



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 1975 at the Jamaica Inn by chairman, Len Levitt.

Invocation was by Mori Sogolow.

Roll call was taken by secretary with 20 delegates present. Alternates were: West Coast, Minnie Zellner for Ernie Powell, South East: Joe Miesqalski for John Zell, and Charles Selle for Buddy Shelton. North East: George Garland for George Ephrem.

Chairman Levitt said, that we had a lot to cover, so please keep this in mind when asking for the floor.

Chet Vetter made a motion, seconded by Mori Sogolow, that everyone has had time to read the minutes, so if there are no changes, they be accepted. Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jack Tucker

No outstanding checks	
Federation Bank Account\$
Advance, 22nd Convention
Advance, 23rd Convention
Total Assets	<u> </u> \$

All the guests were welcomed and thanked for coming.

AREA REPORTS:

CENTRAL: Pee Wee Stewart

All activities were going fine. They plan a seminar for officers, the 1 st. Sunday of April.

NORTH EAST: Jim Panipinto

Fall round-up was a success. Next fall Round-up will be November 7 & 8th with Gary Shoemake, Marshall Flippo and the Easterdays on the rounds. Other dances were planned on March 29th & May 30th. A benefit dance for the Sun Saine Square cloggers is planned for Jan. 30th. Something new, headed by the Garlands, a blood bank has been started. *** Also reminded of Dip and Dive in '75 in Jacksonville. **

WEST COAST: John Petrauskas

Everything is going fine. Most of the officers in Ft. Myers for meeting & dance.

SOUTH EAST: Ray McElhaney

Started the year with meeting and picnic. Plan to make it an annual thing since it was so successful. In April, planning a weekend trip and meeting in Key West. Have worked out plans to take buses to Jacksonville, convention. Presented check to Federation for \$445.15 for area dance which had 58 squares in attendance.

CONVENTION REPORTS:

"75" Jacksonville: Herman Ibach

All committees working well. About 200 registrations to date. Camping: 125 large spots at K. O. A., about 175 at Katheran Abby Hanna Park. Robert Myer, hotel headquarters. Have more badges to sell, also decals available. Delivered ribbons to Ga. delegates at Valdosta dance. Over 400 dancers from Ga. Planning to come. It is asked that you plan to park in the regular municipal parking lot and that self contained trailers, ect, probably won't be aloud to camp in the parking lot like last time. Jacksonville Beach Chamber of Commerce will send a package of Hotels, restaurants, ect. if you send your name and address to convention box number, asking for such. All names on Federation roster will be sent package by convention chairman. Nothing definate on shuttle buses, best if everyone took care of their own transportation.

"76 South East Len Levitt

Everything going well.

"77" West Coast Walter Stoltz

Still 2 ahead of us, after that we will talk about it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An area known as the pan handle has ask to join or organization. They were invited to this meeting, but since they were having a big dance and meeting this weekend, they were informed that it not necessary to come to ours. They plan to attend the meeting in Jacksonville.

Coordinating committee

No meeting yet.

24th National Convention

Had a letter asking if Florida was going to participate in show-case. It was assured that we are. Mori Sogolow will again carry all materials to the convention and set up some sort of schedule for the Fla. dancers to man the booth. Mori noted that South East dancers did a lot at Texas to help with set up, clean up ect. We have this year asked for a better place. anyone having anything to advertise Fla. and square dancing, bring to Jacksonville.

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Boots Oglesby said, John Saunders needs help and support of Florida dancers at the after party.

Florida Knothead

Received a letter telling of change of dance to Tampa and asking if we wanted a meeting room for Sunday morning as we have had in the past.

AREA PUBLICATIONS

West Coast Dancer Susie Petrauskas

Magazine not doing so well. Due to increase in operation cost and lack of funds in treasury, have had to decrease number of magazines. Have dances planned for such and if do well the magazine will continue to be printed, otherwise maybe not. All efforts are being made to keep it going.

Grapevine George Garland

Everything going well

Central Pee Wee Stewart

Don't represent the showcase.

