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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

Minutes of October 12, 2025

President Dave Shafer called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m. at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau.

Invocation: Dave Byers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: President Shafer

Roll Call: Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (5 Executive Board; 12 District Directors; 7 Staff/Past Presidents).

Thank you to Host District and Club: President Shafer thanked the Puxico County Squares of the Southeast District, hosts of today's meeting. Nanie Hawkins introduced those from the Southeast District who helped with the set-up and meal.

Jack Montgomery was introduced as a guest.

Approval of July 27, 2025 Minutes: President Shafer asked for corrections or additions to the July 27, 2025, minutes.

Edythe Weber moved to accept the minutes as corrected; motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 1, 2025, \$6,984.72, Revenue of \$2,090.62 and Expenses of \$1,385.83. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2025, is \$7,689.51. Total CDs amounted to \$41,290.21 for Total Funds on hand of \$48,979.72. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 39 clubs this year.

Longevity awards were acknowledged for the Tanglefooters, Southwest District for 45 years in November and Ramblers, Northwest District, for 65 years in January 2026.

Correspondence: Liz Rooks reporting. A Thinking of You card was passed around for everyone to sign to be sent to Debbie Bailey.

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42 Shirley Turner shared information on Dixie Cook from the Southeast District who
43 recently passed away. She and her husband were Federation President in 1986-87.
44 Shirley suggested sending a card to the family or making a memorial donation in her
45 memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

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47 It was decided after discussion that a memorial donation in her memory would be the
48 best option. Rosa Davis made a motion to send a memorial of \$50.00 to the Michael J.
49 Fox Foundation; motion was seconded and passed.

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51 **Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers reporting: No report.

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53 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Art Kruse: No report

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55 **Publications:** No report. President Shafer again stated a chairman is needed for this
56 committee and to let him know if anyone would be willing to accept this position.

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58 **DOIN'S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. She apologized for the delay of the October-
59 December Doin's in the mail. Multiple problems, first of which was my fire and the loss
60 of computer and email for a while, getting the info to the printer late, and then a snafu
61 with the proof copy not getting to me, it was just a mess. We know clubs and dancers
62 rely on the magazine and we hate that this happened.

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64 REMINDER – PLEASE put the CLUB NAME FIRST in the subject line of your emails.
65 Put anything else you want to include AFTER the club name. (Example: Ramblers:
66 October-December article NOT Doin's October-December Ramblers.)

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68 Our next deadline is November 15 for the January-February-March 2026 magazine.

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70 If there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Doin's
71 staff.

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73 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Penny Byers reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this period
74 were 198, exchange copies 1, and 15 for staff, historian and post office for a total
75 mailing of 214 for the Oct-Dec 2025 mailing. We had 93 electronic subscriptions, 32
76 renewals, 5 new subscriptions and 6 copies went to new students. We will be sending
77 out 24 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions expired with the Oct-Dec 2025
78 issue.

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80 Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100 with income of \$555.00 from
81 subscriptions and \$10.00 for one puzzle book making a total income of \$565.00. There
82 were no expenses for July through September. A check for \$ 565.00 will be given to the
83 Federation. The ending balance is \$100.00.

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85 The Doin's Dance had 118 dancers and 13 callers. \$700 was collected from dance
86 donations, 20 renewal subscriptions, 2 new subscriptions and the sale of 13 puzzle
87 books. Expenses were \$75.00 making a net gain of \$625.00.
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89 **DOIN's Advertising:** Crystle Swager reporting. We had a balance brought forward of
90 \$100.00. We took in revenue from DOIN'S ads and caller/cuer listings of \$215.00 and
91 there were no expenses. A check was given to the Federation for \$215.00; leaving a
92 balance of \$100.00.
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94 **Promotions:** Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No report.
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96 **Member Services Committee:** Fred & Carolyn Goucher: No report.
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98 **State Festival Site Screening:** Cathy Hall: No report.
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100 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber reporting. No report
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102 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Crystle Swager reporting: Has encountered two problems: n
103 needing someone to print the bluebirds and thinks she has finally found that person.
104 Second, the company that used to supply the royal blue braid is no longer doing that;
105 thinks she has found a blue that is very close in color.
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107 The balance on hand April 1, 2025, was \$104.00; Income for April 1 through June 30,
108 2025, was \$30.00 leaving a balance on hand on June 30, 2025, was \$134.00.
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110 Balance on hand July 1, 2025, was \$134.00; there was no income between July 1,
111 2025, and September 30, 2025; expenses for this period were \$75.36 leaving a balance
112 on hand on September 30, 2025, of \$58.64.
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114 Is exploring the idea of make a couple of long skirts and a couple of short ones as there
115 may be someone who would be more willing to buy one that make it themselves as a
116 number of the younger dancers do not sew.
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118 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting: All of the reports received for this meeting were
119 up and available Saturday morning.
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121 Please include Dan in any e-mails send to Edythe with schedules for 2026 so he can
122 post them.
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124 The website for the 2026 state festival is up and running.
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126 Reminded everyone if you find a mistake in any of the information on the website to
127 please let him know so it can be corrected.
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129 He also reminded everyone if flyers are being sent to him to put the date it was created
130 on it as well as on any subsequent flyers relating to that event so he will know he has

131 the most current flyer on the website. Also, if a flyer has a web address on it, try it to
132 make sure it works.

