



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

Chairman, Len Levitt, called the meeting to order at 10:05 on May 25th, at the Robert Meyer Hotel in Jacksonville.

Virgil Green gave the invocation.

Bob Mitchell represented the callers. Dorothea Brammeier represented the Round Dancers.

Chairman Levitt said, he wished to compliment the callers on their fine work for this convention.

Roll Call: 24 delegates and alternates present. Minnie Zellner was alternate for Ernie Powell.

Minutes: Chet Vetter, seconded by Mori Sogolow, made a motion that since all delegates had had a chance to read the minutes ahead of time, that they be accepted. Motion carried.

## Treasurers Report Jack Tucker

No outstanding checks.	
Federation Bank Balance.....	\$
Advance 22nd. Convention.....	
Advance 23rd. Convention.....	
Due Fla. Callers for area dances.....	
Total assets:.....	\$

## Visitors:

Special guests, Mac & Virginia McDonald, president of the Georgia State Square Dancers Assoc. and Joe and Doris Vacarri, president of North West Assoc. were welcomed, as were all other guests in the audience.

Chairman Levitt explained to the delegates that the North West Association has applied to join the Federation. They have submitted the \$35.00 entrance fee. Since it takes a vote by the body of the Federation, it had to wait till this meeting. Joe & Doris Vacarri, president, George and Mary Bowie, Paul & Evelyn Smith, Marvin & Olena Taylor, delegates were introduced from the North West Association. Their membership will be by club, with 19 clubs already joining. An Area publication was being printed. On Sept. 14, the 1st. North West round-up at Panama City will be held. Motion made by Virgil Green, seconded by George Ephren, that we welcome the North West Association to the Federation. Motion Carried.

Chairman Levitt said, he thought the wife's name of the delegates should also appear on the roster and mailing list. All were in agreement. He suggested that next time the list was updated this be done. (new roster attached)



AREA REPORTS

West Coast John Zellner

Over 900 members now. Area Dance planned with Bobby Hollis and Charlie Lovelace, calling and doing the rounds. Planning Bicentennial dance in Lakeland next year with Ken Bower calling.

South East Ray McElhaney

S. E. have been graduating a lot of new classes with close to 800 members in the association now. Area dance is being planned with Vaughn Parrish calling. Key West trip was a success with a meeting for the 1st. time down there.

Central Pee Wee Stewart

Annual meeting for Central with covered dish supper and election of officers to follow, will be coming up. Area dance will have C. O. Guest as caller with Trulocks on the rounds. Pee Wee extended the Federation an invitation to hold their Oct. meeting in conjunction with this dance. Central is also working on Bicentennial plans.

North East Jim Panipinto

Two new clubs have joined association. 5th Saturday dance is planned on the 31st of May. Fall-Round-Up set up for Nov. 7,8, 1975 with Marshall Flippo and Gary Shoemake, callers and the Easterdays on the rounds. Ribbons on sale now.

"75" Convention Report Herman Ibach.

Everything going well. Ernie Doering, registration chairman reported that advance sales were 1,058 with approximate total of 2,020. He noted that 565 complimentary tickets were given out, questioned if this figure had grown to high. Hilton Lay, Treasurer, reported that they had an approximate bank balance of \$7,724.66.

Chairman Levitt congratulated Herman and Louise Ibach and their committee on a fine job done on the "75" convention.

Bow & Swing Marie Pierson

Marie asked that all new club members be told about Bow and Swing. Let them know we have a state magazine. She thanked everybody for the ads and pictures they were getting. They would try to put them in, but it was hard to get them returned. She would try to send them back if asked to do so.

Corrdinsting Committe Report Jack Tucker

Jack reported that this was the 1st. meeting in a year. They had covered several things.

1. What has happened to the moneys for 1973, turned in to the executive account? This was to be brought back to the corrdinating committee at the Knothead Konvention.



2. Area Dances--Some doing well, others not. The callers are going to the callers committee and try to see if they can come up with, instead of having an out of state caller, have a caller from a distant association to call for free for the dance. His expenses would be paid and the hall.

3. Bow and Swing-- The possibility of going back to suscription dances.

4. Rules and Regulations of Conventions. Thrown-out. It was thought that the conventions have been going well and no need to, at this time, to force the convention committee in to a lot of red tape.

5. Ft. Pierce --Vero Beach, new association, Tabled at this time.

#### AREA PUBLICATIONS

West Coast Dancer Susie Petrauskas

Magazine is in good shape now. Printing now 2,300 to 2,500 free copies a month.

4 W's Boots Oglesby

Printing 5,000 magazines, may need to go to 6,000/

#### Central

No Publication. Danny Robinson, showcase covers the area pretty well.

NATIONAL CONVENTION Mori Sogolow

Mori asked that every club give him a badge to be put on a plaque to be taken to the National. His address is P. O. Box 22726, Tampa, 33622. The badges won't be returned, but he would bring plaque to next meeting to show everybody. Mori is also taking all other information to National.

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL Dorthea Brammeier

Round dance council had extra copies of their history book printed to take to the National. A copy was presented to the Federation. She reported the council was glad to co-operate with the Federation and if any club needed round dance leaders, contact Council and they would try to help. Round Dance Council has bound up Bow & Swing for years of 59-64. The next 10 years are now being bound in yearly books to be used as a permanent record for anybody needing information out of them.

Bob Kunde reported that the round dance council will exchange minutes with the Federation.

#### NEW BUSINESS

George Ephrem asked approximately, how many square dancers there were in Florida. Chairman Levitt said a figure of 15,000 was given a couple of years ago, which probably would be low now.



Chairman Levitt announced that the next Federation meeting would be at Knothead and the Association dues would be due.

Sunshine Cloggers Debbie Bennett

An appeal was made to the Federation for money to go to the National Convention this year. It was decided the Federation couldn't finance a private enterprise. Private donations would be the best way.

Chairman Levitt told the delegates that there was an opportunity to buy a film that had been made of the last National convention. Having talked to some of the callers it was suggested we go half with them and buy this film jointly to be rented out to various square groups for promotion. Walter Stoltz, seconded by John Zellner, made a motion to take \$75.00 out of the Federation treasury and buy this film, to be rented out in order to get our money returned. Motion passed. The callers will vote to decide if they want to make this a joint effort.

Mary Stewart ask the Federation to get permission from the state of Florida to use the Logo for the Bicentennial celebrations. Virginia McDonald gave the secretary the information to write for it. The secretary will write a letter asking to be recognized.

"76" Convention Len Levitt

Slogan "Dancing feet to the "76" beat." Ribbons & "feet" are on sale now. Callers, Bob Fisk and John Hendron. Rounds, Anita and LeRoy Stark. Len asked each association to help sell "feet" and push early registration.

Chairman said our meeting in Oct. would be the 1st. Sunday at the Jamaica Inn in Orlando. This way everyone could stay in their own area and support their own area dance, later in the month.

Chet Vetter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Zellner.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Van Valkenburg  
Secretary