



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The meeting was held at the Sheraton Parkway Inn on October 21, 1973 and was called to order by Chairman, Warren Hyland, at 10:07 A.M.

The invocation was given by Mori Sogolow and Chairman Hyland gave a short eulogy on Al Martin and we had a moment of silent prayer.

Roll call was taken by Secretary, Len Levitt, and alternate delegates were seated as follows: Southeast - Birdell Levitt and Nita Shelton; Northeast - George Ephrem. All delegates were present from West Coast and Central. Len called out names of the new delegates and they were asked to stand and be recognized.

Treasurer's report was given by Jim Whiteman. As of Sept. 2, 1973 balance was \$4,042.46. After transactions, balance as of 9/30/73 was \$ . The report was accepted as read and copies given to all delegates. Jim advised the presidents of all area associations that dues should be paid before the election of officers.

Chairman Hyland advised there would be no liaisons to either meeting because of election of officers. Visitors were acknowledged and Warren asked that the delegates bring any interested square dancers to our meetings.

Minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Levitt. Our Chairman asked that future secretaries try to get the names and titles of people together correctly (for instance, our head of the Association is titled "Chairman" and not "President"). Otherwise, the minutes were accepted as read.

WEST COAST area report was given by Tom Caviness who advised they held a free dance September 29th at Lakeland and had 30 squares. This was free to members but they had so many non-members attend that they paid for all expenses. Their area dance held the 20th in connection with Caller's Clinic was successful with 21 squares and Caller, Don Whitaker of Tulsa, did a good job. A few clubs had booked ahead and couldn't cancel. Their 2nd Annual Teen Dance is set for Nov. 3rd. Also, setting up renewal dance with proceeds to go towards keeping the West Coast Dance Magazine going. There was no convention report from West Coast.

NORTHEAST report given by Herman Ibach who introduced George & Jean Ephrem, the new Presidents for Northeast. Herman advised we could get ribbons from Virgil Green for the Fall Round-up. Rod Blaylock called for the area dance and should have been successful. - will report later on this. He reported they are proud of the great job the Garlands are doing with the Grapevine. The committee is meeting for the coming square dance center & should be able to give some special information on it next time. Their last 5th Saturday dance was successful, as was their appearance on TV for National Square Dance Week.

SOUTHEAST report was given by Buddy Shelton who advised they had been busy with the area dance at Deauville Hotel and that callers and clubs were very cooperative in cancelling their dances, and had a good turnout for it and will give full report at next meeting. Membership Renewal Dance will be held Oct. 28 at Trails End in Hollywood. On Nov. 18 the S.E. Callers Assn. and S.E. Dancers Assn. are holding an appreciation dance for Jay Fenimore, who is the caller for our clinics and meetings the second Sunday of each month, and is in need of special and expensive treatments. They have been pushing "More in 74" and also "Do Sa Do by the Alamo" with quite a few southeast dancers already registered for both.



CENTRAL reported they had 100% participation in Caller's Clinic. For National Square Dance Week they put on exhibition every night at the Fashion Square Mall and from this they acquired several people for new square dance classes. Have 30 square dance classes going now. At last association dance in Sanford, with Art Springer calling, they had 27 squares. Since last meeting at Clearwater they have gone from 800 to 1300 Horn of Plenty badges sold

Jack Tucker reported on the Convention and advised registration forms had been sent to all association presidents. Anyone needing some can contact them. He asked that dancers please wear their badges at all times and to get the ribbons to go with them, as they need more advance registration. He showed banner advertising the convention and would like to get them posted in the main square dance halls in each area. Asked that anyone wanting to take some back to their area see him after the meeting. Jack also advised he needed the list of new delegates so he could give them their ribbons that day.

Pee Wee Stewart advised that someone had beat us to the punch in writing to the Governor of Florida to ask for a proclamation for National Square Dance Week and that he had received an unsigned copy. He requested that the new secretaries automatically write at least three months in advance, so that we could get the original and have it in time.

Chairman Hyland thanked Pee Wee and his group for making the weekend a pleasant one for all.

BOW & SWING report given by Jack Pierson, who called attention to Warren's article in Bow & Swing about increasing costs of material. Warren told Jack that he should go on with the good work and even increase price of magazine, if necessary to carry on, as Bow & Swing certainly reflects good coverage.

