



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by Chairman Jim Whiteman at 10A.M., October 24, 1976 at the Quality Inn in Lakeland, Florida.

Mori Sogolow gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Jack Tucker. A moment of silent meditation was held for Joe Mieszalski (Joe Smith) -President of Southeast, who is in the hospital.

Visitors were introduced.

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

Treasurer Joe Vaccari gave the treasurer report. Division of Profits from the 23rd State Square and Round Dance Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, 1976 as follows:

Net Profit after expenses	\$
Round Dance Council of Florida	
10% of \$	
Florida Callers Association	
50% of \$	
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	
\$ -divided as follows:	
SouthEast Square and Round Dance Association	
50% of \$	
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	
50% of \$	

YEARLY REPORT - PERIOD OF OCTOBER 5, 1975 - OCTOBER 24, 1976

Balance brought forward

October 4, 1975 \$

Income for year _____

TOTAL

Disbursements _____

Balance Oct. 24, 1976 \$

Loss for year \$

Balance of hand as of October 24, 1976 \$

Advance to 24th State Square and Round Dance Convention	\$
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ _____



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AREA REPORTS

WESTCOAST-KEN FORD, PRESIDENT

Thanked Federation for coming to their Fall Fun Fest, and having our meeting, and would like for us to come back next year. Plans for 1977 Fall Fun Fest well under way. New officers of West Coast were introduced.

New Editors of West Coast Dancer Magazine are Harold and Carolyn Mercer.

Survey of West Coast Dancers was made as to whether our State Convention should use out of state callers or state callers. The consensus was to use either out of state or specially selected big name state callers are acceptable.

John and Susie Petrauskas have been appointed to head up their Blood Bank for WestCoast.

WestCoast Willie will now be a part of Florida Showcase.

Net proceeds of the WestCoast area dance October 16, 1976, were \$105.00, check to be presented to Federation today. Membership for 1976 was 1052

CENTRAL-DON LUTZ, PRESIDENT

October 16th area dance well attended, Johnny Walters, caller. Next Association Dance October 30th with John Saunders on Squares, Bill and Betty Beattie on Rounds, in Orlando, at Lockhaven Neighborhood center. Blood Bank now has seven units on hand. Next association meeting January 9, 1977, Ben White Raceway, Orlando. Wagon Wheels of St. Cloud will have their 7th anniversary dance at Tupperware Auditorium with Jack Lasry on Squares, and Augenblicks on Rounds.

SOUTHEAST-BOB GIVENS, VICE PRESIDENT

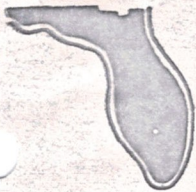
Joe Mieszalski, President of Southesast is in the hospital in Arlington, Virginia with cancer. Address for anyone who wishes to send a card as follows:

Joe Mieszalski
Arlington Hospital, Room 442
George Mason Drive
Arlington, Virginia 05250

Renewal dance was held October 10. Now have 465 members. Area Dance October 16-with Roger Chapman, had 42½ squares in Attendance. Southeast tries at least once a year to get to Key West for a Clinic Dance. This year plans are being formed for something different - a hydroplane trip from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West. 27 couples already signed up for 24th Convention with rooms and registration.

NORTHEAST-GEORGE GARLAND, PRESIDENT

23rd Annual Fall Roundup-November 12,13,14, 1976, Jacksonville Civic Auditorium - Jon Jones and Vaughn Parrish with Irv & Betty Easterday on Rounds. Followed by Round dance clinic, Styling & teaching seminar on Sunday...Everyone Invited...This is a first for Northeast. Federation officers invited as guests.



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We are expanding our program in Northeast; clogging class in session with 50 future cloggers, 12 square dance classes in session, all starting at same time and hopefully graduating with no less than 30 weeks. Clubs have voted to hold only one class per year. One of the largest round dance classes in several years now in session with 14 couples. Dancers Association and Gateway Callers are still having meetings to improve relations. Art Wilson is the new chairman of Gateway Callers. Blood Bank is going great, 89 units have been banked, 22 units of open heart surgery and 5 units for another major surgery have been used, 62 units in bank to date and available to any square dancer and immediate family, we have one couple who have donated one gallon each, also have a badge for donors. Suggested that maybe all areas which have blood banks give some badge for donor. Badge was passed around for all to see.

NORTHWEST-MARVIN TAYLOR, PRESIDENT

Roundup was held in Nicefield, Florida, Roger Chapman on Saturday night and Northwest callers on Friday night.

New officers elected at dance. New Square dance hall being built in Ft. Walton. Joe Vaccari is Building Chairman. This is the third hall that has been built in Northwest area. Cities are working together to build these halls and this is a big benefit for Square Dancing.

Round-Up next year in Pensacola with Jack Lasry.

BOW AND SWING-JACK PIERSON

All going well. If you have a class going notify Bow and Swing at least a month before graduation to receive a free copy of Bow and Swing for each graduate couple. In past six years magazine has gone from 29 pages to 60 pages for last issue. If you want your article in magazine please send it in.

WESTCOAST DANCER-CAROLYN MERCER

Have been new editors past two months. Magazine has 12 pages. Had 2400 copies last month.

PANHANDLE PRESS-DORIS VACARRI

Working very hard and rolling along.

4-W's-BOB GIVENS

Boots and George still doing a great job.

GRAPEVINE-GEORGE GARLAND

Ben Franklin describes the Square Dance editor: "The slip of the clutch you may soon recover. The slip of the tongue and you will never get over."