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134 All forms anyone needs are available in PDF format on the website and can be
135 downloaded and printed for your use. If you are unable to download or print them, he
136 will send/e-mail one to you.

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138 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting: No report.

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140 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting: Since our last meeting, one 2-year
141 renewal has been received and one two year new plate for a total income for July
142 through September 2025 of \$100.00 bringing the account balance to \$895.80. A check
143 is being given to the Missouri Federation for \$795.80 leaving the account balance at
144 \$100.00

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146 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting: The 2026 winter meeting this year is in Knoxville,
147 Tennessee, January 16-17, 2026.

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149 I have not heard from the USDA Insurance Coordinator if there is any increase in the
150 premium for 2026, so hopefully that is good news. We usually do not hear until late
151 October or early November, anyway. I will let everyone know as soon as I hear
152 anything.

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154 See included information on a new youth dancing grant. USDA web address is
155 www.committee.usda.org for the forms. This is not the USDA college grant, it is a new
156 grant to provide funds to help with increasing the numbers of youth dancers

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158 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting: Nothing to report at this time.

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160 **District Presidents' Report:** Robert Turner reporting: All district were represented.

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162 The January meeting will be in St. Louis and Art Kruse will have information out soon.
163 April meeting will be in Central Missouri hosted by the Northeast District; July in the
164 Northwest District; October in the Southwest District.

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166 Discussed the Route 66 Waco Trail Through dances to be held leading up to the 2026
167 National Convention; Art Kruse will share information later in the meeting.

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169 Talked about the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame and Square Dancer of the Year
170 requirements and wondered if they needed to be revised a bit.

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172 **Youth and Children's:** Connie Graham reporting: No report

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174 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner reporting: Joshua Crites from the Neosho,
175 Missouri area.

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177 This program will have someone else working with it next year.

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179 **2025 State Festival:** Nanie Hawkins reporting: Thanked everyone for coming. Not a
180 lot to report at this meeting; there were about 225 in attendance. Will have a final report
181 at the January meeting.

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183 **2026 State Festival:** Catherine McLemore reporting: Asked for approval of their colors
184 of camouflage and hunter orange for the 2026 festival. Madeline Hall made the motion
185 to approve these colors for the 2026 festival; motion was seconded and approved.

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187 Mike Hogan is the featured caller; Cathy and Fred Fisher are the featured cuers.

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189 Everything is on the website. The flyers have a QR code on them that brings up all of
190 the festival information when it is scanned; they are also accepting payment via debit or
191 credit card.

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193 Gaylynn Crosby said they were excited with the number of registrations and callers that
194 have already received. Pleased with the amount of merchandise that has been
195 purchased already. Looking at obtaining some other apparel.

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197 Planning to do a lot of traveling around to dances in and out of state.

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199 The Sunday Doin's Dance and state meeting will be at a different location.

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201 **Special Funds Committee:** Art Kruse reporting: No report.

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203 **Financial Analysis Ad hoc Committee:** Merle Hall reporting: Nothing new to report
204 since the July meeting. Thinks it might be necessary to hire a firm to help with
205 implementing the ideas as we do not have anyone with the know how to do that. May
206 need a representative from each district to work with whoever is heading this up.

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208 **Caller Lab or Round-a-Lab:** Merle Hall reporting: Round-a-Lab has not made any
209 changes to their programs. Caller Lab changed the introductory teaching movements.
210 Some that were mainstream have been moved up to plus; there are 50 families of
211 moves

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213 **Unfinished Business:**

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215 Multi-Cultural Festival: Lee Gavitt reporting – Had one square of dancers; the turnout
216 was not as large as expected, however, had quite a bit of interest expressed. Will get in
217 touch with the planners regarding the January event.

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219 Nominating Committee: Merle Hall reporting: Liz Rooks has agreed to stay on as
220 secretary for 2026 as an individual has stepped forward to take on the position in 2027.
221 Rosa Davis has agreed to stay on for 2026 but will need someone to fill the position in

222 2027. Dan Wheeler wants to step back as webmaster and treasurer. An individual from
223 the St. Louis District has expressed an interest in taking over the webmaster's position.