Chairman Hyland advised that he had asked Mori Sogolow to be our Ambassador to the 2nd Georgia State Convention and asked for a report on this. Mori reported their convention was like ours were about 10 years ago, but they do things differently; that is, no breaks, dance continuously from 9 AM til midnight and have a 2-hr. square dance afterparty. Crowd was young and they had three rooms of cloggers from 9 years up. Chet Vetter also attended and added that no cloggers were on floor with regular dancers; also, had 4 & r circles of kids (3 to 80) learning how to clog. He suggested maybe we could do something like this. They are very interested in learning anything they can about putting on a state convention and were very appreciative of our dancers who attended. After discussion on inviting some of them to attend our state convention, Chet made the following motion - "that Florida Federation of Square Dancers invite, by sending ribbons to our next convention, the Board of Directors to Georgia Square & Round Dance Federation". The motion was seconded by Walter Stokes and was carried. It was suggested that we follow up and see how many that were sent ribbons attend the convention.

Chairman Hyland requested that any member of our group that were going to any dances to make ourselves known as representatives of their area, as a member of Florida Federation of Square Dancers, and to wear our badges and try to answer any questions about the Federation. He also showed a sample of the new letterhead and envelopes that Jack Pierson made up and advised that all four officers were given a supply to use. There was more discussion on the Bow & Swing and we were asked to give our full support to Jack as he is doing such a good job on it.

Warren advised that our Coordinating Committee consists of four representatives from each association of dancers, callers and round dancers, for the four different areas, and the representatives will be replaced when necessary at the discretion of each group, but four representative from each group will be maintained at all times. He asked Len Levitt for a report on this committee.

Len advised that they were presented with the problem of rules in "Banner stealing", so the committee came up with guidelines for same, but do not actually have the power to



to enforce anything - it is just the way the committee thinks Banner Stealing should be done. He advised that if there are any problems between the three groups, to give them to the committee and they would try to work them out. For instance, we got the new format as we wanted it for the state convention and the callers wanted the dancers to hold the area dances in connection with the clinic and we went along with that. Len then read the minutes of their last meeting. They were asked to coordinate dates so that no two large functions going on at one time, but they feel this is a local association problem to keep a calendar. They feel their method of rotating members is a good one. As for Chairman, it is up to the committee to pick one. It is a joint effort of everyone involved, not a one-man show and that is why it is working so well. They are discussing matters, exchanging ideas and agreeing on matters as a body. He then advised they are dropping Jim Whiteman this time and picking up Herman Ibach from Northeast area.

Pee Wee advised they were still holding a dance in February, in connection with the Callers Clinic, even though they were exempted from doing so and that John Roth would call.

Colin Walton spoke for a moment and advised that if we had any problems, to present them to the Coordinating Committee and they will be happy to discuss them.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Chet Vetter gave the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee as follows:

Chairman	-	Pee Wee Stewart
Vice Chairman	-	Len Levitt
Secretary	-	Jim Whiteman
Treasurer	-	Ron Van Valkenburg

Chairman Hyland asked for nominations from floor and there were none. Virgil Green moved the slate of officers be accepted and ballot cast. This was done and the above were unanimously voted into office. Warren appointed Virgil Green, Walter Stokes and Chet Vetter as the Auditing Committee. He then seated Ron as Treasurer and the others moved up. Pee Wee then recognized Warren & Helen Hyland for the fine job they've done the past year and Ron & Mary Van Valkenburg were congratulated on their appointment.

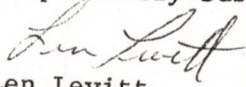
Chairman Stewart showed a convention magazine and advised we were listed for our 74' Convention. Virgil advised he sent the information in and we would be getting this once a month, at no cost. It will be sent to our current chairman each year.

Our mid-winter meeting will be held Sunday, February 3rd, 1974 at 10 A.M. at Ben White Raceway.

Johnny Walters came in and advised Pee Wee they want to have Caller's Clinic next year at Tupperware again and want Central Association to make all the arrangements. Want to try to get the motel next door for better accommodations. It will be the third weekend in October and the same setup, with area dances being held.

Chet Vetter made motion that meeting be adjourned and it was seconded and adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Len Levitt,  
Outgoing Secretary



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Balance brought forward September 2, 1973

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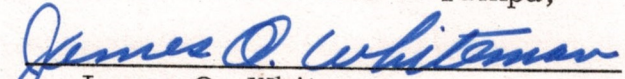
TRANSACTIONS

	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Income</u>
Ken Cuore (sound - State Convention)	\$	
Fort Harrison Hotel (Meeting expense)		
*Round Dance Council of Florida		
*Florida Callers Association		
*West Coast Square & Rd. Dance Assoc.		
Dues: Northeast Association		\$
Central Association		
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Total	\$	\$
Bank balance --- September 30, 1973		\$
Outstanding check		
Deposit made October 10, 1973 (Dues: Southeast Association)		_____
Actual bank balance October 21, 1973		\$

NET ASSETS:

Federation bank account	\$
Advance to Central Florida Square Dancers Association	_____
Total Assets	\$

\*Division of profits from 20th Annual State Convention held in Tampa, May 1973.

  
James O. Whiteman  
Treasurer