



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10 A.M. by Chairman Jim Whiteman in Tampa, Florida at the Holiday Inn on September 5, 1976.

Jack Tucker gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary.

Chet Vetter moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes since all present had received copies. Motion seconded and approved. There were no corrections or additions.

Treasurer Joe Vaccari gave the treasurer report, balance on hand as of September 5, 1976 \$.

Chairman Whiteman reminded all that association dues of \$ per year are now due.

There was no one present from the Florida Callers Association or Round Dance Council of Florida.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Jack Tucker gave a brief report on material received from the 26th National Square Dance Convention Committee in Atlantic City, New Jersey Register early to get Choice of motel and camping facilities.

Square Dancers of America will have a float in Tournament of Roses Parade. If you are interested in riding the float are to help sponcer it please contact Jack Tucker for further information.

AREA REPORTS

WEST COAST-JOHN ZELLNER

Membership now 963. Election of officers September 19, 1976 at Area Dance. Nine new clubs in area. Several activities planned for National Square Dance Week, September 20 thru 26.

Planning to form Blood Bank.

Fall Fun Fest, October 22, 23 with Ken Bower on Squares and with the Lovelaces and Martins on Rounds. Hope to make this dance an annual affair.

West Coast Dancer, area magazine now publishing about 1,700 copies per month. Hope to have a permanent editor by end of October.

CENTRAL-DON LUTZ

Have proclamation from Mayor of Orlando proclaiming National Square Dance Week in Orlando, September 20 thru 26. Dances planned in several shopping malls with area callers.

Blood Bank now formed. Several big dances planned in Area for next two months.

Central's Area Dance is October 16 with Johnny Walters at Tubberware Auditorium. Next Association Dance in Orlando, October 30, 1976 at Orlando Youth Center with John Saunders calling.

SOUTHEAST-JOE MIEZALSKI

Election of officers in August. New officers are:
Joe and Ann Miezalski President
Bob and Barbara Given Vice President
Harry and Marie Taylor Secretary
Clair and Jackie Shingler Treasurer
Royce and Bonnie Taylor Membership Chairman

SouthEast Area Dance is October 16, 1976 with Roger Chapman calling.
Renewal Dance is October 10, 1976 at Jack Lasry Hall with area callers.

NORTHEAST-FRANK SMITH

Twenty two active clubs in Northeast. Starting this month most clubs will be starting class with a minimum of thirty weeks.

Have sixty units of Blood on hand in Blood Bank.

Twenty Third Annual Fall RoundUp is November 12, 13 in Jacksonville, with Vaughn Parrish and Jon Jones and the Easterday's on Round's. On Sunday there will be a seminar for the club presidents and delegates. Also anyone who is there is welcome to attend.

Clogging class starting in Jacksonville, October 26th with Tommy and Shirley Dean Instructing.

Election of Officers is September 19, 1976.

NORTHWEST-MARVIN TAYLOR

Second RoundUp next weekend at Nicfield, Florida, close to Ft. Walton Beach, with Roger Chapman. Election of officers also.

GEORGIA STATE SQUAE DANCE ASSOCIATION

Virginia and Mac McDonald, President of Georgia State Square Dance Association invited all to come to Georgia for their State Convention, September 16, 17 and 18th at Macon. Mrs. McDonald told of how the 4'H Clubs of Georgia are now Square Dancing for thie badges in 4'H Clubs. The Georgia State Square Dance Association is helping with this move and is really creating alot of interest in Square Dancing over the state.

BOW & SWING-JACK PIERSON

All going well! Starting next month, in the Where To Dance Section, it will be broken down into area's.

GRAPEVINE-GEORGE GARLAND

Now have new mimio-graph machine which is great!

PANHANDLE PRESS-DORIS VACCARI

Have expanded their Special Events, column to include most of the Big Dances in nearby states and Florida.

4/W's-BOOTS OGLESBY

In ten years have gone from one page and five hundred copies to twelve pages and six thousand copies. Special Thanks to all of SouthEast for their help and support. Boots and George have been editors for the complete ten years.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

At Coordinating Committee Meeting in May the Florida Callers Association came up with a list of proposals for changes concerning State Convention. Chairman Whiteman called a special meeting of the coordinating committee and Florida Federation Officers for August 1, 1976 to work on a proposal that would be acceptable by, The Florida Callers Association, Round Dance Council Of Florida, and the Florida Federation of Square Dancers.

Len Levitt read the proposals from callers.

Jack Tucker read the proposal's from the Special meeting in August.

Pee Wee Stewart pointed that the proposal ~~should~~ read that the Chairman of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention should be appointed by the Host Association with the approval of the Federation.

Virgil Green moved to adopt this presentation with subject to correction on the naming of chairman.

Seconded by Mori Sogolow, Motion unanimously approved.

Georgia State Square Dance Association President Mac and Virginia McDonald ask that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers help and support in their bid for National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in 1981.

Virgil Green moved that we support the Georgia State Square Dance Association bid for 1981 National Convention and send them a letter stating our help and support to include in their bid to the National Committee for the Convention. Seconded by Walter Stolkes. Unanimously approved.

Harvey Chambers also from Georgia (formerly from NorthEast FL) reaffirmed the need for Florida's support and help in their bid for 1981 National Convention. Opening this month in Atlanta will be the largest convention center in the entire SouthEast, sound is supposed to be of the best and the housing facilities are adequate for such an undertaking. He feels that they are now ready to Host a Convention of this size that it would be a pleasure for all in attendance.

LEN LEVITT FINAL CONVENTION REPORT FOR 1976

Cashiers check to Federation for \$, two late bills to be paid out of this making the net proceeds for Convention \$.

ATTENDANCE 1998½

SHOWCASE OF IDEALS-CHET VETTERS

Received a beautiful plaque from National Convention, which was on display at Curtis Hixon. Received nothing but favorable comments of Florida Showcase. Hope to have set up at most of the larger dances coming up in Florida.

1977 CONVENTION-WALTER STOKES CHAIRMAN

John Zellner is Co-Chairman. Cooperation is wanted and needed from all area Associations. Please register early and suggest this at your association meetings. Please take flyers back to your area and circulate them. Remember this is OUR State Convention not just WestCoast.

Facilities at Lakeland are one hall that will dance 400 squares that will be divided for Round Dancers and Square Dancers, Two smaller halls for teens and Special groups and the arena which will Dance approx. 400 squares.

Grand Marches on Saturday and Sunday Night. Exhibitions from 6:30 to 7:30

in the arena which will seat approx. 7,000.

Hopefully we will have a Convention that everyoney will enjoy.

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JOHN LAYNE-78 CONVENTION

Thanked Central for the opportunity to serve as Chairman and Federation for confirming their appointment. Working on getting information together. More at later date. Now we are just supporting West Coast and their effort.

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE WEEK-SEPTEMBER 20 THRU 26

Lets all get out and show the state what Square Dancing is all about in Florida

Election of officers at next meeting, October 22, 1976 at Lakeland.

Mori Sogolow moved to adjourn, seconded, and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tucker

Jack Tucker
Federation Secretary