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225 Chairman Hall recommended the current officers will remain in place for 2026.
226 Chairman Hall's recommendation was accepted by a majority vote of those in
227 attendance.

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229 Art Kruse reported on the Route 66 Trail Through Dances highlighting the cities
230 mentioned in the song leading up to the National Convention in Waco. Wanda Kruse is
231 spearheading lining up the dances for the eastern leg: Chicago, St. Louis, and Joplin.
232 With the eastern and western legs converging in Oklahoma City and then dropping
233 down to Waco. Some callers are working on the Chicago Dance, Wanda & Art are
234 working on the St. Louis Dance and they are talking with the Southwest District
235 President about the dance in Joplin.

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237 Brian Swift is working with others on the western part. Callers in California are working
238 on a dance for San Bernadino and not sure about other dance locations along the
239 western leg; however a concept is in place. Will hopefully have more information for the
240 January 2026 meeting.

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242 Catherine McLemore shared there will be a big kick-off for the Route 66 national
243 celebration will be in Springfield in April with lots of national coverage probably with
244 some of the clubs in the Springfield area having dances to help with the promotion.

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246 Liz Rooks reported on the Missouri State Fair Day of Dance. Don't have a specific
247 number of how many attended; however a larger number of tickets were ordered and a
248 larger percentage of dancers were in attendance with a lot more energy in the room.
249 The 2026 Day of Dance will be August 19.

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251 Dana Schirmer's Caller School Support: Merle Hall reported there was nothing new to
252 report.

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254 **New Business:**

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256 Merle Hall reported there is a group in Warrensburg that has already had lessons that
257 he is going to get in touch with about the new grant program and getting a youth club
258 started there.

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260 Merle shared some ideas about the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame criteria: doesn't think a
261 caller or cuer needs to be calling for a minimum of 20 years to be recognized (feels 20
262 years is a long time); should not be limited to just a one time recognition; could have
263 more than 1 award a year (leave it up to the committee to decide if there is more than 1
264 year); might state a person cannot be recognized in two consecutive years. Could we
265 have a "new caller or cuer of the year" award? Maybe have an award on the district
266 level and the district recipients then move up to the state level.

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268 On the 4-H program, it is established they can take square dancing to the state fair as
269 either a fashion, a dance, a caller or undetermined. We also need to specify if they
270 receive a blue ribbon, red, white, or whatever. The California group already has an
271 established program with requirements we could model from on how to judge dancing,
272 calling, and fashion. Thinks it would be good to have these folks be present at the State
273 Fair Day of Dance.

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275 President Shafer shared information about the MOSHAPE Conference for PE teachers
276 coming up November 14 from 2:00 to 2:50 at the Lodge of the 4 Seasons. This is to
277 teach PE teachers across the state of Missouri how to teach square dancing in their
278 curriculum. Attendees will receive handouts, pamphlets, printed information they can
279 use.

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281 Carol Hershey made a motion to reimburse Connie Graham and/or Merle Hall for the
282 cost of the materials needed for the workshop. The money is to come from the Youth
283 Ad Hoc budget. Motion was seconded and passed.

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285 Art Kruse made a motion that the reimbursement should not exceed \$200 from the
286 Youth Ad Hoc budget item. Motion was seconded and passed.

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288 Shirley Wimans spoke on behalf of the Promotions Committee about the use of yard
289 signs and shared some ideas of what could be on the signs, etc. She asked if folks
290 would be interested in using these if they are available. The committee will continue
291 working on ideas and cost and come back with an update for the January meeting.

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293 Rosa reminded everyone club dues need to be to her by November 1.

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295 Rosa also shared that payment of our USDA dues of \$100 is coming up. In addition to
296 the dues, we have the option of giving money towards the Youth Scholarship Fund,
297 Youth Grant Fund, and the Handicappable Fund.

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299 Merle Hall made a motion to donate \$100.00 to each of these funds. Motion was
300 seconded and passed.

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302 Edythe stated a deadline needs to be set for the submission of club information to be
303 eligible to receive the insurance rebate. Robert Turner made a motion that clubs
304 submitting their information by the deadline receive a \$50.00 rebate. Motion seconded
305 and passed.

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307 Edythe Weber made a motion that insurance information needed to be submitted to her
308 by December 15 to be eligible to receive the rebate. Motion seconded and passed.

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310 Shirley Turner shared the e-mail address of where to send condolences for the family of
311 Dixie Cook: www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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314 The next state board meeting will be TBA in St. Louis, Missouri. St. Louis District will
315 host the meeting.

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317 A motion was made by James Shaw to adjourn, was seconded, and carried.

318 Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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321 Respectfully submitted,

322 Liz Rooks

323 Secretary

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