

# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1973

The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was held at the Jack Tar Hotel in Clearwater, Florida on Sunday, September 2, 1973, and called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President, Warren Hyland.

Roll call was taken by Len Levitt, Secretary, with alternates being seated for all delegates absent. Invocation was given by Mori Sogolow.

Treasury Report was given by Jim Whiteman. Balance brought forward as of May 25th was \$ , etc. (Copy attached), final total \$ and was accepted as read. A copy was given to each association president.

There was no liaison from callers' association. Our President sent Charlie Selle in as our liaison and it was reported back that there was no official meeting for callers at this time.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Len Levitt. Addition to be made was to show area of state caller. Len to mail everyone a copy.

Warren acknowledged all of the guests attending the meeting and thanked them for their support.

AREA REPORTS: West Coast Association by Tom Caviness. He reported that Ben Hamilton was doing fine after his operation. They were having the election of the new officers on the 9th of the month and will have a big changeover. They are giving a free dance for West Coast paid-up members, to be held in Lakeland. Also, setting up a dance in October. Things going slow, but a number of clubs are cancelling their dances also; have to get the hall still for the special area dance. Warren asked if that, since Ben had been sick, could West Coast encourage dancers to go along to clinic if they couldn't set up special dance in time. The general feeling was that this should be left up to the WC association instead of state federation ruling on it.

Len Levitt asked that we request the callers not to sell tickets too freely in areas that are trying to conduct a special dance so there would be no conflict.

Mary Van Valkenberg gave the final report on 73 Convention. Thought it went over well and that everyone enjoyed it and again thanked all of her committee. Also reported have already contacted Curtis Hixon for '77 and have Manger Hotel for 200 rooms tentatively booked. Warren again thanked them all for a job well done.

Northeast Report given by Herman Ibach. They had an area dance 5th Saturday, which was very successful and had a number of dancers from all clubs in area (22 clubs). Have 15 min. spot on TV and will have one square and one caller to demonstrate square dancing on the Phyllis Foreaker show. Oct. 6th a dance will be put on by the callers in the area. Oct. 20 have the area dance scheduled in connection with caller's clinic, with caller Rod Blaylock from Albany, Ga. All of clubs have cancelled their dances so callers could go to clinic. Next association meeting Sunday at 2:30 P.M. and nominating committee already appointed and will decide on slate of officers. Herman introduced George & Judy Garland, editors of Grapevine. Also advised that the Fall Round-up ribbons were out and invited all to attend; callers to be Marshall Flippo and Ken Bauer. They've started something new in their area by putting callers and round dance instructors' names on ribbons also. (Date Nov. 9th & 10th)

Herman is also Chairman of '75 Convention - reports they haven't selected slogan yet.

Southeast Report given by President, Buddy Shelton, who advised that September 16th was area callers "double the dancers" kickoff dance at the National Guard Armory. He introduced Ray McElhaney as Chairman of area dance on Oct. 20th in connection with the callers clinic. Ray announced that Singing Sam Mitchell would be the caller and it would be a weekend affair, held at the Deauville Hotel at Miami Beach with check-in Saturday A.M. and late check-out Sunday, had sent programs and registration forms to all the callers in S.E. area - cost \$22.00 per couple which includes room, dance and pool party with complimentary punch and cookies and also complimentary boatripe from hotel. Dance only \$5.00 per couple. Ray showed the ribbons for the area dance.

Buddy reported that our membership renewal dance would be Oct. 28th and that we already had 200 renewals with 3 clubs completely signed up. Are also pushing visitation for the Mercury badge which was introduced by Boots & George Oglesby as an incentive to get dancers to visit other clubs.

Len Levitt, Chairman for '76 Convention gave report - has been negotiating with several hotels and final choice will be made for the one that comes up with best prices and one who can produce amount of wooden floor space needed. So far, Deauville seems to offer a little more and is more centrally located with stores and eating places within walking distance and price within range. Fontainebleau is building a new complex, but it is way out and prices over most square dancers heads. Warren asked about the out-of-state caller and Len advised that names would be submitted to the special committee and they would choose a caller who could keep 80% of the floor moving.

Central Report given by John Bass & their fifth association dance will be held Feb. 3rd, to benefit callers, at City Auditorium in Orlando with Johnny Roth of Nova Scotia calling. Also reported that about 800 Horn of Plenty badges have been sold. They will be dancing every night during National Square Dance week at Colonial East in Orlando. Also, are participating with clinic.

Pee Wee Stewart wanted to know how the other areas were doing with the Horn of Plenty badge sales and asked the presidents get with him after the meeting. He also asked if they had all received a packet from National and if not, to see him on that too. Pee Wee said they were going to offer all dancers without a club caller, for the night of the clinic, tickets to the clinic.

Jack Tucker gave the report for '74 Convention and said in line with their slogan of "More in '74" they have two callers booked (National callers) and the Round Dance Instructors will be the Carters from Ohio. There is much enthusiasm and he called attention to their "Mr. Clean" uniforms that they will put to use if they do not give us a good convention as promised. He also asked that we look at Bow & Swing each month for information of their progress. To encourage new dancers to attend, there will be a hall especially for them so they won't feel lost in the other halls. He also advised that as of July '73, we have to have Identification Number to go with bank account, that this is a new I.R.S. ruling which the bank wrote them about and must go to Internal Revenue Department to get this number and it looks like we'd have to give a financial statement.

