



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

May 30, 1976

The regular schedule meeting of Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:02, May 30, 1976 by Chairman Jim Whiteman at the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. John Langelais gave the invocation.

Following roll call, Chairman Whiteman asked Boots Oglesby to be the Federation's Liason to the Callers Association and Warren Hyland to Round Dance Council. There was no representative from the Florida Callers Association or Round Dance Council.

Minutes of the January 18, 1976 meeting were read. There were no corrections or additions.

Treasurer reported balance on hand as of May 30, 1976 \$ with net assets of \$

## AREA REPORTS

### WEST COAST-JOHN ZELLNER

We now have approximately eight hundred members for 1976. Several Bicentennial Dances planned in area. We will have Callers Clinic Dance October 16, 1976 at Lakeland with Frank Bedell calling. Lovelace's cueing the rounds. The present editor of their magazine, who has done a great job, plans to give up the magazine. Tentatively they have a new editor. More information at a future date. Fall Fun Festival Dance, October 22-23, 1976 at Lakeland, Ken Bower calling, Lovelace's and Marting's on rounds. Florida Federation has been invited to have their October Meeting on that weekend. Four callers have recently moved into West Coast area, they are Ron Schneider of Ohio, Bob Barnes from Michigan, and from Massachusetts Doc Gray and Joe Pryslupa.

### CENTRAL-JOHN BEST

Several Bicentennial Dances being planned by Clubs in Area. Blood Bank now being formed by association. New President for Central is PeeWee and Mary Stewart who will take office July 11, 1976. The Chairman for the 25th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention in 1978 will be John & Ester Layne. Association Dance July 31, 1976 at Eau Gallie, Florida.

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## NORTHEAST-FRANK SMITH

Blood Bank going real well, fifty-one units now on Deposit. Bi-monthly meeting with Gateway Callers very successful. Next Meeting in July. Gateway callers had a Caller's Clinic in April with Jack Lasry which the association officers were invited. During Round Table Discussion much was accomplished between callers and dancers. Fall Round-Up November 12-13, 1976, Von Parrish & Jon Jones calling and George and Judy Garland are the Chairmans. Calendar program being planned, hope to have effective by January 1, 1977. Bicentennial Dance July 3-4, 1976, Jack Lasry, Elmer Sheffield, Wade Driver, and Bobby Keefe, with Charlie & Madeline Lovelace on Rounds, sponcered by Friendly Frolics and Western Cutters.

## NORTHWEST-MARVIN TAYLOR

Now have twenty-clubs as members with one associate club. Insurance now in effect in conjunction with Northeast Association. Second Round Up planned for September 10-11, 1976 at Nashville, Florida. Northwest Callers on Friday night with Roger Chapman on Saturday night. Bicentennial skit 'the old and new dances'. Third Round Up at Pensacola, Florida, September 9-10, 1977 with Jack Lasry. June 18-19, Pensacola Festival with Elmer Sheffield and Jon Jones. Next Association meeting July 24, 1976.

Chairman Whiteman and all the Federation Thanked Len & Birdell Levitt for the great 23rd Convention we were having.

## SOUTHEAST-JOE MIESZALSKI-Vice President

Officers and Delegates have been quite busy attending graduations. Area Callers Clinic Dance is October 16, 1976 at Sheraton in Miami Beach, Florida with Roger Chapman on Square's. Most clubs have Bicentennial Dances planned.

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE DELEGATE-HARRY MOORE

25th National Convention had 33,000 registered in early May. They project about 32,000 Dancers. 430 Dancers from Florida registered by April 1, 1976. Atlantic City, New Jersey 1977 Convention site will have more than adequate space.

In answer to the question as to were the profit from a national convention goes. When a Square Dance organization bids for a national convention that must include a summary of what they will do with any excess money from that convention. This money must be used to promote Square Dancing.

## BOW &amp; SWING-JACK PIERSON

Thanked all associations for their help in promoting Bow & Swing which is growing. Pictures of all areas along with 3,000 copies of Where to Dance is being sent to National Convention.

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## GRAPEVINE-GEORGE GARLAND

They are mailing 500 copies every other month. Their association, Northeast, owns all their equipment.

## 4 W's-GEORGE OGLESBY

Now printing 6,000 copies. Special thanks to SouthEast Association and all the callers for their cooperation in putting out the 4 W's.

There are some clubs that would like to be listed in the 4 W's, that are not in the SouthEast area, so far they have only taken some advertisements. The 4 W's would like the feelings of the Federation before doing this. West Coast has the same situation. It was felt that when and where-ever Square Dancing could be promoted in good taste, it would be proper and it would not infringe on another association.

## NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER-DORIS VACCARI

Northwest Newsletter recently had a contest, their new name is now Panhandle Press. Have two area type editors.

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE-LEN LEVITT

Coordinating Committee meeting held Saturday afternoon, May 29, 1976 another scheduled for today, May 30, 1976.

Three topics were discussed, Mini Clinics, Proper Dress for conventions, and responsibilities for advance funding of state conventions. These topics were to be taken back to parent group and feelings brought back to future meetings, Herman Ibach to rotate off coordinating committee with Frank Smith from NorthEast.

## SHOWCASE OF IDEALS-CHET VETTERS

Some material that will be going to national convention on display at convention center. Suggested that Showcase be set up at all large dances, such as convention, Knothead, and etc. so that Florida dancers could see what is being done for them.

## 76 CONVENTION-LEN LEVITT

Thanked his committee for their hard work and cooperation they showed him, in helping him plan this convention.

He noted that there seemed to be some lack of communication between the callers and round dancers. Convention complete report will be given at next Federation meeting.

Chairman Whiteman ask that all associations set up a committee too promote and explain State Square Dance Conventions in their area's, push early registration and attendance. Not to depend totally on registration forms, flyers, and etc., but to really TALK IT UP.

## 77 CONVENTION-WALTER STOKES

Made Federation Chairman Honorary Chairman of the 24th Convention. John Zellner Co-Chairman, place Lakeland Civic Center,

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Callers are Chris Vear from Germany, Lee Kopman from New York, and Charlie & Mary Carter cueing the Rounds. Plus Florida callers and Round dance cuers. Using four motels at Interstate 4 and 98 exit. Six minutes from hall, 2,500 rooms, Rates from \$14.00 to \$18.00 for Double. Have 50 reservations from Miami Convention already. 500 camper units with possibility of more.

Convention Chairman ask the secretary to read past minutes as to how rates were set for past convention. (See enclosure for excerpts from meetings.)

Chet Vetter moved that West Coast Associaton be able to set price for own convention, seconded by Frank Cornwall, motion carried.

#### CALLERS ASSOCIATION-BOOTS OGLESBY

Callers were extremely unhappy about paying to attend state convention. Their representatives to coordinating committee are going to bring up the following changes to be considered for 1978 convection.

- (1) Return to state callers the complete convention program, using the best of Florida callers.
- (2) Callers to attend on White badges for free.
- (3) At some later date Convention to be held at one location yearly with possibility of being under one roof.
- (4) Have a caller and wife to be a co-chairman of convention.

Chairman Whiteman appointed Len Levitt, Warren Hyland and PeeWee Stewart for nominating committee for new officers next year.

Chairman Whiteman presented Chet Vettters with Proclamation from Governor Askew, proclaiming September 20-26, 1976 as National Square Dance Week in Florida, to take to Nationals.

#### ROUND DANCE COUNCIL-WARREN HYLAND

Round Dancers are very happy.

Frank Smith, NorthEast Association asked, that since our conventions are rotated if NorthWest would be hosting the 1979 Convention.

Joe Vaccari, NorthWest President stated that NorthWest was very eager to participate in hosting a convention but at this time they have no Facility adequate. They will support all state conventions.

John Zellner moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Next meeting in Tampa at Knothead Convention on Sunday, September 5, 1976.

Respectively Submitted,

*John K. Tucker*  
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Secretary

Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Knothead Convention,  
Clearwater, Florida September 2, 1972

By Laws Committee Report by Mori Sogalow

"The constitution did not need revising and no need for By-Laws. Al Cody mentioned the 1964 original charter. Following, the minutes, had been successful for almost 20 years was his recommendations. In this way the operation was flexible and makes the administration for each convention simple. A strong committee detail and just regular updating convention procedures would be sufficient. Frank Cornwall moved that we proceed as in the past. Seconded by Mori Sogalow. Recommended guidelines - Chet Vettters, Chairman asked secretary, PeeWee Stewart to mail convention procedures to all Presidents of the Associations."

Minutes of Second Meeting of Special Committee of Callers, Square &  
Round Dancers December 12, 1972

"Because of the changes suggested and the resulting increase in operating costs, it is recommended that the cost of attendance to this much improved and desirable convention be increased by an amount to make it profitable...the price is to be set by the Host Association; however, an increase of \$1.00 per person was suggested."

Minutes of a meeting held Sunday, October 22nd, 1972, at the Atlantis Hotel, Cocoa Beach, Florida

"Among the group present various persons voiced the opinion that the admission charge could be raised if the program offered was more attractive to the dancers than the present set up."

Florida Federation of Square Dancers, September 1, 1974

"The registration fees are to be approved by the Federation."