



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The winter meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:05 a.m., February 3, 1974, at the Ben White Recreation Center, Orlando, Florida.

Chairman Pee Wee Stewart thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Following roll call, the minutes of the October 21, 1973 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer Ron Van Valkenburg gave the following report:

Balance, October 21, 1973		\$
Disbursements	\$	
Dues		
Balance January 31, 1974	_____	\$

Letter was read from the Showcase of Ideas asking for our participation at the National Convention in San Antonio in June 1974. The letter was given to Mori Sogolow. Mori asked that information from each area be given to him at the State Convention in May.

A note was read from the Al Martin family for the flowers sent to his services.

Bill and Betty Beatty were welcomed to the meeting along with Joe and Ann Mieszalski of the Southeast area.

Bill Beatty announced there will be two halls for round dancers at the State Convention.

Bow and Swing editor, Jack Pierson, asked that special dances be advertised in the magazine as well as ideas on styling for both round and square dancers. Jack suggested that the State Convention Committee advertise in each of the area publications, in addition to Bow and Swing. To a question from the chair about updating the list of callers, the treasurer of Florida Callers Association provides this list and it is neither altered nor changed by the editor of Bow and Swing.

Mori Sogolow suggested that a historian be appointed to put an article in each of the area publications explaining the function of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. Pee Wee will appoint one of the former chairmen at a later date.

Judy and George Garland of the Grapevine were introduced and congratulated on their fine publication.

Boots and George Oglesby, editors of the 4-Ws, reported that they print 4,000 copies of the issues 4 times a year.

Susie Petrauskas, along with John, edits the West Coast Magazine. They distribute approximately 2,000 to 2,200 copies each month, free of charge, from Fort Myers to north of Tarpon Springs and east to Lakeland.

NORTHEAST report was given by Herman Ibach. The area dance for the benefit of the callers' clinic on October 20, 1973, was a break-even situation. Fall Roundup in Jacksonville during November had 100 squares. A Fifth Friday dance for the raising of funds for an area square dance building netted \$250. Herman announced that Don and Bee Smith are program chairmen for the 1975 State Convention in Jacksonville. The national caller will be Jerry Haag and the State caller will be Johnny Walter. The slogan will be "Dip and Dive in '75." The city auditorium has been reserved and the Robert Meyer Hotel will be headquarters. Fall Roundup next November will feature Ken Bower and Dick Jones with Charlie and Bettye Proctor on rounds.

CENTRAL report was given by John Best. The last Association dance was December 29 in Eustis with 26 squares. Next Association dance will be March 30 at the Eau Gallie Civic Center. The area dance for benefit the callers' clinic will be held this afternoon at the municipal auditorium with Johnny Roth calling. Callers lab and officers seminar are being held by Central.

Jack Tucker, Chairman of the '74 State Convention, asked that everyone register as soon as possible for the convention and by all means wear your ribbon. He has a firm commitment on trailer spaces for Friday to Monday for a package deal of \$7.50 plus tax. More penants to be placed in your dance halls are available. 251 people are paid and 110 rooms taken at Howard Johnsons.

Pee Wee and Mary will send articles to Bow and Swing as Chairmen of the Florida Federation.

SOUTHEAST report was given by Buddy Shelton. They have been busy with a successful area dance with 40 squares sanctioning the callers' Double the Dancers Dance, and the Jay Fennimore Appreciation Dance. The renewal dance held in October was a success with 163 new members, 372 renewals, 34 caller honorary members, totaling over 600 membership. They are pushing for 800 memberships this year. Clinics are held every 2nd Sunday of the month and are being spread throughout the area to reach all of the members. A cruise is planned for March. They are working with the City of North Miami promoting square and round dancing once a month with TV and news coverage. Buddy read the New Years Resolutions which were published in Bow and Swing.

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The committee has been formed for the 1976 State Convention and the dance site chosen. However, as a courtesy to the '74 convention, Southeast will announce the '76 slogan and plans at a later date.

WEST COAST report was given by Susie Petrauskas. Renewal dances are going well. An Association dance is scheduled for February 6 at the St. Petersburg College campus in Clearwater. Seven dances have been scheduled which are free to the paid up '74 Association members. The next dance for the callers' clinic has been scheduled.

Special Committee: Following Pee Wee's request for the minutes of the last meeting, Len Levitt reported that these have not been mailed out by the caller who took them. The committee feels gratified that Jacksonville has accepted its suggestion on the callers for the '75 convention. Chet Vetter thought that publicity should be given to the purposes of the Special Committee so that dancers and callers might be more fully aware of its function. It was suggested that the minutes of the Special Committee meetings be sent to the State Chairman and to all of the area presidents.

Jim Whiteman requested that one page in Bow and Swing be set aside for explanation of the function of the Federation and your areas pertaining to the workings and plans for square dancing in the State.

Secretary Jim Whiteman asked that new delegates and other interested persons pick up a copy of the by-laws from him.

The next callers' clinic will be the third weekend in October 1974.

Pee Wee asked the Coordinating Committee to consider making a new area out of the Fort Pierce - Vero Beach region because of the distance covered by the Central Association - something similar to the Ridge area.

Chet Vetter explained the purpose of the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention. It is a popular source for promotion of the State as well as square dancing. There are historians' books, roll-type film, flyers, copies of publications, educational material, clickers, wooden nickels, balloons with printing on them, and coconuts. Chambers of Commerce can be helpful. Mori will pick up your material during the State Convention.

Chet Vetter announced the ribbons have been sent to the Board of Directors of Georgia Square & Round Dance Federation for our '74 State Convention.

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The next meeting of the Federation will be held on Sunday, May 26, 1974, 10 a.m., Orlando, Florida. Len Levitt suggested that everyone invite another person to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Whiteman

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Secretary