



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by Chairman Jack Tucker at 10:00 A. M. September 3, 1978 at the Holiday Inn, Tampa, Florida.

Invocation was given by Hugh Fultz.

Roll call was taken by Secretary, Jack Lascola. All officers were present. All area Associations had three delegates present with the exception of one area which had two delegates present. Ten of the Past Chairmen were present with three absent.

There were representatives in attendance from the Florida Callers Association and from the Florida Round Dance Council.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward May 28, 1978	\$	
Income		
Disbursements		
Bank Balance September 3, 1978	\$	

## NET ASSETS

Federation Bank Account		
Contingency Fund	\$	

## AREA REPORTS

### Central - John Layne

The first Association dance for this year in Central was a success with registrations from 264 dancers. Dues were lowered to \$5.00 per couple for a year.

The next Association dance is scheduled for September 30th at Slovak Gardens " the house of whirl and twirl" with Art Springer caller.

Plans are being made to increase the number of Association dances to get more outlying clubs involved in the Central Florida Association.

### West Coast - Hugh Fultz

The West Coast is in a favorable position with 1,850 members and a treasury that is adequate to support our magazine for the coming year.

The last two dances were quite successful and the last affair will be the President's Ball on September 30th at Tampa. The annual meeting of the Governing Council will be in the same location and date, with the election of officers for the coming year.





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The Association is sponsoring two exhibition sessions in cooperation with Tampa Rec. Department "October West" on October 13 thru 15 and "Lakeland Stampede" on November 9 thru 11 at Lakeland Civic Center.

We urge everyone to attend Fall Fun Fest October 27 and 28 at the Lakeland Civic Center, Ken Bower and the Lovelaces are featured. We just happen to have tickets.

## Northwest - Marvin Taylor

The next meeting will be in Tallahassee the 23rd of September, with election of officers at that time. John Saunders will be calling.

We are looking forward to our 3rd annual Round-Up November 3 & 4 in Panama City with Jerry Helt calling.

Tallahassee is hosting next years Round-Up on November 16 and 17 with Wade Driver and Elmer Sheffield

We are working on selling liscense plates advertising the N. W. Square and Round Dancers.

Pensacola had 10 squares from area clubs dancing in the Mall for the Muscular Dystrophy ASSocation. Donations collected will be turned in to the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

National Square Dance week will be celebrated thru-out the N. W. with special dances. Ft. Walton Beach Clubs will dance in Santa Rosa Mall each night of that week.

## Southeast- Royce Taylor

The Southeast new officers are: President- Harry and Maria Taylor; Vice-President- Royce and Bonnie Taylor; Secretary- Ron and Dot Thompson; Treasurer- John and Minnie Zellner; Membership Chairman- Jim and Lois Rossi. The new officers took over at our last clinic.

The Southeast blood bank has become established and we have 12 pints to our credit. It was tough just getting started but we hope that new donations will come a little easiersince our dancers know the bank has been established.

We had our annual visit to Key West the fifth week-end of July and thru the combined efforts of Henry Purcell" Key Kickers and Jack Stevens Knotical Wheelers we had a great time. We took a square of dancers with us and they're already looking forward to next years trip.

We will have two renewal dances this year. One in November and one in December. We feel by having two dances we will be able to reach more dancers in both areas of the Southeast.





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Frank Bedell and the Alberts have agreed to remain as our Caller and Round dance cuer for the next year. We are certainly glad of that.

Our Clinic in October has been cancelled due to conflicting dates with S. O. S. Speaking of S.O.S. I would at this time, like to turn the microphone over to the Chairman of S.O.S. Alan Ashcroft.

S.O.S. This is our fall festival type of thing we started in the Southeast this year. We started in kind of a small way and are hoping to build on it. The reception has been especially good and as of August our room commitment has been sold out and we have had to go back to get more rooms. The object of this festival event was to give dancers in our area a chance to meet one another, hopefully it will cause visitations to different clubs, and hopefully it will build even more interest in the Southeast Association. We are in very good shape and riding the crest of the wave.

## Northeast - Ted Keiser

The Northeast will have their fifth Saturday Dance on September 30th in our new dance hall. Once a skating rink it has a wood floor and will hold forty squares. It is in Jacksonville Beach. Our callers will be John Robbins and Gil Crosby, from our own Gateway Caller's Association.

Our big annual event, The Fall Round-Up, is November third and fourth. The callers are Bob Yearington and Bob Fisk with Pat Smith on rounds. Our Chairman, Jim and Marilyn Stone are here with tickets. \$ 14.00 per couple. Please all Delegates sign up so we can block rooms for you.

Ten classes are starting this month, plus a clogging class and a Round Dance class.

