trammell on the death of her husband. They are members of Shooting Stars.

**District Presidents Report(s):** October 15, 2023. October 15, 2023 - Dates and hosting districts for the 2024 Federation meetings were set as follows: Jan. 21 Southwest District; April 21 Northeast District; July 14 or 28 Southeast District; and October 20 St. Louis District. Dave and Penny Byers have a trailer available to use in parades; contact Dave and Penny. All of the districts indicated lessons are being started.

**State Meeting Report(s):** October 15, 2023. The meeting was held following the Doin's Dance. Minute of the July meeting were approved. Total funds on hand \$38,973.83. There are 42 clubs in the Federation. B-N-R Squares was awarded a 30-year longevity award. Singles and Doubles in the St. Louis District received a 50-year award for January 2024. There were 214 Doin's magazines mailed and 76 electronic subscriptions emailed. Dave Shafer made a recommendation for changes to the Doin's advertising rates. They were approved. There are 1,122 dancers with insurance through the Missouri Federation. The new 2024 insurance rate is \$5.50 per dancer. To be eligible for the insurance rebate, state dues must be paid to the State Treasurer by November 1 and insurance must be filed and paid by December 1. \$500 of the balance in the Insurance bank account was given to the Missouri Federation. Rosa Davis recommended that the federation rebate be increased to \$35 from \$25 because of the extra \$500. Motion was approved. Catherine McLemore gave the Federation \$754.80 from the License Plate funds. 2024 state meeting dates were approved (see above dates). The proposal to change the name of the Missouri State Festival to Convention was withdrawn. The committee appointed to oversee the \$5,000 donation from the 42<sup>nd</sup> NSDC (St. Louis) made a recommendation on how to disburse those funds over a 4-year period for education purposes. A new Article XXI will be added to the Standing Rules. Dates were changed for deadlines for Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame and Square Dancer of the Year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Membership applications and dues have been received by 11 clubs. State dues will be sent to the State Treasurer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**65<sup>th</sup> Missouri State Festival** will be held in Sedalia, MO on October 18-20, 2024. Ken Burke is the featured caller and Fred & Cathy Fisher the featured cuer. Price for the dance next year is \$35 for the weekend, but if you purchase your ticket before November 1 it is \$25. They are using the same motels in Sedalia as were used this year.

**28<sup>th</sup> Northwest District Dance August 10<sup>th</sup>.** A hosting club is needed to get the publicity out. Please ask your club to consider hosting. Hosting entails setting up the facility: tables for Silent Auction, Door Prize and refreshments. Chairs for dancers, table for caller. Receiving refreshments, door prizes and Silent Auction

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items, as well as hosting as guest come in. Helping with the 50/50 and door prize. Running the silent auction. The club's caller will be the Master of Ceremony for the evening. The hosting club(s) will be given 20% of the gross income of the dance. If there is more than one club hosting, they will split the 20%

**Insurance update** – Edythe Weber. There is going to be a USDA Webinar on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Just go to the USDA website for the link. The 2024 insurance rate is \$5.50 per dancer. If a club does not have enough dancers they are paying for to exceed \$50, they are considered a “minimum club” and must pay \$50.

**New meeting location for 2024** – NKC hospital pavilion will not be available to us in the future. Following discussion about possible new locations, Carol asked that everybody with a location for consideration send information to her on the location and cost for meetings. Deadline for her to receive information will be November 10. Carol will review locations and verify information. She will send an email to the officers to vote on the new location.

**Election of officers** – Ruth Ann Reynolds reported for the nominating committee. Nominations were: Carol Hershey, President; James and Helen Cummins, Vice President; Edythe Weber, Secretary; Jean and Dan Wheeler, Treasurer; and James Shaw, State Delegate. No nominations were received from the floor. All nominees were elected by acclamation. We are still needing one more State Delegate and an Alternate State Delegate.

Future Meeting Dates: January 28, April 28, August 10, October 27, 2024. The August meeting will be prior to the District Dance.

**CLUB NEWS:**

- Shooting Stars new location is South Valley Middle School (same location as Ramblers) for their upcoming dances. Not very many of those who expressed interest in lessons came in September.
- Live Wires lessons in August that started in August are going well.
- B-N-R Squares lesson are Wednesdays until Christmas

Next meeting is January 28, 2024 – location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.