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Mori Sogolow pointed out that the Fall Fun Fest was the brain storm of two past editors of West Coast dancer to raise money for third Magazine which has no advertisement in it and is free. They hope to make \$1,000.00 to pay for their magazine for a year. Al and Isbell Ratliff-John and Susie Petrauskas are to be comended for doing an outstanding job.

There was no Coordination Committee report as there was to be another meeting of the Committee at 1p.m.

PeeWee Stewart moved that this boby nominate and elect someone from the Northwest to represent the Northwest on the Coordinating Committee. Chet Vettters pointed out that we did not need a motion because the motion setting up the Coordinating Committee said that it would be delegates from each Association. It did not state the number of Association. So the Northwest should automatically have a delegates on the Coordinating Committee. Chairman of the Federation with the concurance of Northwest does the appointing. It is not part of this boby responsibility to name a member to the Coorinating Committee. It is the Chairman of the Federation with concurance of the area association. Chairman Whiteman asked Joe Vaccari to get with him as soon as the Federation meeting was over.

SHOWCASE OF IDEALS-CHET VETTERS

Next set up at Fall Round Round-up in Jacksonville November 12-13 If anyone going from either association please take your material to be set up. Mori Sogolow moved that whoever the parlimentarian is in our line be made the chairman of our Showcase of Ideas on a year to year basis. Motion seconded and approved.

77 CONVENTION-WALTER STOKES CHAIRMAN

Will have whole complex for convention. Square and Round Trail End Dance on Friday Night. Style Show Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon-workshop early evening exhibitions Grand March and Dance Sat. night. Sunday afternoon workshop. Exhibitions 6:30 to 7:30. Big dance Sunday night. Chairman Stokes asked that area magazine carry short news releases that they will be receiving from Jack Pierson and for all area publications to please send in their bills for their advertisment to the convention committee as soon as possible at the end of convention. Housing is being handle through the Chamber of Commerce of Lakeland. All Federation delegates are to fill out their registration forms today to receive free ribbons for 77 Convention. Free regsitration forms will be given to Round Dance Coucil of Florida and the Florida Caller's Association members who will fill out a registration form and attend the convention.

George Garland announced that all Callers and Round Dance cuer's will be admitted to Fall Round Up in Jacksonville on their Badge.



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JOHN LAYNE-78 CONVENTION

We are going to have something we are all going to enjoy and that we can all be proud of. Still planning and gathering information. Some national callers are available and some wonderful locations and some surprises lined up. Everything is go and we are going to overcome anything that comes along and we are going to do it! Any suggestions please be in touch.

PeeWee Stewart asked if an advance in money was needed at this time.

Mr. Layne then asked the Federation for \$1,000.00 advance if it was proper at this time.

Chairman Whiteman asked if this could not be delayed, because this is too be brought up at the coordinating committee. As we are going to have to get some money from these other area's, such as Round Dancer's and Callers to put in some money for these Conventions. When 77 Convention is advanced what money that is needed and bills that have just come in the Federation Bank balance will be quite low.

It was brought up as to why we would be asking the Callers and Round Dancer's for money to put on a conventions.

It was then discussed that if all three organizations was receiving part of the benefits of a state convention they should share in part of the financial responsibility.

Chairman Whiteman said that a report from the Coordinating Committee would be sent with these minutes(see attached).

Walter Stokes brought up that the \$120.00 due West Coast Magazine from the 23rd Convention be paid by 24th Convention off the top as the 23rds books are closed. WestCoast should receive this money as it is due them.

Chet Vettters moved that the 24th Convention assume the bill and pay it off the top. Seconded and approved.

John Zellner suggested that bills from area magazines be turned in at January meeting of Federation to state conventions chairman's so that the same situation would not be repeated in future years.

Mori Sogolow moved that the Secretary of the Federation send the Georgia delegates ribbons for our 24th Convention.

Walter Stokes Convention Chairman said this had already been done by Convention Committee!

Bob Givens, SouthEast Vice President announced that 1980's State Convention Chairman was Alan and Bertha Asherafts

Chairman Whiteman appointed Warren Hyland, Chet Vettters and Walter Stokes as the Audit committee for the Federation books.



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Len Levitt gave the nominating committee recommendations as follows:

Chairman	Ron and MaryLee VanValkenberg
Vice Chairman	Jack and Pat Tucker
Secretary	Joe and Doris Vaccari
Treasurer	Jack and Nita Lascola
Parliamentarian	Frank and Francis Smith

Chairman Whiteman ask for nominations from floor.

There was no nominations from floor.

Mori Sogolow moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Walter Stokes.

Unanimously approved.

Jim asked for Bunny to come forward and together they Thanked the Federation. A standing ovation was given for a job well done.

Chairman Ron VanValkenberg then took the chair and Frank Smith was seated on the Chairs.

Ron thanked everyone for their vote of confidence, for himself and all the other officers. He then thanked Jim and Bunny for doing a great job for 4 years.

NorthWest will host our Winter meeting in Tallahassee on Sunday January 16 at 9A.M., Dance Saturday January 15 with Elmer Sheffield calling and a party afterwards.

Chairman VanValkenberg ask that when you get up to talk please state your name as the minutes are taped and it is very ~~hard~~ to distinguish voices afterwards also if an association area reports make 2 copies one for Secretary and one for your self.

Square Dancers of America ask for contributions to help pay for their float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Float will cost \$40,000.00 to built so any donations would be appreciated
Send to: Square Dancers of America

P.O. Box 2
Altodena, Calif. 91001

Jim Whiteman moved to adjourn. Seconded and approved, meeting adjourned at 11:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tucker
Secretary of the Federation