



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

October 20, 1974

The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, October 20, 1974, by Chairman Pee Wee Stewart at the Big Q Inn, Orlando, Florida.

The devotion was given by Herman Ibach.

Chairman Stewart welcomed the old and new delegates to the meeting.

During the roll call, alternates for Southeast were: Nita Shelton for Ray McElhaney, and Kathy Zell for Jack Lascola. Ken Ford was the alternate for Tom Caviness from West Coast.

Special guest was Permanent Delegate and National Director Harry and Helen Moore. Harry gave an interesting report on facilities in Kansas City where the next National Convention will take place.

Joe and Doris Vaccari, President of the Playground Area Square Dance Council, was introduced. Joe expressed interest in having the Panhandle area join the Florida Federation and asked the requirements for becoming an association belonging to the Federation. The Panhandle organizational meeting will be in Panama City on November 24. The area will cover Tallahassee westward, contains 32 clubs with approximately 1500 dancers.

Treasurer Ron Van Valkenburg gave the following report:

Balance brought forward September 1, 1974		\$
Disbursements		
Income		
Bank balance, September 30, 1974		\$
Outstanding checks	\$1,546.07	
	102.22	
Actual Bank Balance, October 20, 1974		\$3,173.21

Jim Stinson represented the Florida Callers Association and Frank DuBois represented the Florida Round Dance Council.

Minutes of the September 1, 1974 meeting were corrected as follows: Page 6, second paragraph, second line should read "Federation", not Association and George Garland is publicity chairman for the 1975 State Convention. With these corrections, the minutes were approved.

A brief discussion was held relative to accidental death and dismemberment insurance to cover dancers going to, participating in, or returning from any club, regional or national square dance activity. The Chairman asked that the Secretary send a copy of the Georgia State Square Dance Association insurance program to each delegate with the minutes of the meeting. (See attachment)

Correspondence was read from C. B. Strausser, Examiner, Florida Department of Revenue, denying a certificate of exemption to the Federation. Harry Moore strongly urged the Federation to retain the services of a CPA or tax attorney to assist the Federation in these tax matters.

AREA REPORTS:

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - ERNIE POWELL

Election of officers took place during September. The next area dance will be in Lakeland on November 30. The goal is for 800 members.

Net proceeds from the dance held in the area during the Callers' Clinic was \$59.50.

Ken and Mae Ford, Treasurers of West Coast was introduced. Walter Stoltz will be chairman of the 1977 State Convention.

Ernie read the definition of the words "square dancing" which John and Susie Petrauskas published in the September 1974 issue of West Coast Dancer. Chairman Pee Wee asked if the delegates wished to adopt the definition as a code for square dancers. The idea was tabled for future study. (See attachment)

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION - JOHN BEST

New classes have been started along with a singles class. The next Association dance will be November 3. John thanked the Federation for the prompt payment of Central's portion of the proceeds from the 1974 State Convention held in Orlando.

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION - BUDDY SHELDON

Southeast had 56 squares at the area dance last evening during the Callers' Clinic.

Len Levitt, Chairman of the 1976 State Convention, reported that if the Callers Association goes along with recommendations, we will have two National Callers for the '76 Convention. They are: Bob Fisk and John Hendron, with Anita and Leroy Stark of Arizona doing the Rounds.

Chet Vetter, our liaison to the callers' meeting, returned later in the morning with the news that the Callers Association had accepted the recommendation to have two national callers and one round dance couple in '76.

The Deauville Hotel will be headquarters and the slogan chosen is "Dancing Feet to the '76 Beat."

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION - JIM PANIPINTO

Gordon and Margaret Casey, Recording Secretary of the Association, were introduced. George Wray called the area dance last night in Jacksonville with 21 squares attending. Fall Roundup will be November 22-23 with Ken Bower and Dick Jones calling and Charlie and Bettye Proctor on Rounds.

1975 STATE CONVENTION REPORT - HERMAN IBACH

The next convention will be in the Civic Auditorium, Jacksonville, with Jerry Haag and Johnny Walter. Doris and Leverne Reilly of Tonawanda, New York, will handle the Rounds. Camping facilities will be available. Early registration is urged. About 100 dancers attended the Georgia State Convention to advertise the Florida Convention and 30 minutes television time was made available during September.

BOW AND SWING

Editor Jack Pierson would like to see more special dances advertised from all areas, but not at the expense of the area magazines - just the overflow.

AREA PUBLICATIONS

Susie Petrauskas reported on the breakfast press conference in San Antonio. The point stressed was the fact that the responsibility for what is printed in the local magazines is up to the individual editors.

George Garland, editor of the Grapevine, brought extra copies of his publication.

Boots Oglesby reported that the 4-Ws will publish 5000 copies with the next issue.

Jim Stinson discussed timing and styling after Len Levitt commented on the excellent styling clinics at the last National. Harry Moore asked that the callers request square dancers to dress in square dance clothing for dances.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONVENTION RULES

The Secretary read the convention rules as proposed by the committee appointed to review them (Al Cody, Frank Cornwall, Virgil Green, and Chet Vetter). No action will be taken until the Coordinating Committee has an opportunity to review them. (The recommended procedure is given in its entirety in the Minutes of the September 1, 1974 meeting.)

Melodye Dugan of the Sunshine Cloggers of Orlando announced that the group would like to go to the National Convention in Kansas City and needs \$3,000. They would like to have four regional dances sponsored for them in order to raise the funds.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank Cornwall presented the following slate of officers for the 1974-1975 year:

Len Levitt	Chairman
Jim Whiteman	Vice Chairman
Ron Van Valkenburg	Secretary
Luther Winters	Treasurer

Walter Stoltz made the motion that the report be accepted, seconded by Virgil Green, and unanimously carried.

Walter Stoltz made the motion that the nomination of Len Levitt as Chairman be unanimously accepted, seconded by Virgil Green, and carried.

George Oglesby made the motion that the nomination of Jim Whiteman as Vice Chairman be unanimously accepted, seconded by George Ephrem, and carried.

George Oglesby made the motion that the nomination of Ron Van Valkenburg be unanimously accepted for Secretary, seconded by Walter Stoltz and carried.

Chuck Mayo nominated Jack Tucker of Central Association for the office of Treasurer. Nomination seconded by John Best. Written ballots were cast by the 23 eligible delegates. Birdell Levitt was appointed teller along with John Petrauskas and Herman Ibach. The results were: 17 ballots for Jack Tucker; 6 ballots for Luther Winters. Jack Tucker was elected Treasurer.

Pee Wee thanked the delegates for the cooperation given to him and Mary during the past year.

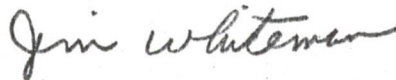
Warren Hyland and Walter Stoltz were appointed to audit the books of the treasurer.

SQUARE DANCE HISTORY

History of square dancing of the Federation has been prepared by Chet Vetter and will be published in Bow and Swing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Whiteman
Secretary