



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

January 18, 1976

The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:00 am, Sunday, January 18, 1976, by Chairman Jim Whiteman at the Jamaica Inn, Orlando, Florida.

The devotion was given by Jack Tucker.

During the roll call, Mike and Hazel Folk were alternates from Southeast Association. Special guest were Loren and Florence Long, National Committee Members.

Chet Vetter moved that since copies of the minutes had been mailed to all delegates, that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved. There were no corrections or additions.

Treasurer, Joe Vaccari, reported balance on hand as of January 18, 1976 of \$, with total assets of \$.

Chairman Jim Whiteman thanked Central Association for the party on Saturday night for officers and delegates.

AREA REPORTS:

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - JOHN ZELLNER

Will have Fall Fun Festival in October at Lakeland. Profits from Callers Clinic Dance were \$116.00. Bi-centennial dances are planned for three areas on the Fourth of July. Callers and Association are sponsoring new classes.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION - JOHN BEST

Next dance January 31, 1976 in Eustis, Florida, with Art Springer calling. Adult clogging is now being taught in Orlando area, with exhibitions being planned.

Harry Casser, delegate reported on Pirates Ball that is sponsored by Orlando Square and Round Dance Council, April 30, 1976, Danny Robinson calling and May 1, 1976 Johnny Robbins of Jacksonville will call, dance will be held at Orlando Municipal Auditorium. Initiation dances are being planned in several areas so that dancers, who are not pirates, can

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qualify to attend the Ball on Saturday night, as you must be a Florida Pirate to attend the Pirates Ball on Saturday night. There is no tie between the Jolly Rogers Ball and the Florida Pirates Ball. The Orlando Council has a roster of all the Florida Pirates.

SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION - JOE MIESZALSKI

Now have 664 members with four or five clubs one hundred per cent. Having exceptional turn out of callers. Pre-sales for area Caller Clinic Dance total forty-one and half squares, check was given to Federation Treasurer.

Film of San Antonio National Convention was rented and shown at a board and dinner meeting. The film was enjoyed by all present.

Joe Mieszalski presented Chet Vetter a beautiful Gold Seal of the State Of Florida to be taken to the 25th National Convention in Anaheim, California.

Jack and Marie Pierson were presented their Honorary badges for Southeast Association.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION - FRANK SMITH

The Association sent check to help defray expenses of Square Dance Float that was in the Parade of Roses in California.

Bi-monthly meeting are now being held with members of Board and Gateway Callers Association. This has been very beneficial for both participants.

Plans are being made with possibility of renting busses to go to Convention in Miami.

Blood Bank has been formed for member and their immediate families in Northeast Association, forty-four units are now in reserve.

Bi-centennial Dance planned for July 4, 1976.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION - GEORGE BOWIE

Papers have been received and they are now incorporated.

Working with Northeast Association on a blanket coverage of insurance. Panama City Festival will be held January 30, 1976 with John Saunders and January 31 with Don Franklin calling.

Chairman Whiteman noted that only two out of the five associations had something planned for the Bi-centennial. He asked that all associations try to get involved for the betterment of square dancing. (He has his doubts about us being here for the next one.)

BOW AND SWING - JACK PIERSON

All going well for Bow & Swing. Westcoast and Northeast need some help with their magazine. All areas push State Convention in Miami. One of the Westcoast clubs is building a Bi-centennial float. Bow & Swing is doing a pictorial report of the float from start to finish. When sending in pictures to Bow & Swing, please try and send in black and white.

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GRAPEVINE - GEORGE GARLAND

The Grapevine is now being published bi-monthly, due to postal increases. They now have five or six couples helping share the load. Fall RoundUp, November 12 and 13 with Vaugh Parrish and ~~John Jones~~, calling and the Easterday's on Rounds.

John Jones

WESTCOAST DANCER - SUSIE PETROUSKAS

Magazine has really grown, runs about 28 pages. Having some help on the typing and mailing. Now have an artist helping, and still looking for an editor.

NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER - DORIS VACCARI

Now going monthly, have alot of good help lined up. State flyer was in last issue and will be in the March one.

4 W'S - LEN LEVITT

Five thousand copies last issue, still not enough. Boots and George Oglesby doing a great job for the past ten years.

Harry Casser reported that Danny Robinson is no longer publishing Showcase, in Orlando. Groundwork is being done on a new publication in conjunction with Orlando Recreation Department. Hopefully more information at a later date.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - LEN LEVITT

Notes taken at last meeting August 31, 1975 at Tampa were read. Callers will be asked to push their area Callers Clinic Dances.

Walter Stokes reported that Mini-clinics for callers are being planned in all areas from money received from the area Caller Clinic Dances.

At the next coordination committee meeting Len Levitt, with permission from the chair, will present the committee the following: That 50% of profit made on the area's dances go to the area associations that is sponsoring the dance and 50% to the callers of the same area for the Mini-clinic.

Chet Vetter moved that the Federation approve the ideals brought from the coordinating committee, reference, mini-clinics for callers in each of the five associations. Motion seconded, after discussion, then carried. Motion be admended to read whole report from coordinating committee, be accepted by Federation, seconded and approved as ammended.

It was brought up that sometimes an association might like to bring in an out of state caller for their area Caller Clinic Dance, rather than use an instate out of area caller. It was agreed upon that the use of an instate or out of state caller would be left to the association sponsoring the dance.

NATIONAL CONVENTION - LOREN LONG

Mr. Loren Long, Chairman 1972 National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa and now National Committeee member gave a very interesting report on National Conventions.'

NATIONAL SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - CHET VETTER

This year the Seal of Florida with a large map showing how the state is divided into the associations, will be highlighted with the Federation, Florida Callers and Round Dance Council officers. Bring to state convention anything you want to be shown as highlights of your area. Help is needed to take things to California also to help in booth at Convention, for further information contact Chet Vetter, 2414 NE 51 Boulevard, Gainesville, Florida, 32601. For badge board, please send new and old badges to John and Susie Petrauskas, 5255 62nd Street Apt. 214, St. Petersburg, Florida, 32709.

DANCING FEET TO THE 76 BEAT
STATE CONVENTION - LEN LEVITT

At the state convention In Miami Beach, Florida, 1976 proper square dance attire for all square dances will be required. Admission will be by badges only. Please push registration in all areas. Camping facilities approxiamately twenty minutes away. All areas please send in money as soon as possible for the Dancing Feet Pins. Ther will be no free ribbons for 76 convention, all delegates mail in registration and money for badges, money will be refunded by Federation Treasurer

"77" STATE CONVENTION - WALTER STOLTZ

Walter Stoltz is the convention chairman, asked for advance money for "77" convention. "Go to 76" then we will talk "77"

Chet Vetter moved that we ammend the by-laws as proposed for the seating of the fifth officer, Parlimentarian, motion seconded by Morri Sogolow, motion carried.

Mr. Jack Lascola then took the chair as our Parlimentarian

National Square Dance Week - September 20 - 26.

Motion to adjourn by Chet Vetter, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Next meeting Sunday, May 30, 1976 at Miami Beach, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Tucker, Secretary