

THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

May 27, 1973 Manger Hotel Tampa

Meeting called to order by Chairman Warren Hyland at 10:05 AM. His first comment was to thank everyone, delegates and guests for their faithful attendance to the meetings.

Invocation was given by Gordon Carter. We were then told that West Coast President Ben Hamilton was in the hospital recovering from a successful throat operation, and doing well. All of our best wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery. The roll call was taken by Len Levitt with all but 7 in attendance. Minutes were read with one correction, the spelling of Ida Palmanteer, then approved.

Treasurer report by Jim Whiteman with Net Assets of \$.

Caller liaison Chuck Leamon was introduced and Dancer liaison to the callers Chet Vetter was dispatched. Area Reports were called for with West Coast delegate Tom Caviness reporting.

West Coast have had 5 area dances since last report and all were successful even though the workers were spending most of their time working on the Convention.

Ron Van Valkenburg, the 73 Convention Chairman gave a preliminary report and stated that there were 1351 preregistered with a count of 1789 as of Sunday morning, not counting the blue ribbons. The fashion show was very well received with over 300 in attendance. Ron said all of his Committee heads were present and will be willing to help future conventions. He thanked his committee for a job well done and said a full report will be given at Knot-head.

Congratulations were given to the West Coast for an enjoyable convention.

Northeast report was given by Herman Ibach. They are working on a slogan for 75 Convention. The new editors for their paper "The Grapevine" are George and Judy Garland. The Northeast have incorporated for security purposes and it only costs about \$35.00 for legal fees. If anyone else is interested in doing the same they will supply what information they have.

Southeast report was given by John Zell and told of the push for membership which has been very successful with over 200 more members than last year. Also pushing club membership with 3 clubs now 100%. A special club membership badge is given and the Covered Bridge club, Palm Swingers, and Pistols and Petticoats have received theirs. 40 dancers have already earned their Mercury Badges for visiting 20 S.E. area clubs.

S.E. also reported very good co-operation with the callers in the area.

S.E. is pushing all conventions with their eye on their turn again in 76. John Zell also told of a planned boat trip to Nassau in March for members with an invitation to all to join them.

Central progress was reported by Chuck Mayo. Square dance classes are doing well in the area. Pee Wee and Mary Stewart were again elected president of the Central Association.

Lew Winters (for Jack Tucker) reported on Convention plans for "More in 74". Have convention badges for sale now, with information to be mailed out as soon as possible. Floor plans of the Headquarters Hotel (Howard Johnsons) were shown, also an area map. There will be plenty of room for all with the use of the State Fair Grounds. Area outfits were described with a big thank you to the girls for their work.

Bow & Swing report was given by Marie Pierson. Marie thanked everyone for helping and asked us to please don't forget the deadline is the first of every month.

Chairman Hyland reminded all areas that dues were due at the next meeting which is in Clearwater.

Chet Vetter returned from callers meeting and announced the acceptance by the callers of a 1 year trial of the package deal as worked out by the special committee. The vote was 38 to 8 with 1 abstaining. The text of the agreement will be in the next few issues of Bow & Swing. The two Evening callers at the 74 convention will be Bob Yerington of Iowa and Jack Lasry. In-state callers will handle the afternoon dancing and area callers the Trail's End dance. The desire was expressed for the special co-ordinating committee to continue with their work.

Colin Walton came to our meeting and spoke of the coordination that existed in the special committee and the callers' desire to see it continue. He also asked us to give the dancers the total picture of what we are trying to do.

Attached is a copy of the Package Deal.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mori Sogolow and seconded by George Oglesby at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Levitt, Secretary

This document was drawn at a meeting of the Florida Square and Round Dance Coordination Committee on Monday, May 28th, 1973. It is understood that all references to dancing in this document apply both to square and round.

PART "A"

Article 1)

The callers used on the program at future State Conventions would be:

and One out of state national caller
 One Florida national caller

Article 2)

The Florida caller would be a member in good standing of the Florida Callers Association.

Article 3)

The Florida caller used would not become eligible to call another State Convention for a minimum period of the next four conventions.

Article 4)

The Florida Callers Association caller chosen would not be from the same area that hosts the convention, as defined by the boundaries used to define area Dancer Associations.

Article 5)

The State Area Hosting Committee would provide a short list of preferred state callers and preferred out of state callers, a list from which the Coordinating Committee would make a final choice.

Article 6)

The Florida Round Dance Council, at their discretion, will choose a National Round Dance couple, using the same general guidelines as defined in the articles applied to out of state callers.

Article 7)

The Round Dance Leaders and Callers so provided for the State Convention would be used for panels and clinics during the daytime convention program, generally for the benefit of leaders and teachers and callers present at the convention.

Article 8)

The convention registration fee would be raised in order to reflect the additional cost to stage this type of convention.

Article 9)

The National Leaders used for the programing would be required to provide a program in the evenings suitable for 80% of the dancing floor.

PART "B"

This part of the document applies to the third weekend in October, the regular date on which the Callers Annual Seminar takes place.

Article 1)

On the third weekend in October, the area Square Dance Associations would arrange for area dances.

Article 2)

These dances would be called by an out of state caller

Article 3)

All area dance clubs would be encouraged to keep club dancing to an absolute minimum over this weekend, in order to free Florida State Callers to attend the seminar.

Article 4)

All nett profits from these functions would be placed in a special account and be used solely to defray costs of callers who attend the seminars.

Article 5)

F.C.A. callers would be discouraged from calling for Friday and Saturday night dances at this time throughout Florida.