## Publications

### West Coast Dancer - George Burcham

Although the number of magazines published varies each month the average is 3,000 copies. We are presently solvent and anticipate no need to finance the operation thru paid advertising. Our operation of publishing by committee has proved to be quite successful for us without being a burden on any individual. Last month 32 people turned out to collate the current issue and the job was completed in an hour.

### Panhandle Press - Marvin Taylor

The Panhandle Press Newsletter is going very well with 500 copies being printed. It is given free to all members of the N. W. Association.

The Calendar of Events is very helpful and we have not had any conflicting dances scheduled on the same date.





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## Who-What- When-Where - Boots Oglesby

The price list is available for our new price starting with the next issue November 1st deadline.

On page 2 & 3 of this issue there is available now all the Caller-Lab recommendations for the different classifications thru C-1. But the new C-2 will not be available until fall of this year. We will put it in our publication as soon as it becomes available. We have recommended to our dancers that they cut this out and save it. Caller Lab says this will not change for 3 years except for the experimentals. We are still printing 6,000 copies and they are free to dancers in our area..

## Showcase of Ideas- Ken Ford

Our showcase was well situated and dancers were able to see it upon entering the hall. Future convention requests should ask for more space.

We arranged to have Florida dancers as as Hosts/Hostesses during all convention hours thru Saturday.

We had many interested visitors to our display and our host/hostess plan worked out very well. They exhibited a friendly attitude and we would recommend this plan in the future.

West Coast Willie and Central Millie attracted the most attention. Bow & Swing magazines and Association magazines were very popular and our supply was soon exhausted. Other good items were furnished by the State Division of Tourism. We had 5,000 "gold" Florida map pins and they were gone by noon Friday.

We want to thank the Florida dancers who took their turns at the Showcase and especially Harry and Betty Cassar, Hugh and Jean Fultz and George and Dena Burcham for their dedicated help.

## Coordinating Committee - James Maxey

Fla. Callers Association has been putting out "Where to Dance" pamphlets in the Florida Welcome stations which has been costing \$600.00 every year. It is suggested that the Florida Dancers and Round Dancers Council pay \$ 200.00 each to help defray costs of this. Motion made and passed that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers pay one-third of the costs of the pamphlet, which will be updated August of each year, Also it is to be as complete as possible in so far as listing every square and round dance club in the state of Florida. The Federation of Dancers officers are to be listed with phone numbers and also area association officers names and phone numbers.

## 78 Convention Report - John Layne

We thank you for letting us run it. We had some fantastic programs, we think the callers enjoyed it. The round dancers had some comments but the Cuers had one of the best programs put together. Thank you very much. Attendance





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was 3,634 and we took in \$ 25,668.42. We spent all of that except \$ 6,699 19, So the third that everybody will get is \$ 2,2 33.06. You might wish to incorporate this Comparative Income Statement with the minutes. Checks given to respective orginazations.

## 79 Convention Report- George Garland

The only official announcement we made of where the convention was going to be was it is going to be in Orlando, Florida, May 25, 26 and 27th. We are shooting for an early date and early replies to put your convention together to eliminate some of the last minute things. We want information on skits, vending and exhibition groups. We have distributed 19,000 registration forms. Callers have been outstanding. We picked 19 of them and we wrote them and asked if they would be at the Convention and we already have their replies. We have approval for these callers and they will be your featured callers in the evening. We hope to have a souvenir type program with ads. You will not have to carry this program around as we will have separate programs as inserts like they have at the national. We are working on two seminars. We had 69 letters that mentioned better air, better motels, programming, what if it rains, so we are working on all of these.

## 80 Convention Report - Alan Ashcroft

I am not prepared to announce the location but it will be in the center of the state, but if I were betting I would bet on Lakeland. We have filled some positions but we have a lot of committee positions to be filled. Our theme has been developed, we are not too well developed on motel rooms, but we still have time to work on that. We would like a list of callers early so that we could do our planning early. The cooperation we are receiving from past chairmen and others is excellent and will make future conventions easier.

## 81 Convention Report - Marvin Taylor

We have not selected an area yet. We have some of our committee now. It is coming along and we are working hard on it.

## Convention Guidelines - Ron Van Valkenberg

Convention guidelines were discussed, recommendations made and it was agreed to bring them back in finished form for a vote at the next meeting.

## Articles of Incorporation- Joe Vaccari

Articles were discussed, recommendations made and it was agreed to bring them back in finished form for a vote at the next meeting.

Jack Tucker appointed a nominating committee composed of Chairman Ron Van Valkenburg, George Oglesby and Marvin Taylor Who are to make their recommendations at the next meeting at which time we will vote on new officers.

Respectfully Submitted

*Jack*  
Jack Lascola  
Secretary