



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by Chairman Ron VanValkenberg at 10:00 A.M. Oct. 30, 1977 at the Hilton Inn, Lakeland, Florida.

Hugh Fultz gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Joe Vaccari. All officers were present. Four area associations had three delegates present. One association had two delegates present. Five of the past Chairmen were present with seven absent.

Chet Vetter moved that since all delegates had received copies of the minutes, that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. An addition was made as follows: Chairman Ron VanValkenberg appointed a nominating committee consisting of Jim Whiteman, Len Levitt and Peewee Stewart. There being no other corrections, the minutes were approved.

There were no representatives in attendance from the Round Dance Council or the Florida Callers Association.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward, Sept. 2, 1977	\$
Income	
Disbursements	
Bank balance, Oct. 30, 1977	\$
NET ASSETS	
Federation Bank Account	\$
Contingency Fund (Fla. State Con. Fund)	
Advance 25th State Convention	
Total Assets, Oct. 30, 1977	\$

## AREA REPORTS

### CENTRAL - Don Lutz

We had a good turn out with about 19 squares at our local association dance.

Our blood bank now has a balance of 38 units.

The next Association meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th. It will be a short meeting at 2 P.M. followed by a dance til 5 P.M. We will be travelling for this dance which will be held at the Kiwanis Recreation Hall on Merritt Island. The Square Dance caller will be Colin Walton. Cueing for the Rounds will be Pete and Janet Shankle.



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Central Florida Millie was first shown at Hialeah at the Oct. 15th area dance. She received a fantastic welcome. We hoped that she would make a beautiful girl friend for West Coast Willie. They met for the first time this weekend at the Fall Fun Fest. Everyone is now anxiously waiting to see if a romance will develop. All of the people of Central, who are guardians of Millie, are glad she didn't get to Tampa first, because none of them wanted to see their daughter Tampa'd with.

Our new Square Dance class has 81 members with 4 clubs hosting it. The cloggers class has 27 members.

## WEST COAST - Hugh Fultz

As you have seen the Fall Fun Fest has been a success. The degree of that success will not be known until a later date after the receipts have been tallied. We trust that everyone enjoyed the festival.

Our Association elections were held Sept. 25th. and the following officers assumed their duties on Oct. 1, 1977:

President	Hugh and Jean Fultz
Vice-President	Jim and Shirley Glover
Secretary	George and Dena Burcham
Treasurer	John and Lucille Kelley

The first three named officers are to be delegates to this Federation.

All printing for the City of Tampa has been consolidated into a single department and as a result, the Recreation Department is no longer able to print our magazine. The Executive Committee is happy to announce, as publishers, that we have made private arrangements which give us more latitude in every facet of the publication. We were able to conclude a favorable financial solution as well. George Burcham, pinch hitting for editor, will elaborate further in his publicity report.

Our blood bank is gaining slowly with 16 units to our credit.

The program of club visitations by the officers, including Ken and Mae Ford as interested participants, continues. In October, we, together with West Coast Willie, visited seven clubs and functions that it had not been our privilege to visit before. This brings the total visits by West Coast Willie to 67 in 13 months. Central Florida Association provided a friend for Willie because we believe that propagation of the species is in the interest of Square Dancing.



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The West Coast Association now has a combined 77-78 current membership of 1,523 members.

In conjunction with the third Annual Fall Fest, next October, the West Coast Association is looking forward to being your hosts again.

## NORTHWEST - Marvin Taylor

A series of articles covering the history of Square Dancing from earliest times through the current activities was run in the Playground Daily News of Ft. Walton Beach for 5 days during National Square Dance Week. A number of clubs had special dances during the week.

One club in Pensacola had an old fashioned dance with the caller using records from the 1940's and 50's. This dance was a change and all had a good time.

If anyone would like to have a dance like this, contact me and I will have the caller get in touch with you.

The Panama City Festival will be held during the last weekend of January, 1978 with John Hendron.

## NORTHEAST - Ted Keiser

Northeast is building and expanding it's activities more and more. We now have 26 clubs belonging to the association, one of which is a single's club and another is a clogging club. There are ten square dance classes in progress with approximately 300 people, one clogging class with 75 class members and a round dance class.

Our square dance, round dance and clogging exhibition groups are very busy. All three groups performed at the Georgia State Convention and were very well received. All three groups also performed at the Coffee Harvest Hoedown at Douglas, Georgia and the clogging group performed at the October Beachcomber in Jacksonville Beach. The cloggers are currently making a series of television commercials for a major appliance firm in Jacksonville, as well.

Our blood bank now has 75 pints of blood available and we commend all supporters of the blood bank for their unselfish spirit. Several N.E. dancers have given over a gallon of blood each.

Elections were held in September at the bi-monthly association meeting and the following took office on October 1, 1977;



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President	Ted & June Keiser
Vice-President	Jim & Marilyn Stone
Recording Secretary	Theron & Bonnie Smith
Corresponding Sec'y	Jim & Mary Jo Wright
Treasurer	Norm & Joyce Farrell

Delegates are Ted, George & Jim Stone and Norm is alternate.

## SOUTHEAST - Bob Given

Our renewal dance held on Oct. 9th, had several of our Southeast callers participating. There were over 25 squares attending. An accurate accounting won't be available until our board meeting next week.

