



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

On Oct. 6, 1975, chairman Len Levitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Jamaica Inn.

Invocation was given by John Langlois.

Roll call was taken with 21 delegates and alternates present.

Chairman Levitt thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He also thanked the South East Dancers for the after party the night before. No liasons were needed as neither the callers or the round dance council were having meetings.

Chairman Levitt announced dues are due from each association if not already paid.

MINUTES Ron Van Valkenburg, secretary

Motion made by Chet Vetter, seconded by Warren Hyland, that since all delegates have had a chance to read the minutes of the last meeting, that unless there were errors or corrections, they be accepted. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT Jack Tucker

Total assets \$

3 outstanding checks

Advance to 23rd convention \$

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Johnny Walters thanking the Federation for their help with the "75" convention was read. Caller, Bob Frye, acknowledged the Federation for a fine job they were doing. A letter was to be written him by the Federation secretary thanking him.

AREA REPORTS

WEST COAST John Zellner

West Coast had their election of officers in September and are now busy setting up dances for the year. John said, they were going to have their county Vice Presidents help with some of the distant dances this year. In October, 1976, West Coast will have their first big weekend dance, in Lakeland. John & Susie Petrauskas were introduced as vice chairman of this dance. Everyone was asked to help promote this dance. John extended an invitation to the Federation to hold their meeting next year, in conjunction with this dance. Oct 18, 1975 will be West Coast Area dance with Bobby Hollis calling.

CENTRAL Harry Cassar

National square dance week was celebrated with 8-9 squares participating each night in the weeks activities.

SOUTH EAST Jack LaCola

Next Sunday would be the renewal dance for South East with area callers doing the calling. The Area dance would be the following Sunday with Vaughn Parrish, calling and ~~James~~ doing the rounds.

42 squares were already sold. A board of directors meeting will be held, Dec. 7, in Ft. Lauderdale. Joe and Ann Mieszalski are in charge of the arrangements. The 2nd. annual picnic and pot luck will be held in January. Everyone was invited to attend.

NORTH EAST Chet Vetter

A new auditorium has been opened in Jacksonville Beach and this weekend the North East Delegates are involved in a beach comber weekend. Fall round-up in November will feature Flippo and Shoemate doing the calling. Dancing in the North East is going well, classes increasing. Tom & Marian Hidding have started a refresher course for drop-out dancers. This is going real well, and getting many dancers back into dancing.

NORTH WEST Joe Vicarri

Annual round-up was a great success with about 300 dancers. Association meeting, elected the same officers and delegates for the year. Working on 2nd. annual Round-up now. Medical insurance was adopted and will begin January, 1976. Any other Association needing information may contact North West. North West association has established a joint liaison with the North West callers. Next meeting will be hosted by the Panhandle Promenaders. The 18th annual Panama City festival, sponsored by the Panama City Square and Round Dance Council, will be held Jan. 30-31, with John Saunders and Don Franklin calling. Joe invited everyone to come if they could make it.

PUBLICATIONS

WEST COAST DANCER Susie Petrauskas

John & Susie have been editors for 2 years. West Coast Dancer is promoting the big dance in October "76" of which proceeds will go to magazine. This summer classes ran all summer and 12 to 15 clubs have been formed. Susie reported that if you are going to the National in California and wanted a room, you must go through the Convention Committee, as they had every thing tied up.

NORTH WEST NEWSLETTER Doris Vacarri

Reaching 1,000 dancers and plan to go to a monthly publication in January

4 W'S Boots Oglesby

Boots & George Oglesby have been editors of the 4 W'S for 9 years it has been in existence. Next two issues will carry the registration for the "76" convention in Miami Beach. The callers in South East are working on labeling the dances in the S.E. into 3 categories. 1. fun level 2. mainstream (75+25) 3. Challenge (anything over and above) In the next year, in order to help the visitors find the dancing level they want, the callers plan to try to put this system into operation. Boots also told of an "open end ticket" to the National convention. Jay Fennimore has information. If anyone is interested they should send name and address and information will be sent periodically as plans are made.

BOW & SWING Jack Pierson

The magazine is doing well. Jack said he would like to see more dances represented in the book. Also need more advertising for special dances.

CORRDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Jack Tucker

Corrdinating committee met on Aug. 31, 1975 in Tampa with 3 dancer delegate, 2 Round dance council delegates, and 3 callers present. Jack stated that it is not the policy of the corrdinating committee to publish minutes. Its a very informal meeting and only informal notes are kept. Things discussed were:

1. Oct. third Saturday dances.

A. Profits will be used to run mini clinics on specific topics for callers in each areas of the state.

B. Florida callers from outside the area will be used for the dances to avoid travel cost.

C. Corrdinating Committee will have final approval on callers for these dances. The reason for the corrdinating committee having final say so , is that they want callers who participate with FCA and will push the dances. Next meeting will be in Nov. or Dec. to discuss dances for "76".

