

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the Shoal Creek Patrol Division, 6801 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, Kansas City, Missouri by President Carol Hershey.

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

John DeWeese was introduced as a guest and an alternate delegate from Stewartsville Cut-ups.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections were made to the January 28, 2024 minutes that were sent out by email. A motion was made by Pandora Davis to approve the January meeting minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded, vote carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance January 28, 2024, \$9,219.53. Ending balance April 28, 2024 \$9,219.53. We received \$1,675.85 as our 20% for hosting the 2023 Festival. Report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Get well or thinking of you cards were sent to John/Bev Stuart, Dan Robinson, Bill Barker, Jay/Linda Krebs, Mike/Dottie Hines, Lois Zeller, Fred Stone, Dick Crutcher, Ray Trowbridge.

District Presidents Report(s): April 21, 2024. Upcoming meetings: July 14 Southeast District, October 20 St. Louis District. Southwest District Dance is May 18 in Mt. Vernon. St. Louis Jamboree is May 4 in St. Charles with Mike Hogan calling. Northeast District is having the Route 36 Dance Sept. 13-14 with Joe Saltel. Northwest District Dance is Aug. 10. Also they have scheduled another Blast on Aug. 31.

State Meeting Report(s): April 21, 2024; Toot Your Horn had 5 applications. Travel Missouri has a new chairman. Debbie Moffitt is going through supplies and will be needing to order more supplies. She ordered 30 new bars and sent 21 of them to Southwest District for new participants in the program. The webmaster reported on using QR codes on flyers. Edythe reminded the board about the Centennial Award for dancers who reach the age of 100. State Fair Day of Dance is Wednesday, August 14. Last date to request free tickets and handicapped parking if you need it is July 1. There was a reminder that the rate for ads in the festival program book are higher than last year. Forms are in the packets handed out today to district presidents to pass on to clubs. Dave Shafer was recognized for 24 years as Doin's Ad Manager. Carol Hershey was elected as chairman of the Square Dancer of the Year committee for 2024. Dan Wheeler announced he wanted to be replaced as Historian. The Southeast District has chosen October 10-12, 2025 as the dates for the 66th State Festival in Cape Girardeau. More to come. There was discussion on the Missouri Federation having a Facebook page. Motion was made to get one set up. Carol Hershey volunteered to help with this project.

65th Missouri State Festival: October 18-20, 2024, Sedalia, Mo. Ken Burke is the featured caller and Fred & Cathy Fisher the featured cuer. Price for the dance next year is \$35 for the weekend. They are using the same motels in Sedalia as were used this past year. The website is current with information. Edythe will send a reminder to all the Northwest District callers to remind them about the June 1 deadline to register and complete the caller profile to be eligible to call at the festival.

28th Northwest District Dance August 10th. The Ramblers and Shooting Stars are co-hosts for the NW District Dance. The club's callers, Stan Brooke and Dave King, will share the MC responsibilities for the evening. Carol has

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asked callers to email Dave King of their intention to call at the festival. We need to revise the flyer to say “Pre-Plus 7-7:30”. The hosting club(s) will split the 20% of the gross income of the dance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

We discussed the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame nominations and do not think we have any callers or cuers who qualify at this time. There might be a couple coming up in the next year or two. The hold-up is meeting the 5 out of 10 criteria.

Square Dancer of the Year nominations should be turned in to Carol by July 15. State deadline is August 1.

Constitution, Bylaws and Working Rules Review. Edythe went over all the proposed changes. Discussion and results:
Constitution and Bylaws:

Article 2, Section 3 – leave as is (leave the word “musicians” in the sentence)

Article 3, NEW Section 2 – The district will hold meeting each quarter. Meetings will be held in person with an electronic option, such as Zoom. (All Section numbers in Article 3 will change from here forward)

Article 3, Section 3 (change to Section 4) – leave as is (will not reduce the number of voting delegates each club has at meetings)

Article 4, Section 1, B – delete the sentence about proxy voting.

Article 5, Section 3 – Addition of “as deemed necessary” at end of sentence.

Article 6, Section 2 – change “July/August” to 3rd Quarter

Working Rules:

1. Delete the words (or by mail-in ballot.)
2. Add letter e. Meetings will be held in person with an electronic option, such as Zoom.
6. Delete sentence “The Northwest District Dance is to be held the 4th Saturday in July each year.” Replace with sentence “Northwest District Dance date(s) will be made available to club as soon as possible.”
9. Delete f.v. (Clubs need to provide)
10. Recommend change: The President, the two State Delegates or Alternate Delegate shall be reimbursed \$75 per weekend meeting attendance, not to exceed \$225 combined per meeting. This is not intended to reimburse total expenses. The appropriate reimbursement form must be completed and submitted to the treasurer.
11. Revise wording of sentence 1 to “When the district is hosting the State Meeting, the Sunday meeting host club will also be responsible for the meeting location. Sentence 2 revised to say “The State pays a gratuity to the host club of the total of receipts presented to the State Treasurer up to a maximum of \$200.”

Following the reading and discussion of the recommended changes, Dan Wheeler made the motion that rather than take one vote today and one next meeting, we approve all the changes at one time at the August 10 meeting. Motion was seconded and vote approved the motion. Vote will be taken at the August meeting.

There was some confusion on the treasurer’s financial audit. Report at the August 10 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol handed out new cards to begin June 1, 2024 for the Friendship Visitation Program. Cards for last year ending May 31, 2024 are due to Carol by June 15. She asked for help on the committee and to review the cards. Volunteers were Edythe Weber, James Shaw, and Mike Shedor (by email following the meeting).

Carol asked for volunteers for the nominating committee for election of officers at the October meeting. Volunteers were Paula Barrows, Cathy Bean, and Betty & Jerry Hecker.

Carol announced that Paula Barrows had volunteered to be the second Missouri State Meeting Delegate. Dan Wheeler made a motion to accept Paula as our second delegate. Motion second and voted approved the appointment.

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The “Blast” scheduled for August 31 at Graceway, Mainstream 9-Noon, Plus 1:30-4:30, with instructor Dana Schirmer was discussed. Carol talked about “angels” at the blast. It was recommended that angels be given a badge to those who volunteer to be angels. These people would not need to pay, but would have specific responsibilities. The concern is not enough men at the blast dances, so some ladies need to dance the men’s part. Carol said she would work on this.

It was noted that Betty and Jerry Hecker are taking Fred and Desiree’s place as delegates for Shooting Stars until they are able to return. They will be added to the email list.

CLUB NEWS:

Cross Trailers will be dancing in June and July, not in August. Guest callers due to Evan’s sabbatical. Stewartsville will be hosting workshops every Tuesday in Stewartsville, called by Wilma Randall. Dan and Jean will be out of the country May 4-18. He might have limited access to internet.

Hearing no other announcements or business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates: August 10, October 27, 2024. The August meeting will be prior to the District Dance. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.