



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by Chairman Jack Tucker at 10:0 A. M. January 15th, 1978 at the Holiday Inn, West Palm Beach, Florida

Hugh Fultz gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Jack Lascola. All officers, with the exception of Ken Ford, Parliamentarian, were present. Four area associations had three delegates present. One association had one delegate present. Eight of the past chairmen were present with five absent.

Chet Vetter, after a slight pause, moved that since all delegates had received copies of the minutes that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

There were no representatives in attendance from the Round Dance Council nor the Florida Callers Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward, October 30, 1977	\$
Income	
Disbursements	
Bank Balance, January 1, 1978	\$ _____
<u>Net Assets</u>	
Federation Bank Account	\$
Contingency Fund (Fla. State Conv. Fund)	
Advance to 25th Fla. State Convention	
TOTAL ASSETS, January 1, 1978	\$ _____

AREA REPORTS

Central - John Layne

Next meetind and dance is January 29, 1978 at Kiwanis Recreation Center in Merritt Island. Caller is Colin Walton.

Blood Bank balance is 36 pints. We had our first call by square dancers and used four pints.

Continued co-actions are planned with other dancer organizations and in particular the Orlando Council. Pirates Ball this year is being co-sponsored by the Central Association April 14th and 15th at the Exposition Center in Orlando, Featuring Art Springer, caller, and Joe Auginblick and Jim Trulock on the rounds.

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WEST COAST - Hugh Fultz

The first of six Association dances will be held Sunday January 29th at Glugport Community Center in lower Pinellas County. The other dances will be February 19th at Sebring, February 26th at Holiday Lakes Estates We find it desirable to take the activities to the dancers rather than expect the dancers to travel long distances to the activities.

Blood Bank has twenty-five pints. After the expected slow start the bank has gained considerable momentum and is now a going concern.

Visitations by West Coast Willie continue and last nights total is 78. Willis is pretty closemouthed concerning his relationship with Millie but we have hopes.

Walter and Esther Stoltz have been designated Legacy Trustees. We welcome this added dancer representation.

Our 1978 membership stands at 850 with our renewal dance getting underway.

The Sun Coast Callers Association has held two of five projected Freshman Frolics. Fifty squares of beginners attended each dance. This indicates to us that interest remains high in the square dance movement. Our Association will serve refreshments at their April dance.

NORTHWEST - Marvin Taylor

It has been fairly quite in the Northwest area during the holidays. Several of the clubs have classes ready to graduate and they are looking forward to the Panama City Festival the last of this month.

We are currently signing up members for the accident insurance program, hoping to top the five hundred membership of last year.

The Northwest area is sponsoring a Spring Round-Up March 25th in Fort Walton Beach's new square dance hadd featuring one of Floridas top callers Darryl Mc Millian from Panama City.

SOUTHEAST - Bob Given

Our membership so far this year is five hundred and twenty three.

Our Blood Bank has finally finalized effective the first of the year. Southeast covers from Martin County to Monroe County so we should come up with a good number of units of blood We now have nine pints.

December Christmas Dinner and Board meeting was at Valle's Restaurant with thirty eight couples attending. Everyone had a good time.

January we had our picnic at T Y Park. Everyone enjoyed the games and the food.

WE are going to two Renewal Dances to better serve the dancers in the entire are. One for the south area and one for the north area.

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S O S - Southeast October Spectular at the Sheration in Hallandale Fla. When you get there you will park your car and it is not necessary to move your car until you leave, October 6th and 7th. Friday night Trails End Dance with a weinie roast after the dance. Saturday afternoon workshop, Saturday night dance with skits after the dance. Rember S O S .

The Southeast has a new caller for our monthly clinics. Frank Bedell, Frank will be calling for all our clinics.

John and Minnie Zellner are our Alternate Delegates to the Federation.

NORTHEAST - Ted Keiser

Our annual Fall Round-up was held in November with around one hundred squares. We were very pleased with the attendance.

Dances will be held in November and December for the Toys for Tots.

Our exhibition groups have been active at several locations.

We have a film of the Anaheim National Convention which is available for a fee of \$ 10.00.

We have prospective editors for the Grapevine.

Our clogging classes had 63 graduates and we had 40 plus squares at our Beginners Hoedown.

Our callers are following the Caller Lab recommendations for length of time for for their classes and we think the success of this was indicated by the level of dance at the Fall Round-up.

There are 75 units in our Blood Bank.

Our campers club is working with the Georgia Campers to organize a chapter of the National Square Dance Campers in Georgia.

Grapevine - No report

Northwest Panhandle Press - Marvin Taylor

A coloring party was held at Jerry and Theresa Fowlers home in late November to color the cover of the Panhandle Press Christmas issue.

