

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
September 1, 1974

The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:05 a.m., September 1, 1974, by Chairman Pee Wee Stewart at the Fort Harrison Hotel, Clearwater, Florida, during the Knothead Konvention.

The invocation was given by Virgil Green.

During the roll call, it was announced that Bill Register replaces Ralph Davidson as alternate for the Central Association.

Since the Minutes of the May 26, 1974, meeting had been distributed to all officers and delegates, motion was made by Chet Vetter, seconded by Virgil Green, that they not be read. The motion was unanimously carried and the minutes were approved without correction or addition.

Special guests stood and were introduced.

Treasurer Ron Van Valkenburg gave the following report:

Bank balance May 26, 1974	\$
Disbursements	
Income	
Bank balance July 30, 1974	\$
Outstanding checks	
Actual balance September 1, 1974	\$

COMMUNICATIONS:

Placed in the file were letters to the Georgia Square and Round Dance Federation, Knothead Konvention Committee, letter from National reporting an attendance of 18,890 registered at National in San Antonio last June.

The proclamation signed by Governor Askew designating the week of September 16-22, 1974, as National Square Dance Week in Florida was on display during the Knothead Konvention.

AREA REPORTS:WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - TOM CAVINESS

The committee has begun work on the 1977 State Convention. Two dances have been held in different parts of the area, West Coast had a Summer Jamboree, will hold a dance during the Callers' Clinic and will have a Winter Jamboree in November.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION - JOHN BEST

Central Association will be dancing at Fashion Plaza during National Square Dance Week with several callers participating. The dance for the Callers' Clinic will be Sunday, January 6, at the City Auditorium with Jim Coppinger calling.

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION - RAY McELHANEY

The following are new officers of the Southeast Association:

President	Ray & Irene McElhaney
Vice President	Jack & Nita Lascola
Secretary	Joe and Ann Mieszalski
Treasurer	John and Onnie Barrett

The annual renewal dance will be October 13 with most of the area callers participating. Caller for the dance to be held October 19 will be "Flying" Bobby Hollis of Macon, Georgia. The cruise to Nassau may not be scheduled next Spring since the dates conflict with Easter weekend.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION - GEORGE EPHREM

Northeast Association will have a half-hour program on Channel 17 during National Square Dance week to exhibit square and round dancing. Fall Roundup will be held in Jacksonville at the Civic Auditorium, November 23-24, 1974, with Ken Bower and Dick Jones calling, and Charlie and Bettye Proctor on rounds. George Wray of Atlanta will call for the area dance during the Callers' Clinic. Election of officers will be September 15.

Herman Ibach of Jacksonville reported that a new club has been formed called Mandarin Athletic Club which is made up of square dancers for the purpose of constructing a 60' x 90' building for square and round dancing. He urged your support. Chairman of the Mandarin Athletic Club is George Garland.

1974 CONVENTION REPORT - JACK TUCKER

Jack Tucker, Chairman of the 1974 State Convention held in Orlando, made the following final report:

Official attendance: 3,021

A cashier's check in the amount of \$3,435.72 was turned over to the Federation.

1975 STATE CONVENTION REPORT - HERMAN IBACH

The Civic Auditorium in Jacksonville will be the scene of the next State Convention. Jerry Haag will^{be} the National Caller and Johnny Walter will be the State Caller. Doris and Leverne Reilly of New York will handle the rounds. Hotel headquarters is the Robert Meyer Hotel. Early registration fee is \$12.00 per couple. Virgil Green is co-chairman of the convention and Jack Pierson is publicity chairman. Areas for camping are being selected and will be listed in the October issue of Bow and Swing.

1976 STATE CONVENTION REPORT - LEN LEVITT

The committee has gone as far as possible with plans and are awaiting word from the callers. The Coordinating Committee had a meeting last May and an announcement will be made at an appropriate time.

LIAISONS

Byrdie Martin represented the Florida Round Dance Council and reported that round dance leaders have been contacted for the '76 convention.

Bob Frye, representing the Florida Callers Association, drew applause when he stated he was entirely in favor of the format of the 1974 State Convention since it gave him an opportunity and his wife to dance. He feels the dancing at the State Convention should be the top dancing in the State.

BOW AND SWING

Editor Jack Pierson reported that all of the square dance publications in the State are carrying ads about the State Convention in Jacksonville, a reciprocal ad is in the Atlanta Cryer, and perhaps an ad will be in a Montgomery, Alabama publication.

AREA PUBLICATIONS

George Oglesby reported that the 4Ws is presently printing 4000 copies and the callers in the area have requested an increase to 5000 copies due to the increased number of dancers.

John Petraukas reported for the West Coast Magazine.

Chairman Pee Wee made a recommendation that the officers and delegates of the Federation receive a copy of each of the area publications with the cost for same to be borne by the Federation.

SQUARE DANCE HISTORY

Chet Vetter and Mori Sogolow are writing articles on the history of square dancing in Florida. Bob Frye reported a complete history of Florida dancing is in the callers' library.