2. Proper dress.

Proper square dance attire will be required for all scheduled dances --will appear on the program and in Bow & Swing ads for 1976 and future conventions. Julia Vetter said that Kay Mack had told her that if the proper attire was stressed for state conventions , they would follow along for the Knothead.

3. Evening dances at the State conventions will be Callerlab 68 mainstream basics plus the current caller lab quarterly figures.

4. National callers will prepare a clinic for Saturday morning. This is not to be a "bull session". Callers will be asked to make a 20-30 minute presentation.

5. The National Conventinn film is being ordered.

PROPOSAL: Eliminate all complimentary ribbons for State Conventions.

NATIONAL SHOWCASE OF IDEAS Chet Vetter

Chet asked the associations to send any letters received (as to participation) on to him, so he could ask for "25" feet for the whole state rather than each association individually. The badge board will have more room, if anyone wants to add badges. Also anyone having the ribbons from the past conventions, Chet would like to make a display of them. Chet asked if anyone would be driving to the national as he would need help in transporting the materials.

CONVENTION REPORTS

"77" CONVENTION Walter Stoltz

Walter reported, Lets have a good convention in 76 and then we will worry about 77.

"76" CONVENTION Len Levitt

Len reported that they had plenty of dancing space. The main hall will dance 500 squares at one time. Over 1/4 of the rooms are reserved at the headquarters hotel already. A police escort will lead the grand march. Saturday night will be club night. A large area has been designated to hang club banners. Plans are still being worked out for camping facilities. Len directed everybodys attention to the "big feet" behind him. He asked if each association would take one, have clubs sign and bring back to Miami in May for the convention. Each area had been given the promotional badges to sell and there were more if needed. Proper square dance attire will be required at all scheduled dances. The round dancers have been given a hall for their use through out the convention. The teens will have a hall on the second floor. Everything going well. Everyone was asked to help push the convention.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman of the nominating committee, Chet Vetter gave this report: The nominating committee was composed of Warren Hyland, George Oglesby and Mori Sogolow. The Nominating Committee was asked to do a twofold duty.

1. An idea for a 5th officer of the Federation considering the new North West Association.
2. A suggested slate of officers.

In order to seat a new officer the by-laws of the Federation must be changed. The Ammendment must be presented at this meeting and voted on at the next meeting. Also the ammendment must be printed in Bow and Swing. At the next meeting the new officer would officially seated if the by-laws were ammended. Chet suggested that the 5th officer be called the parlimentarian. This officer would study Roberts Rules of Order and be able to refer to this during a meeting if need be. Pee Wee Stewart seconded by Jack La Cola made a motion we accept the reccommendation. Motion carried. Article 5 Section 3 to read: The officers of the Federation will be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parlimentarian. Slate of officers from the Nominating committee:

Jim & Bunny Whiteman---Chairman
Ron & Mary Lee Van Valkenburg---Vice Chairman
Jack & Pat Tucker-----Secretary
Joe & Doris Vacarri----Treasurer

and after the by-laws are ammended--Jack & Nita LaCola, Parlimentarian. John Zellner seconded by Walter Stoltz made a motion we accept the slate of officers. a unanimous vote was cast.

Len Levitt suggested the new treasurer have 2 signatures on the bank account, this being done in case he is unable to transact business for any unforeseen reason. These signatures should be stated as "either, or".

George Oglesby & Chet Vetter were asked to audit the treasurers books.

New officers were asked to come forward and be recognized. Newly elected Chairman, Jim Whiteman, asked that everyone give Len & Birdell Levitt, a vote of thanks for the fine work they have done. Chairman whiteman said that there was no end to what we could do in square dancing now, with the addition of the North West making our state complete, and all the delegates working together. He asked that everyone let people know what the Federation does and suggested a picture of the badge in Bow & Swing explaining what it is. Walter Stoltz suggested that the local magazines put the picture and the explanation in their publications. Jack Pierson asked that someone send him the information and he would put it with the picture of the badge in Bow and Swing. Chairman Whiteman assured him he would get the information. Birdell Levitt suggested everyone wear their badges more often, rather than just to these meetings. This way people would become more familiar with the badge and know what it is for.

Susie Petrauskas asked Chairman Whiteman if he would send a letter each month to be put in the West Coast Dancer as is done for the Bow and SWing. Whiteman assured her, he would be glad to.

Walter Stoltz, seconded by Chet Vetter, made a motion that all listed delegates at the time of the state convention shall be reimbursed for the state convention. Motion Carried.

Chairman Whiteman said the next meeting would be tentatively the 1st. Sunday in February at the Jamican Inn if arrangements could be made.

Motion to ajorn by Len Levitt seconded by John Petrauskas at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald Van Van Valkenburg,
Secretary