

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
May 26, 1974

The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:00 a.m., May 26, 1974, by Chairman Pee Wee Stewart at the Howard Johnson Motel, Orlando, Florida.

The invocation was given by Herman Ibach.

Following the roll call, Treasurer Ron Van Valkenburg gave the following report:

Bank balance January 31, 1974	\$
Disbursements	
Income	
Bank balance April 30, 1974	\$
Outstanding check	
Actual balance May 26, 1974	\$

Minutes of the February 3, 1974 meeting were approved as read.

Application for consumer certificate of exemption was given to Secretary Jim Whiteman for filing with the State of Florida Department of Revenue. A copy of the completed application is to be sent to Chairman Pee Wee Stewart and to each Association President.

A letter dated May 17, 1974, was read from Kay Mack, Secretary of Florida Knotheads, Inc. A copy of the letter is attached and made a part of these minutes for the information of all delegates.

Vern Johnson represented the Florida Callers Association at our meeting.

Special guests at the meeting were representatives of the Board of Directors of Georgia Square and Round Dance Federation. Virginia McDonald invited all the Florida dancers to the 3rd Georgia State Convention to be held in Macon, September 20-21. Ribbons will be sent to officers and delegates of the Florida Federation.

Jack Tucker, Chairman of the 1974 Orlando Convention Committee introduced the remainder of the Convention Committee. They were all thanked for the marvelous planning that went into making the 21st State Convention a huge success.

The unofficial attendance is 3016. The profit from the convention will be in the neighborhood of \$3000. Nearly 300 trailers are in the parks reserved for convention goers. Jack Tucker stated we are not paying the 4 per cent State sales tax because the convention forms say "registration fee." If it is a dues, you do not pay State sales tax, but if it is considered an admission charge to a dance, you do have to pay the sales tax.

Pee Wee thanked Judy and George Garland, Boots and George Oglesby, and Susie and John Petraukas for their excellent jobs in publishing area papers and special thanks to Jack and Marie Pierson, editors of Bow and Swing.

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION REPORT - TOM CAVINESS

Four area dances have been held recently with good attendance at all of them. Approximately \$350 was cleared to support the West Coast Magazine at a dance in Sarasota.

Pee Wee stated that an additional \$102.22 is due the West Coast Association from the 1973 convention.

CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION - HELEN DAVIDSON

The Pirates Ball held May 1 was well attended. The quarterly meeting will be held in Eustis on June 29 for election of officers and to dance to Danny Robinson. The special dance for the benefit of the Callers' Clinic was held February 3 with Johnny Roth calling. The profit was \$49. A clinic for new officers of the clubs in the Central Association will be held in October.

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION - BUDDY SHELTON

Southeast has been busy building good relationship between clubs and callers. They had a successful cruise last March and are looking forward to another one next March. Southeast now has over 700 members in its Association due primarily to the hard work of membership chairmen, Joe and Ann Mieszalski. Plans are underway for the second area dance for benefit of the Callers' Clinic. "Flying Bobby Hollis" of Macon, Ga. will call and Bob & Dot Kunde will cue the rounds. A check in the amount of \$147.84 was presented to the Treasurer for the proceeds from the first area dance during Callers' Clinic weekend.

Len Levitt reported that the 1976 convention plans are progressing well. The Deauville Hotel will be headquarters. Southeast will work through the coordinating committee on the caller selections. As a courtesy to the '75 convention committee, Southeast will announce their plans at the Jacksonville convention. Pee Wee gave Len a brochure on a new hotel in Fort Lauderdale which Len may wish to contact as a possible site.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION - GEORGE EPHREM

Vice President of Northeast, Joe and Betty Smith, have been replaced by Jim and Helen Panipanto. Senior citizens 65 years or older will attend all Northeast Association dances, except Fall Roundup, free of charge. The next Association dance will be called by Johnny Creel on June 30. The Association has been contacted by the American Bi-Centennial Commission to put on an exhibition and a special dance on July 5. More elaborate plans are being planned for celebrations in July '75 and '76.

George Wray of Atlanta will call the next area dance for benefit of the Callers' Clinic. Fall Roundup will be held in Jacksonville, November 20-21 with Ken Bower and Dick Jones calling and Charlie and Bettye Proctor on rounds.

Northeast will have TV coverage during National Square Dance Week.

'75 CONVENTION REPORT - HERMAN IBACH

Herman introduced the convention committee. The slogan for the May 23-25, 1975 convention is "Dip and Dive in '75." Jerry Haag will be the National Caller and Johnny Walter the State Caller. The Rileys from New York will handle rounds. There will be a fashion show and sufficient camping spaces will be available.

Federation delegates should note "Delegate" on their registration forms since they will be sent ribbons without charge.

Jack Pierson stated that he and the Atlanta Cryer are exchanging two $\frac{1}{2}$ -page ads for the respective conventions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE - LEN LEVITT

Len reported that the original understanding for the dance during the Callers' Clinic was that a dance would be held in each area and that all profits would be turned over to the Treasurer after any losses had been deducted. The funds would be earmarked for the Callers' Clinic.

A copy of the Minutes of the first meeting of the Coordinating Committee meeting will be sent to each officer and delegate of the Federation.