CONVENTION RULES

Ron Adams
J. - Gorman
J. - Lane
A. Ashcroft
M. Taylor

At the May 26, 1974 meeting, Chairman Pee Wee Stewart 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. Al Cody read the following RECOMMENDED procedure:

The Florida Square and Round Dance Convention will be held annually on Memorial Day weekend in the areas of Northeast, Central, Southeast, and West Coast on a rotational basis. The main dance area must be of sufficient size to meet the needs of the dancers with special rooms for round dancing, hot hash and organizational meetings.

A Convention Advisory Committee is a permanent committee of the Federation consisting of four past Federation Chairmen, each serving a term of four years on a staggered basis, with one new such member appointed each year by the Federation Chairman. This committee will be an ex officio part of the convention committee established by the host Association.

The Convention Committee will be appointed by the host Association and will include the Advisory Committee above, members named by the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, and others as desired. The Convention Chairman will head the committee and will be designated by the host Association.

The Convention Committee will in general be in charge of the convention except for programming of the dances, which will be handled by the callers and round dancers.

All emceeing shall be coordinated by the Convention Chairman, including all introductions of dignitaries and announcements.

The Grand March Order shall include in order, the Federation Chairman, President of the Florida Callers Association, President of the Round Dance Council, Officers of the Federation, Convention Chairman, and Presidents of each area Association.

All contracts must be approved and signed by the Federation, including those for headquarters hotel, and dance areas.

Assignment of complimentary rooms (no food or other charges allowed) will be made by the Federation Chairman in conjunction with the Convention Chairman. They will be made available in this order: Convention Chairman, Federation Chairman, President of the Callers, President of the Round Dancers; other Federation officers.

Proceeds from each convention will be distributed between the Federation (45%), the Florida Callers Association (45%), and the Round Dance Council of Florida (10%). If losses should occur, they will be absorbed by these organizations on the same ratio.

The host Association shall make a financial report of the convention before the next official meeting of the Federation, but in no event later than 90 days after the convention is closed. All disbursements must be supported by invoices or vouchers, income should be reported by source with statistical report of admittance sales by classes (spectators, dancers, etc.). An audit should be provided. The financial records should be held by the host Association for possible review by the Federation.

Registration will be free to all FCA callers and Council instructors. These groups shall submit a list of active members for this purpose.

Free registration to all Federation officers and delegates, including all area Association Presidents.

The registration fees are to be approved by the Federation.

Al Cody made a motion that the above convention rules be adopted by this body, seconded by Frank Cornwall. Amendment made by George Oglesby that the audit would be provided by the Federation (not for the Federation). Virgil Green seconded the amendment. The motion and amendment were unanimously carried. The above listed convention rules will be presented to other governing bodies for approval.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS

Mori Sogolow carried 1500 pounds of material to the National Convention in San Antonio last June. Mori expressed his appreciation for the muscle and sweat provided by all those who helped unload and reload the material. He recommended that a co-chairman be designated who will be the chairman the following year.

Further, Mori proposed that our area publications editors automatically be made delegates to the Association, in addition to the normal number of Association delegates, for so long as they are editors. No action taken.

CALLERS' CLINIC

The Callers' Clinic will be held the weekend of October 18-20, 1974, at the Koscot Auditorium, State Road 528, Orlando, Florida, with Dick Leger calling. Joe and Madeline Augenblick will handle the rounds the evening of October 19. Flyers will be in the October issue of Bow and Swing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pee Wee Stewart appointed the following nominating committee: Frank Cornwall, Mori Sogolow, and Virgil Green.

NEW BUSINESS

The following were appointed delegates to the Georgia State Square Dance Convention in Macon, Georgia, September 20-21, 1974: Tom and Lee Caviness, George and Judy Garland, and Jim and Bunny Whiteman.

Chairman Pee Wee stated he had a communication from Joe Vaccari, President of the Playground Area Square Dance Council at Fort Walton Beach requesting information for forming a Northwest Florida Association. A copy of the by-laws of the State Federation have been sent to him as well as by-laws of the Northeast Association sent by George Ephrem.

CONVENTION PROCEEDS

A clarification of the distribution of proceeds from the State Convention is as follows:

- 45% - Florida Federation of Square Dancers
- 45% - Florida Callers Association
- 10% - Florida Round Dance Council

Clarification is required for distribution of proceeds received by the Florida Federation of Square Dancers between the Federation and the host area Association. Mori Sogolow made the following motion: Split of the convention proceeds between the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and the area host Association will be:

- 50% - Florida Federation of Square Dancers
- 50% - Host Area Association

Motion seconded by Warren Hyland and carried.

Walter Stoltz made a motion that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers pay the West Coast Association the difference between the 40% distributed to them following the 1973 State Convention held in Tampa and the 50% division now in effect, or \$102.22. Motion was seconded by Virgil Green and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 20, Orlando, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Whiteman
Secretary