

THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Hyland at 10:05 A.M. at Ben White Raceway, Orlando, Florida. The invocation was given by Jack Tucker. Roll call by Len Levitt and all areas were represented and all but four (4) permanent delegates were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary, Len Levitt, and one correction of name was made.

Treasurer's report was given by Jim Whiteman. Balance brought forward from Oct. 22 1972, \$ ; disbursements \$ ; bank balance \$ . With the net assets we have \$ and \$ advance to West Coast gives a total of \$ .

Warren asked if anyone there could give a report on the National Convention. As no one could, he went on to say that he had gotten a letter from the National Committee asking if we would like to participate in the "Show Case of Ideas". Warren asked Chet Vetter to represent us and to send the card back. He also asked that it be put into the minutes that each and every club send pictures or anything interesting for this to Chet and he could add them to our display in "Showcase of Ideas".

Art Springer, President of the Callers Association was introduced. and welcomed.

Area and convention reports were asked for:

WEST COAST - Convention Report for 73 by Ron Van Valkenberg. Curtis Hixon hall is ready; air-conditioning and sound very good, parking underneath (no elevators), hotels are within a block, some camping on parking lot at North end, campgrounds within 10 minutes. Has registration forms in all area magazines, floor space is settled for concessions and will be contacting vendors and give them rates & layout of building. Still have some key badges left. Will use the Gasperilla Room for the round dance facilities. On Trails End dance has the Gasperilla Room tentatively and will have ballroom at the Manger Hotel. Spectators will be seated at one end and separate from dancers. It will be free and probably will be able to handle about 1000. Curtis Hixon will dance about 400 squares. Gasperilla & Manager dance about 55 squares. Registration Chairman, Ida Palmaster, asked for a hand count of how many people there did not have their ribbons and asked that we please wear out ribbons to all dances we attend so that we can advertise for them. Has 314 single registrations and sent out 15 callers ribbons (7½ couples). (Blue ribbons for callers).

Area Report by Ben Hamilton. Holding renewal dances so far in four parts of their area ; Lakeland, Ft. Myers, Sebring and Tampa and are dancing up to 25 squares. July Jamboree will be held in Clearwater. Have been asking for new ideas from West Coast dancers and have gotten some good ones.

SOUTHEAST - Convention Report "nothing yet for 76, still resting from 72".

Area Report by John Zell who apologized for being unprepared. Financially in good shape. Visiting program going along fine and our aim is to visit all the clubs in our area and schedule is set up by Vice Presidents, the Sheltons. Boots & George came up with idea of a Mercury Badge. In order to get one, must visit 20 clubs in our area and have an officer or someone from that club sign that you were there. If we can accomplish this in 6 months, get gold wings. So far 10 people have earned them. Have a bus trip planned to Key West March 31st, so far have 3 buses full.



John also reported that membership was over 500. Also, that we were pushing the State Convention and had purchased 150 of the keys, and has even sold his own key.

NORTHEAST - Convention report for 75 given by Herman Iboch as he was elected Chairman for the convention at the last N.E. Assn. meeting. Going to use same method as will be using for the Fall Round-up, as far as hotel accommodations and hopes to get two halls to accommodate square dancing; also plan on having shuttle bus from the hotels and motels to dance area. No slogan yet.

On area report, six large classes have been started and more to start in February, will run 30 weeks. From past experience it seems that longer classes are needed to bring dancers to club level dancing. Their New Year's Eve dances well attended. Are also visiting other clubs.

CENTRAL - Convention report for 74 by Chairman, Jack Tucker - slogan "More in 74". Using Howard Johnson's as headquarters & all 180 rooms will be ready.

Area report by John Best that square dancing was getting bigger and better in Central Florida, averaging 27 squares at all association dances. Orlando Squares would like to make Pirates Ball a statewide deal and would like the Presidents of area associations to be Assistant Chief Pirates and hold qualifying dances in their areas, instead of people having to qualify on Friday nights prior to Pirate's Ball. Question was raised as to how you become a pirate and John explained you have to dress as a pirate and dance the required dance so that you can attend the dance at main ballroom on Saturday night. Pee Wee advised that John Donnelly has turned all records over to the Recreation Dept. of Orlando and they can give areas any information we would need. Pirate's Ball this year is in Orlando May 4th and 5th with Danny Robinson & Frank Bedell calling.

BOW & SWING - Warren advised that Jack & Marie Pierson couldn't be at the meeting and asked that we take it back to the clubs to send advertising and news of what is going on to them because it helps make more interest in dancing by getting more people involved. By advertising our clubs, we get one free subscription to Bow & Swing sent to the club. Having a problem with the presidents using this subscription and sometimes cancelling their own. The idea is to have a copy at the club so that visitors can look at it and find out where to dance. Warren also advised that Jack & Marie are very dedicated and that we all should help them. They have also put 34,000 "Where to dance" folders in the welcome stations.

In a letter that Warren Hyland received from Sets & Orders, our state is listed as having 4 associations and two other areas, the Ridge and Panhandle, and comparing this to California's 17 associations, we seem to be holding our own. He also noted that we have 18,000 callers in the United States.

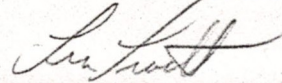
SPECIAL COMMITTEE - Len Levitt read the minutes of the two meetings of the special committee of callers and dancers (copy attached). Art Springer reported that of the callers he has talked to so far that is about 50-50 pro and con on hiring a National Caller for our state conventions. There was a general discussion on this. Art plans on getting a letter out to the callers within the next month, explaining what the special committee is working on. Virgil Green made a motion to compliment this committee & give a vote of confidence & urge them to continue on; 2nd by Chet, motion carried. Morey Sogolow has 30 minutes prime TV time and would like some ideas of what to use on it in connection with our West Coast Spree of 73, any Sunday night prior to the convention at 10:30. Hopes to get Art Springer involved in it. George Oglesby advised that the National Convention Committee has a movie about 10 minutes long, which was made from proceeds from Louisville convention. George was to find out the contact for Morey on obtaining this film.



NEW BUSINESS - Morey wanted to discuss pamphlet that Warren had. Came from Sets & Order and is used to get new people interested in square dancing & cost \$25 per thousand. After discussion on this, a motion was made by George Oglesby that the Federation purchase 4,000 of these and give 1,000 to each area association to use as they see fit. Motion seconded by Virgil Green and carried.

A motion was made by Chet Vetter to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Green, and meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Len Levitt, Secretary

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