Our Area dance was held Oct. 15th, in Hialeah with 52½ squares who danced to Wayne Brooks and Stan & Ruth Jaynes.

A blood bank is in the process of being set up for the Southeast. Hopefully, at our next Federation meeting, we will have results to report.

Our annual picnic will be held January 8 at TY Park.

Christmas Dinner at Nalli's in Ft. Lauderdale will be held Dec. 10 with all members invited to attend.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOW & SWING - Jack Pierson

"Where to dance" folders at the welcome stations are being placed under the counter, with one on the bulletin board, since it's virtually impossible to keep up with the demand. 36,000 to be printed. To be sent out in April and October. 3,000 will be sent to the Nationals. If anyone has problems with mailing, advise and I will correct.

### WEST COAST DANCER - George Burcham

Our magazine is being privately printed now and we have much better quality. We have no restrictions on size. Could carry ads but hope not to. We have reduced the print size and number of pages, but have the same amount of information. It's costing \$300.00 less per year to print. 2,700 copies were printed this month plus several dance programs which were placed at welcome stations.



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## GRAPEVINE - George Garland

Judy is retiring and we are looking for editors for the Grapevine. We are going to devote our time to the 1979 State Convention.

4 W'S - Getting along just fine.

## PANHANDLE PRESS - Marvin Taylor

Printing 500 copies. We are now coming out on odd months of the year; however, we will print a Christmas issue. State Convention fliers will be placed in the November and March issues.

## SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - Frank Smith

I have "blown up" photos of the Showcase to see. I would like to say again to all area delegates, go to your Chamber of Commerce and obtain gimmicks, literature, maps, etc. for next years Showcase. Thoroughly enjoyed working with the Showcase this year.

Chairman VanValkenberg stated that 1978 National Convention Tour Travel brochures are on the table for the delegates.

## CONVENTION SITE REPORT - Jack Tucker

Thanks to the VanValkenbergs, the Stoltz's and the Laynes' for compiling this information. Could only get prices for one year. The report was turned over to the 1979 Convention Chairman, George Garland, for evaluation by the Committee. The committee will determine the 1979 Convention site.

## 1978 CONVENTION REPORT - Central - John Layne

Thanks to all the publications for the fantastic support that is being given. We have \$1,400 in paid registrations to date. Need the Federation delegates to sign up for ribbons. We have sold over \$800 of the anniversary pins. All hotels/motels require one nites deposit. We have over 350 rooms reserved in Orlando and no one hotel is full to date. Excellent camping facilities are nearby. Harry Cassar remarked that the Convention Committee will try to visit all areas to promote the Convention.

## 1979 CONVENTION REPORT - Northeast - George Garland

We will work appointing the Convention Committee and make the location decision soon.

## 1980 CONVENTION REPORT - Southeast - Jack Lascola

Alan Ashcroft was unable to be here today. He was waiting for the Convention Site report and will have more information at our next meeting.



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## CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

After a lengthy discussion concerning the make-up of the co-ordinating committee, a motion was made by Chet Vetter, seconded by Warren Hyland, as follows:

First, the upcoming member of the co-ordinating committee will be chosen by the Association and recommended to the Federation Chairman.

Secondly, there will be a total of four members from the Square Dancers. A member will serve for one year after his association holds a state convention. At the end of that time, the member will drop off and that association will have no member for one year. Each member, therefore, would serve four years, three years before, and one year after a State Convention.

Motion carried. No dissenting votes.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mori Sogolow recommended that the person in charge of the Showcase at National Conventions be in full charge of the Showcase and if the Federation Chairman is not there, also be in full command of the Federation Delegation. It was determined that a motion was not necessary. This would be handled by an executive order from the Chair.

Chet Vetter suggested that we should have someone at the Showcase at all times to answer questions. A register should be at the Showcase for Florida dancers to sign up to man the Showcase.

A motion was made by Mori Sogolow, seconded by Chet Vetter to not pay expenses for any organization to visit future State Convention sites. Motion carried 19 to 5.


## NEW BUSINESS

Chairman VanValkenberg appointed Mori Sogolow and Chet Vetter as the audit committee for the Federation books.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Whiteman gave the nominating committee recommendations as follows:

Chairman	Jack & Pat Tucker
Vice-Chairman	Joe Vaccari
Secretary	Jack & Nita Iascola
Treasurer	Frank & Frances Smith
Parliamentarian	Ken & Mae Ford



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The Chair remarked that letters were sent by the nominating committee to all nominees in advance of the meeting. This was considered a good idea and should be continued.

There were no nominations from the floor. Hugh Fultz moved that nominations be closed. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Jack Tucker then took the Chair and Ken Ford was seated as Parliamentarian.

Jack thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and each officer in turn spoke and thanked everyone for their vote of confidence.

The May meeting will be at the State Convention in Orlando. The September meeting will be at Knothead. The January and October meetings will be held in the North and the South of the State. The dates and places will be established soon.


Jack asked for Ron and Mary Lee to come forward. Mary Lee was presented a potted plant (orchids?) by Pat Tucker. Ron was presented a certificate of excellence. A standing ovation was given for a job well done.

Jack requested the past Chairman, officers and wives to remain after the meeting for an informal discussion.

Peewee Stewart commented on the excellent Georgia State Convention and the support provided by the Florida dancers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Vaccari  
Secretary