4W'S Boots Oglesby

People were wanting more copies, so last time 5,000 were printed. Would like to mail copies, but in order to do this and show profit everyone who wants a copy will have to send name, address and 50¢ per year to them. Last 2 issues have had registration forms in for state convention.

Bow and Swing Jack Pierson

Marie had bad fall while ridding a horse and couldn't make this meeting. Rising prices have been felt, but so far can continue to keep same prices. Need more dancers, dances ads. Questioned whether to keep the Where to Dance leaflet in welcome stations, if gas rationing happens. Was noted that they were being picked up. Looks like Jacksonville will have a good convention, have had to order more registrations. Noted that some clubs have no registrations available.

OLD BUSINESS

Pee Wee Stewart questioned the proposal about the convention procedures of last meeting. (Oct. 20, 1974, page 4) It was decided that since the coordinating committee hadn't met, no action could be taken on them.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Levitt said he had exchanged minutes with the callers, and wanted to continue to do so. He pointed out that the next clinic dance would be conducted by John Saunders and Colin Holt.

motion made by Vern Johnson: Entire clinic to be for F.C.A. members, no open Dance Saturday night. He then said that in the past the Federation delegates were 1st guests of the callers, then the Federation treasury paid for the delegates to go. Now we aren't invited. He wanted to know if there should be a meeting at that time. Meetings at the same time, aren't such a good idea, if we met before or after the callers clinic, then there could be a swap of information. It was pointed out that the meetings were set by the chairman. In the past we had meetings at the state convention, Knothead Konvention and the callers clinic, but they didn't have to be then. Much discussion on when & where to have our meeting for election of officers. Several dates were suggested, but some conflicted with other big dances or were not centrality located. Chet Vetter suggested that chairman Levitt and the Central Association president get together, since Orlando was a good place for all, and set up a meeting some time the 1st. or 2nd. week in Oct, at either a special or regular dance. Nothing would be changed about the area dances. Pee Wee Stewart said he would be glad to get together with Len to discuss setting up a meeting in Oct. Len then thanked the people who set up the informal get together after the dance. He thought this was a very good idea.

Since the Federation had paid the delegates way into the callers clinic as a way of saying thank-you, chairman Levitt asked about a possible motion that the Federation would pay at least part of the delegates fee to a special dance. Discussion about confusion it might casus, but a letter, so stating would take care of this. Discussion on how much and if both delegate and partner would be paid.

Motion made by Virgil Green, seconded by Mori Sogolow that for the Oct. meeting the Federation continue to pay all the admission for the delegates and their partners, to any dance in conjunction with our meeting. Motion carried. This dance would be one in the area, either special or a regular club dance.

Discussion on the co-operation of the 3 organizations. It was generally agreed that we had come a long way already. Len said that he wanted to call a meeting of the coordinating committee. He would contact callers and request a meeting at the State Convention. Things could be discussed and answers gotten there.

Ray McElhanev ask for reports on other area dances. Jack Tucker reported:

North East	---	\$ 15.00
South East	---	445.15
Central	---	No report
West Coast	---	No report

Jack Tucker asked if he should send check to callers for total of Area dances. Chairman Levitt said, that when this was set up, moneys from all areas dances should first come to the Federation, then if an area lost money, they can be reimbursed from total before the final check went to the callers. It was decided to deposit checks in Federation treasury and wait till all 4 areas were accounted for, before sending final check.

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It was suggested that at Jacksonville there be a get together for delegates like after the Jan. dance in Orlando. If Association can do it, ok, if not each delegate could chip in. Coffee and danish would be provided at the meeting in Jacksonville, paid by the Federation.

Herman Ibach asked when he should give his final convention report if we should not meet at Knothead? He was told to report in Oct., usually Knothead just a preliminary report anyway.

Len Levitt looking into taxes for Federation. Have contacted a lawyer. Pee Wee Stewart said the state man talked to Central. He suggested if you need to know anything to contact the state man. Walter Stoltz suggested the Federation register with the state excise board to cover state conventions only.

Motion to Ajorn by George Oglesby seconded by Walter Stoltz. Meeting Ajorned at 11:45a.m.

Respectfully submitted



Ron Van Valkenburg