



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

Chairman, Len Levitt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on August 31, 1975, at the Curtis Hixon Convention Center, in Tampa.

Invocation was given by Mori Sogolow.

Secretary, Ron Van Valkenburg, read minutes of the previous meeting. One correction was made. Joe & Madeline Augenblick would do rounds for Central Area Dance instead of the Trulocks.

Warren Hyland went to callers meeting. George Oglesby went to the Round Dance Council meeting. Frank DuBoise represented the Round Dance Council.

Roll call, by secretary, found all delegates there or alternates sitting in for them.

Chairman Levitt welcomed all delegates and guests. He thanked them for their interest and time in their state Federation. Len wanted to present the North West Association with their Federation badges, but since most of them couldn't be at the meeting, the badges were given to the alternates to be carried back to them.

## TREASURERS REPORT Jack Tucker

Total Assets \$  
No Outstanding checks

## AREA REPORTS

### WEST COAST John Zellner

Dances in area have been successful. Have had good co-operation with round dance leaders and callers. Election of officers to be in September. Magazine doing well now. Right now West Coast is planning Bicentennial dances. Plans are almost complete, with flyers already printed.

### NORTH WEST John Lackey

20 clubs now in association with membership drive still on. 1st. annual round-up in Panama City with Johnny Walter calling, will be Sept. 13. They are in the process of pushing insurance program. A library of educational material has been set up. Area publication pushing state convention. Festival in Panama City will be Jan. 29, 30.



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NORTH EAST Frank Smith

Planning drive for new members. Caller- Clinic dance will be on Oct. 18 with Doug Journigan calling and Edith Reisen on rounds. Round-up, Nov 7,8 with Shoemate and Flippo calling. Easterdays will do rounds.

CENTRAL John Best

Central had renewal dance on, Sat, Aug 30 with approximately 20 squares present. Installation of new officers for the association also took place. New officers were then named.

SOUTH EAST Jack Lascola

New officers of the association were presented. 3rd. annual Area Dance planned with Vaughn Parrish caller, and the Kundes doing the rounds. Dance is already sold out. This year there will be just a dance at a hall, unlike other years when there was a hotel involved with skits, ect. Which ever arrangement the dancers like will determine future dances. Second sunday of October will be 9th annual renewal dance. Motto for year "1006 in 76" .

CORRESPONDENCE

Received letter from "76" National asking if Florida was going to participate in showcase.

"75" NATIONAL Mori Sogolow

Received plaque for participating in showcase. There were about 23,000 dancers and facilities for only about 14,000. Round Dancers had plenty of room and good air conditioning. Florida had largest showcase. No space had been made for Florida, but it all was worked out. There is a need for badges for the badge board. Plans are to add a wing on each side. California has facilities for 30,000 dancers.

CONVENTION REPORTS

"75" Herman Ibach

2,029 at convention. \$1,312.25 profit presented to treasurer of Federation. \$6,613.00 in advance sales and \$2,639 door sales. Biggest expense was for auditorium, which was \$1,450.00. Break down of convention was given to Jack Tucker. Jack Pierson mentioned that North East has doubled what they did 5 years ago. Chairman Levitt congratulated Herman and his workers for a fine job.

"77" Walter Stoltz

Walter suggested everyone go to Miami in "76", then we would talk about "77's".



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"76" Len Levitt

South East expects to see everyone there. Selection of workers and everything well under way. Planning 2 parades starting on Lincoln road in Mall which will take care of 6,000 dancers. First night grand march will be for clubs. 2nd night will be for areas.

Skits: South East callers are going to do history of square dancing.  
Bus Transportation: all that is needed, back and forth to convention hall.

Campers : working on places on Watson Island for self contained.

Need early registration. Ribbons for promotional purposes only.

Have plenty of "feet" to sell. Possibility of National Convention movie to be shown at the Dovell Hotel. John Hendron & Bob Fisk will be callers with The Starkes on Rounds.

BOW AND SWING Jack Pierson

Everyone by end of Knothead dance will have registration forms for "76" convention. He ask that each area pass out registrations. Registrations to go in December & March issues of magazines. Jack wished to thank everybody for ads, suscription ect, and to please keep pushing state magazine. Jack asked when state convention would be in the North West and when Federation meeting would be in October.

Chairman Levitt, announced that the October meeting would be October 5th at Orlando at the Jamican Inn at 10:00. Special rates of \$16.00, double occupancy had been secured. South East Dancers will host social get to gether after the dance.

CORRDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting after the Federation meeting. Chairman Levitt attended South East callers meeting and the callers suggested that they all pay at the state convention like they do at the National. Chairman levitt then asked that he and Jack Tucker could take the suggestion to the meeting that everybody pay at the convention, then each organization could reinburse those deserving people. Virgil Green seconded by Walter Stoltz so moved that this be done. Approved by all.

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL Frank DuBoise

The round dance council appreciates the relationship with the dancers and callers. Frank felt the round dance council had top leaders and dancers in the state, which were doing a good job.

NEW BUSINESS

Warren Hyland reported back from the callers session. Callers were unhappy with dress and attire of dancers. When TV and newspaper did interviews with improperly attired people, it gave square dancing a bad image.



George Ephrem gave report on insurance plan that North East Association had been checking into. He thought it a very good plan and encouraged other associations to check into it. George also said that Frank Smith had ribbons ready for Fall-Round-up. North East area dance will be October 18th.

Mori Sogolow made a motion, later withdrawn, that all editors be made delegates to the Federation as long as they remained editors of the magazine. There was much discussion, that a by-law change would be necessary also if the editors were not appointed delegates, the chairman of the Federation could do so.

Chairman Levitt appointed Nominating Committee consisting of: Warren Hyland, Chet Vetter, Mori Sogolow and George Oglesby. He also asked that this be a two-fold committee--to find a place for the North West Association to fit in. Need a workable solution. This to be taken care of before next meeting if possible.

SHOWCASE Chet Vetter

Florida had the biggest and prettiest showcase. All ideas, information, flyers ect. will be picked up at state convention to go to National. Chet asked for help to carry the information to the national. He also suggested that it would be a good idea to have dancers there to explain the booth.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Warren Hyland said he had been sent a letter from Miami Beach wanting to know the procedure needed to bid for a national convention. Chairman Levitt explained that you had to submit a bid 90 days before it is brought up on the floor as a bid. Then it has to be approved after being accepted. Only the state Federation can bid for the National Convention.

MAGAZINE REPORT

4 W'S Boots Oglesby


Boots reported that the 4 W'S is now 9 years old. They are printing 5,000 copies, may have to go to 6,000. Magazine is currently pushing the proper dress attire idea for all dancing programs.

BICENTENNIAL \*\* LOGO

Letter was read from Bicentennial Committee stating that it wasn't their policy to grant the use of the Logo to private groups. Mori called them and they said they would talk about it. He would have a report in Oct about this.

Motion to Ajorn by Frank Cornwall seconded by Jack Lascola.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ron Van Valkenburg, secretary