Because a Federation meeting is held in the Fall during the weekend at the location of the Callers' Clinic, and Association dances for the benefit of the Callers' Clinic are held at the same time, Jack Pierson stated he had heard remarks to the effect it might be well to hold the Fall Federation meeting at another time.

Pee Wee stated that there are four meetings per year:

1. Mid-winter - usually held in Central Florida;
2. May meeting during the State Convention;
3. During Knothead Konvention;
4. At the location and during the weekend of the Callers' Clinic (election of officers).

After much discussion and the making and withdrawal of several motions, the meeting of the Federation at the time and place of the Callers' Clinic will not be changed.

(Note: To provide continuity of the Minutes, and to clarify the proceedings, the following paragraph is being inserted ahead of its order during the meeting. The previous paragraph and the following are related.)

Mori Sogolow felt that since registration at the Knothead Konvention had been restricted to 1300 due to limited space, the time of the September meeting should be changed. Following much discussion, the motion was made by Frank Cornwall that we do not change the time and place of the four meetings of the Federation. Motion seconded by Mary Stewart and unanimously carried. Virgil Green suggested that this body approach the Knothead people to offer any assistance, suggestions, or anything we can do to have Knothead move where there will be adequate facilities. Mori proposed that we go with the Federation meeting during Knothead this September but that we work on something else for next year if registration is again limited. Susie Petraukas asked that the Knothead Committee be notified of the feeling of the Federation.

BOW AND SWING - JACK PIERSON

At the request of the delegates, all Associations will receive 100 copies of ad prices. Jack suggested that the Convention Committee advertise in all area magazines to the tune of approximately \$125 to carry an ad in every issue from now until convention time on the '75 convention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

September 16-22 will be National Square Dance Week. The Federation will order flyers to promote square dancing. Secretary Jim Whiteman has written Governor Reuben Askew to proclaim the above dates as National Square Dance Week in Florida.

Mori Sogolow is taking a truckload of material to the National Convention in San Antonio in June for the Show Case of Ideas.

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

Association dues to the Federation are payable.

NEW BUSINESS


Pee Wee appointed the following committee to work with the Coordinating Committee to review and change the convention rules: Al Cody, Frank Cornwall, Virgil Green, and Chet Vetter

Pee Wee stated that several years ago an attempt was made to have the Chairman of the Association from the area in which the State Convention is held. Following discussion, motion was made by Mori Sogolow and seconded by George Oglesby that the line of officers remain without change. The motion was unanimously carried.

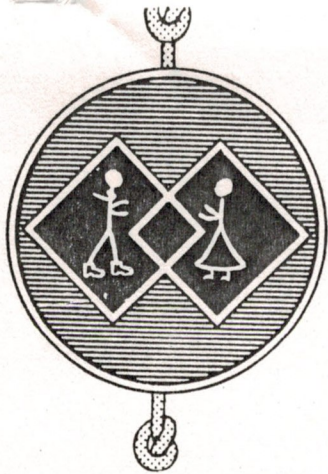
George Oglesby brought back the report from the callers' meeting that the present convention format will continue for one year and one year only. If Jacksonville can do as well as Orlando, they will reconsider. If the convention is not a success in Jacksonville, we will go back to the old format.

The next meeting of the Federation will be held in Clearwater at the Fort Harrison Hotel during the Knothead Konvention.

Respectfully submitted,

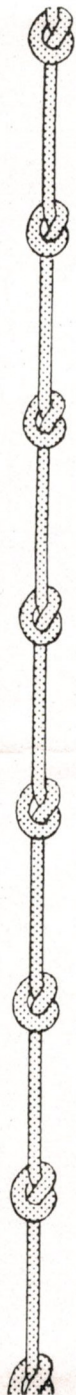


Jim Whiteman
Secretary



DIRECTORS

HELEN GALLOWAY
KAY & ED MACK
PAT McCLUMPHA



Florida Knotheads Inc.

May 17th, 1974.

Florida Federation of Square Dancers
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Orlando, Florida 32808

Dear PeeWee and Mary;

Thank you for your offer of help and YES there is something we are going to ask of you and the Federation.

Hope you can find the time during your meeting at the State Convention to bring to your membership, this appeal from the FLORIDA KNOTHEADS INC.

Because of limited space for our 18th konvention we need the help of all organizations to bring this announcement to your dancing groups.

1. There will be NO PROVISIONS for new applicants for knothead membership at the TRAIL DANCE as we have had in the past years. SPACE is a BIG factor this year.
2. REGISTRATIONS BY MAIL ONLY and we are limited to 1300 - NO REGISTRATIONS AFTER AUGUST 23, 1974.
3. As soon as 1300 registrations are in, the 18th ANNUAL FLORIDA KNOTHEAD KONVENTION will close for registraions.

BOW and SWING and your local square and Round Dance media will carry progress reports, number of registrations, and when we have reached a FULL HOUSE CAPACITY.

ALSO: can you carry this through your 'minutes of the meeting' so that if a member officer is not present at this meeting, it will reach him through the report.

We have reserved a meeting room at the Knothead konvention for your federation meeting, as usual.

We'll appreciate ANY help you can give us.

Sincerely, *Kay Mack*

Kay Mack, sec.