Jack further advised they have a 4-minute floor time at Georgia State Convention in September, to push our state convention, and had been invited to Jacksonville to sell

tickets. He also asked if all Presidents of the associations would request registration forms, as it is in Bow & Swing that forms can be obtained from the Presidents of the area associations. If anyone has suggestions they would like to see happen at the convention, drop them a note.

Boots advised Jack that the deadline of 4W's is November 1st for next issue and if he would give us 4 thousand copies, we would put them in the paper. Jack said she would have them in time.

BOW & SWING report was given by Jack Pierson. A new problem has cropped up, paper shortage, and cost going up, so these things may happen in the future; may have to cut large articles, so put important things in the beginning of articles. Asked that clubs that don't advertise, please start doing so and also push more subscriptions. By advertising in B & S, clubs reach 2,020 couples.

Chet Vetter reported on the National and the Showcase of Ideas that we participated in. He reported that Florida's was one of the most popular displays and showed the beautiful placque he received for our participation. He felt we needed more emphasis on flyers of where to dance, what's going on in our areas in square dancing, etc. Jack Pierson advised he would be happy to give 2,000 of his "Welcome Station" listings to take to the next National. Chet also asked that we come up with ideas of how to display these placques. He also showed the 8-Pg. spread on square dancing that was in the Salt Lake Tribune which had some of the best square dance articles (by non-square dancers) that he had ever seen.

Our President asked the liaison from Round Dance Council for a report, which was Mori Sogolow, and he advised that he had congratulated the Council on the good job they'd done on the State Convention. He also advised the group had hired the Carters from Ohio and that they were having a Fall Round-up at DiLido, Oct. 26th and their next dance would be in the Spring.

Warren asked Len Levitt for report on Special Co-ordinating Committee and was advised there was nothing to report as their meeting was not until the following morning.

There was a general discussion as to the merits of changing our Fall meeting in order to release delegates so that they could put on the area dance, as they couldn't be both places at once. It was felt that it couldn't be done at this late date, and that each area should have more than 4 couples capable of doing this job - that they shouldn't have to depend on just the association officers, or delegates, to do everything in the area. We will have to see how this new format goes for this year and then decide on it.

Walter Stokes made a motion that the Federation continue as they did last year to buy tickets for all delegates to Federation (including new delegates) for clinic dance. It was seconded by Frank Cornwall and motion carried. Pee Wee asked for copy of new and old delegates from each area.

Pee Wee asked for report on Al Martin and Al Cody advised that he was receiving radical treatment for a spot on the lung and asked that we all say a prayer for hind and send cards.

NEW BUSINESS - National Square Dance Week - Our President asked the Secretary to send a letter to our State Governor for a Proclamation of National Square Dance Week, showing Florida's participation and to send a copy to each area president and one to Jack Pierson. Birdell Levitt asked if we could order some stationery for the Federation, so it would look a little more official when we wrote letters such as this. Warren asked that she get together with Jack Pierson and design and order some.

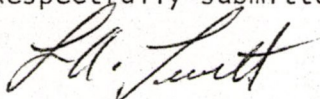
Colin Walton gave a report on the special Co-ordinating Committee and said they would like to keep it going. Mori advised we seemed to have a problem with 4 or 5 big things going at the same time and asked if these things and dates could be cleared through this special committee - felt that this was up to individual areas. Warren requested of Colin that officers of the State Federation receive copies of minutes of the special committee meeting.

Pee Wee brought up the fact that the Disney World affair got so much time at the State Convention to advertise their special dance. After general discussion it was decided that only the committee for the following year's convention should get floor time at the state conventions to advertise the upcoming one.

There was a motion made and seconded for the meeting to adjourn at 11:50 A.M.

P.S. Our President appointed a Nominating Committee for new officers. The committee includes Messrs. Sogolow, Vetter and Oglesby.

Respectfully submitted,



L. A. Levitt, Secretary

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Balance brought forward May 25, 1973 \$1,283.96

TRANSACTIONS

		<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Income</u>
5/25/73	Central Fla. Square Dance Association (advance)	\$	
5/25/73	The Manger Inn (meeting expense)		
5/28/73	Square Dance (brochures)	\$	
5/29/73	West Coast Square & Round Dancers Association (repayment of advance)		\$
7/30/73	Proceeds from 20th Annual State Convention		
7/30/73	Dues - Central Florida Association		\$
	Bank balance - August 31, 1973	\$	

No outstanding checks.

NET ASSETS

Federation in bank	\$
Advance to Central Florida Square Dancers Association	
Proceeds from 20th Annual State Convention	_____
TOTAL	\$ <u>_____</u>

*James O. Whiteman*

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Treasurer

20th ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE SQ. & RD. DANCE CONVENTION

1973 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

REGISTRATION

ADVANCE  
REGULAR AT DOOR  
BOOTH RENTAL  
WEST COAST KEYS  
MANGER. MOTOR. INN  
TOTAL INCOME

EXPENCES

CURTIS HIXON HALL RENTAL  
LIABILITY INSURANCE  
POLICE  
RIBBONS  
WEST COAST KEYS  
ADVERTISING & ADVERTISING MATERIAL  
SIGNS & PAPER SUPPLIES  
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE EXPENCE  
TREASURE EXPENCE  
SOUND EQUIPMENT & SET UP  
HOUSINGCOMMITTEE EXPENCE  
TOTAL EXPENCE

TOTAT INCOME  
TOTAL EXPENCE  
NET PROFIT

Respectfully Yours.  
Larry Wright  
Treasurer