

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
DIPLOMAT, HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA
MAY 28, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Veters at 10:00 A. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. One correction was made that being Spree instead of Free for the Slogan for the West Coast.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The 1972 Convention Report was given by Boots Oglesby. Advance tickets were sold to 1,753 dancers and the total to the day of May 28 is 1,959. \$.00 was refunded for the fashion show which was cancelled. The expenses are \$ and the net is \$. The final report is to be given at Knothead in September. He apologized for not having room for spectators. Ribbons must be worn at all times, no switching off ribbons to a friend. He cautioned that this was being done. Dancers not wearing ribbons will have to pay again. Boots poled the idea of who wanted a dance by the pool side Saturday night at midnight. All agreed they would like this. An explanation for the mix up for reservations at the Diplomat was given. Due to seven planes being late people refused to vacate rooms. Chairman Veters commented that this was the hotel's problem. Praise was given to Bow and Swing since they supplied 5000 copies with the program of the Convention inside.

The 1973 Convention Report was given by Ron Valkenburg. He said that Saturday night they would have a table where anyone could register. Ribbons were red for the entire Convention. He had a few flyers that he wanted picked up by each Association to take back to their clubs in each Area for bulletin board notices. More would be available at Knothead. Dates will be May 25, 26, and 27 at the Convention Hall in Tampa. The Curtis Hixon was plenty big to accommodate all dancers. The Mangor Motor Inn Headquarters, Trails End Dance was scheduled for Friday May 25th. They also had rooms available at the Holiday Inn, one block from the Center. There was room for the After Parties in the Ballroom. A free Fashion Show was scheduled with Square Dancer Models available for the show. Shops in the area would furnish the apparel. A special area will be set aside for spectators in bleacher type seats in a different area from the dancers. The air-conditioning is adequate and the sound was great. There shouldn't be any problems and there would be people on the doors to separate spectators from dancers for security reasons. There is trailer facility in the parking area under the Convention Civic Center, but they would have to be completely self contained. After May 1st, 1973 - \$3.00 per person. Single dancers - \$2.00. Only full registration could attend the Trails End dance. He questioned the idea of anyone having a busload of dancers attending just one dance. He said this information should definitely be settled because this was most important to be able to give information on how much to charge for the Dance and Bus Trip inclusive. Pre-registration would be necessary for this.

1974 Convention—We are trying to get rates for the new Howard Johnsons on Hughy and Colonial Drive. Jack and Pat Tucker are the Convention Chairman and Lu and Peg Winters are Co-Chairman. The hall has been secured and it is Exposition Halla and Auditorium. The Bridge Room will be for Round Dance and the Roque and Chess Clubs will be for teenagers.

There was no report on the 1975 Convention.

The Constitution and By-Laws Revision Report was given by Morris Sogolow. He apologized for not being able to meet with the committee which consisted of Association presidents. He recommended that the minutes and treasurer's reports of past years before 1964 be eliminated from the current files. He said he would re-design the Convention procedures. He asked permission to work with the available committee, get the various association's approval, and then bring this back to the Federation. The Chairman gave permission for him to proceed. Chairman Chet Veters reminded all Associations that their dues were due by the 1st of July. He encouraged all Associations to promote Square Dancing during Square Dance Week, set aside by Sets and Order, September 18th through the 24th. He felt that this was a wonderful opportunity to promote classes and publicize Square Dancing. The Federation will write

a letter to the Governor asking him to proclaim this Square Dance Week. Each Association could remind clubs to put on Exhibitions, etc. Ron Valkenburg brought up the subject that the advance of \$300.00 was not enough for Convention obligations--ribbons, advertisement, hall rentals, etc. Morris Sogalow made a motion that the Federation be billed for the facility binder and Walter Stoltz seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The Bow and Swing Report was given by Jack Pierson.

1. He said the Where to Dance section is in five Welcome Stations and the amount is 22,000. The correction should be made before July.
2. He couldn't advance any more Where to Dance sections unless someone paid for the folders. He suggested the Chamber of Commerce be contacted.
3. He said that the Homestead Air Trailers wanted 6000 of them but could not get involved. The Association could give the information.
4. For two years he had been able to support the Welcome Station but he did not and had not used any of the callers treasury. He felt that he wanted the magazine to be self supported.
5. The change in Bow and Swing magazine could be made any time to keep the information accurate.
6. A proposal to the West Coast that he could print Registration forms, Programs, Letterheads, Envelopes at an unlimited number. was made. They could do their advertising in Bow and Swing like South East does all for \$400.00.
7. He suggested that for the future the Convention Program be set up as early as possible. It could be blown up like the Knotheads do so that you could have the largest pre-registration ever.

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The South East report was given by Boots Ogelsby. The officers of the South East had worked on the Convention. They didn't take any bus trips. He also reported that they were having to pay for the halls for meeting and clinics. They have plans to work on bus trips in the future and they might have to raise the dues.

The West Coast report was given by Ron Valkenburg. He reported that they had the 2nd Jamboree in Clearwater and it was a very successful dance. He said that the clubs were doing fine reporting to the Association.

The Central report was given by Jack Tucker. He reported that the membership is increasing and there is harmony with all the clubs. Four successful dances have been in this area with one coming up with Jack Lasry on July 29th in Orlando.

The North East report was given by Lu Connely. He reported that they had a unique situation with classes supported by the Association and all clubs participating. They have advertising by radio, papers, etc. and they are screening class members by address. The Application is sent to the Post Office Box number. They have classes in different areas two nights per week giving the same lessons so that the students can go any time that is convenient. Bruce Young reported that the North East didn't want any part of the Association Banner or Badges because they had their own Banner. The Clubs wanted their own identity but they supported the federation whole heartedly.

Virgil Green announced that the callers were going to sponsor Jack Lasry to the Caller Laboratory in California. The purpose of this is so that in return the State could have a school for new callers and others could better themselves. This is to replace the Callers Clinic. He would be prepared to conduct the type of schooling the callers need. This will be a good investment for new prospective callers. Frank Cornwall made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and Chuck Mayo seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pee Wee and Mary Stewart