One hundred man (& lady) hours was spent coloring 500 copies. Six couples were there and enjoyed home-made chili and good conversation and had a good time although suffering from tired hands. Income from ads was \$192.00, expenses \$35.76, profit \$156.24.

Who-What-When-Where -Boots Oglesby

As permanent delegates to the Federation George and I want to thank everyone for coming down here and hope that maybe sometime in the future you can make the trip down again.

We are still printing 6,000 copies and this year we went to something a little different. We have red printing on a green background for the holidays which fall on December, January and February. So this year we are trying some different things and the printer we are using is able to come up with a lot of little different ideas so it should be interesting in the next year or so.

The "Little Who" that we have been working on with the callers and dancers association in the South East is starting to move and hopefully will get a lot of dancers into the different clubs also some of the wanderers might be able to find a home.

February 5th we are having a Jay Fenimore benefit dance sponsored by the callers. Mike has had quite a number of large bills and so all the dancers are trying to push for this and hopefully we will be able to help.

Showcase of Ideas (Ken Ford home with flu) Jack Tucker

Ken sent a letter to all association presidents that he has three tables reserved at the National Convention. Northeast, West Coast and the Federation returned the letter with answers to him.

Also asked for Florida travel brochures and he needs each one of us to come up with gimmick such as "sand in your shoes", balloons, crickets and other Chamber of Commerce stuff. So if you would be working on this and get it all together for him he would appreciate this. (Ken really did hate to miss this meeting today)

1978 Convention - John Layne

The 78 Convention is finally here. It feels great. We had a meeting in December and to date we have over 356 paid and have over \$ 2,000 dollars in revenue and sales. But most of all the cooperation has been fantastic. We got a tremendous reception at the Fall Round-up for those of you who missed it. We also had the dancers and state publications support and its getting better and better.

If you need any registration forms we have a few hundred with us. We got some great ideas from George and Judy and they brought some questions that made us think about our convention and I think we are going to crank in some of the improvements for you.

The callers are having a meeting next Sunday. They are going to devote part of the meeting to a convention planning conference and we intend to be there and get a lot of information confirmed at that time. This will appear in March releases in the various magazines and flyers we are putting together, and putting out. What we will have there will be a list of

- 6 Allot from the present funds in custody of the Coordinating Committee the sum of \$150.00, not to be exceeded, for the operating expenses of the committee, to be used for committee business only, but excluding travel, meals and lodging expenses. Business to include stationary, postage, printing expenses, rental of rooms for meetings if necessary and telephone calls. The \$150.00 would be reimbursed off the top from each years convention receipts.

It was also suggested, to avoid expense, to the committee that each host association of the state convention arrange for the coordinating committee, cost free rooms, preferably Saturday afternoon, at each state convention.

Regarding levels of dancing it was decided that this was a matter for the convention chairman and his committee to decide.

It was recommended that proper square dance attire be enforced at all dances in the state.

~~Complimentary Rooms~~ -- ~~There are very few complimentary~~ rooms so it was decided that unless each convention chairman can make other arrangements, that each organization bear any room expense it considers necessary from it's share of the convention profits.

It was agreed to recommend to other convention chairman and other square and round dance events that they thru their publicity people try to get permission to edit articles and pictures and that some one should accompany the press to keep their concentration on things that are good for dancing.

Walter also stated that to keep some semblance of order that it is necessary for the committee to have officers -- Chairman and Co-Chairman to call meeting to order, Secretary to take minutes and Treasurer to handle money and this is the reason for their organizational set-up. The committee has no idea of superseding the parent organization. This committee is made up of the three organizations and each one has equal say in the committee.

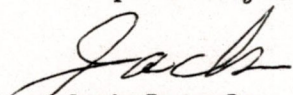
Motion made by Chet Vetter to accept the coordinating committee report and agree to this report. Motion seconded and passed.

Chairman Jack Tucker appointed committee composed of Joe Vaccari, chairman; Mori Sogolow, Len Levitt, Frank Smith and John Best to study the Articles of Incorporation of the Federation. He requested that they have a meeting at the state convention, bring results back to Federation at Knothead, with copies for each delegate, to to be read at the meeting and with the possibility of having it voted on at the last meeting of the fiscal year. He also requested that delegates submit comments on this to the committee.

Chairman Jack Tucker also appointed a committee composed of Ron VanValkenberg as Chairman, George Garland, John Layne, Alan Ashcroft and Marvin Taylor, to study convention procedures. He requested a meeting at the state convention bringing back results to Federation at Knothead meeting with possibility of voting on it at last meeting of fiscal year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted;


Jack Lascola
Secretary