



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of the Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by Chairman Jack Tucker at 10:00 A.M. November 5, 1978 at the Holiday Inn, Jacksonville, Florida.

Invocation was given by Hugh Fultz.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Jack Lascola. All officers were present. West Coast, Central and Northeast areas each had three delegates present. Southeast and Northwest each had one delegate present. There were seven permanent delegates present.

James Maxey attended meeting as representative of Florida Callers Association.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Smith

Balance forward Sept.3,1978	
Income (share of 1978 State Convention)	
Disbursements	
Bank balance as of 11/5/78	_____

<u>Net Assets:</u>	
Federation Bank Account	
Contingency Fund	
Total	_____

Area Reports:

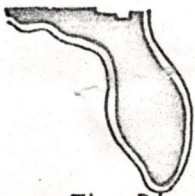
Central - John Layne

Square Dance Week was promoted in the Orlando area by the Orlando Council of Square Dancers in conjunction with the Orlando Recreation Department. Local clubs participated in Square dancing and round dancing with generous portions of clogging for every night of Square Dance Week in the local halls.

The second Central Florida Association Dance was held on September 30th. The hall was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed the talents of Art Springer. The Orlando cloggers delighted the audience with an exhibition.

Central Florida Millie added to the festivities at the Fall Fun Fest with her marriage to West Coast Willie at the after party.

Central Florida Callers are meeting with the Dancers Association to plan and conduct future dances in more locations of the Central Florida area. Bow and Swing has made subscriptions available to the Central Association for door prizes.



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The Pirates Ball is co-sponsored by the Central Florida Association in conjunction with the Orlando Council. The dance is scheduled for March 23 and 24 at the Exposition Hall, featuring Doc Gray as the caller and Joe Augenblick on Rounds.

West Coast - George Burcham

The West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest is now history. A preliminary count sets the attendance at 78 squares, which is an increase of 13% over 1977. Everyone who attended experienced a grand weekend of fine dancing.

For those of you who are not aware, West Coast Willie and Central Florida Millie were united in pseudo matrimony at the Fall Fun Fest after party.

We are happy to report that our membership now stands at 2026. This exceeds the goal set this time last year by 26.

The Blood Bank reached a balance of 60 units during October, an increase of 44 units in a year. We had three requests for blood in October. Earl Williams is a gallon donor. Thirty seven squares attended the annual Presidents Ball at North Blvd, Tampa; on Sept. 30th. Chuck Kessler and Jim Runnels provided the excellent calling and cueing.

New officers were elected at our Sept. 30th meeting of the Governing Council.

George & Dena Burcham	President
John & Lucille Kelley	Vice-President
Earle & Betty Williams	Secretary
John & Evelyn Palmer	Treasurer

Northwest - Belle Bishop

New Officers elected at the September meeting of the Northwest Florida Association are:

George & Mary Bowie	President
Roscoe & Charlotte Hall	1st Vice-President
Sherwood & Theresa Fowler	2nd Vice-President
Belle & Conrad Bishop	Corres. Secretary
Jack & Flo Taylor	Record. Secretary

The associations Fall Roundup was held in Panama City November 3 and 4. Callers were Dick Barker and Jerry Helt. Our association officers in cooperation with those of the Northeast have been working to insure that a conflict such as this does not occur in the future. Our 1979 Fall Roundup will be in Tallahassee on November 16 & 17.

The Association is now in the process of finalizing plans to sell license plates bearing square and round dance emblems as well as the name of the association and of the town or clubs represented by the dancers using the plates.

Southeast - Harry Taylor

Many of our callers are busy attempting to instruct new classes in the fine art



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of our wonderful activity known as square dancing. Our round dance cuers are also teaching new beginners.

Our much talked about Southeast October Spectacular-S.O.S. was a tremendous success. Final figures have not been reported as yet, but we had close to fifty squares and did make a profit. We were pleased to have George & Judy Garland from N.E. and John & Melva Best from Central.

- Nov. 12-Renewal Dance in Northern Area-Boynton Beach
- Dec. 10-Renewal Dance in South Miami
- Jan. 14-Annual Picnic-Ty Park-Pot luck dinner

Blood bank- 12 pints-working to make it grow.

Northeast- Jim Stone

Thirty-seven squares attended our 5th Saturday Dance in September, held at our new dance hall. The grand opening for our Mac Square Dance Hall will be November 25. The dance will be called by Ron Schneider. Our new hall has 5,000 square feet of hardwood maple floor and is located on the beach.

Our annual Fall Roundup held November 3 & 4 was a big success. The callers Bob Fisk and Bob Yerington and the round dance leaders Carl and Pat Smith did a fine job and a good time was had by all.

Our next association meeting will be Sunday Nov. 12th.

New Officers:

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| Jim & Marilyn Stone | President |
| Jim & Mary Jo Wright | Vice-President |
| Tom & Yvonne Bourrie | Recording Secretary |
| Lou & Jackie Cason | Corresponding Secretary |
| Theron & Bonnie Smith | Treasurer |

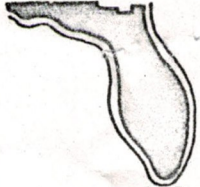
Publications:

West Coast Dancer: Hugh Fultz

In October the West Coast Dancer printed ³⁸⁵⁰8450 copies that were distributed to dancers in the area at no charge. Since it is our purpose to promote dancers and dancing in our area more copies are printed than we have members in order to furnish our winter visitors with information as to where to dance. We would like to direct your attention to article in the current issue concerning transition from class to club dancing. We have anticipated a price increase in paper cost of 1.00 a thousand and have purchased enough white stock to publish the Dancer for an entire year. We are looking forward to a better magazine in the coming year.

Northwest Panhandle Press: Belle Bishop

Northwest Florida newsletter was started in 1974 to provide the most information



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possible for our dancers pleasure. It is the only publication of its kind that doesn't charge the reader and continues to meet expenses. We have the largest calander of events, that encompasses not only N/W Florida, but also the rest of the state, Ga., Ala., Miss., La., Tenn. and Ark.. Every issue of the newsletter also contains one copy of all flyers sent to us, that are published between issues. We publish a Christmas issue that is unique as the individual dancer and or clubs are invited to place ads wishing their fellow dancer a happy holiday. These are offered in various sizes and may be designed by the individual or the newsletter staff will be happy to do so. If anyone has something to add to our newsletter please feel free to write us.

4 W's: Harry Taylor

Thanks to our callers we will be printing C-2, which is extended challenge dancing basic calls, and from time to time in the next issues we will be printing the different catagories. We are still printing 6000 copies.

Show Case of Ideas: Ken Ford

Ken reported how much he and Mae had enjoyed handling the office of Parlimentarian for the past year. They have had displays at the Knot Head, Fall-Fun-Fest and in Jacksonville at the Fall Round Up. These displays were not as elaborate as the one for the National Convention, however it is nice to display them locally. He had letters from all associations and The State Federation regarding space for the next convention in Millawaukee. The Show Case of Ideas request \$25.00 deposit for space reserved for this convention, money to be refunded when representative arrives at convention.

Coordinating Committee- No report

79 National Convention Report- Loren Long:

Mr. Long reported that for the 79 convention they had 3000 registrations in Oklahoma City and that they came there with 1500 registered. They left there with between 4 or 5 thousand registered for 79. There will be camping to be handled similar to the way it was in Oklahoma City. Shuttle buses will be used from the fairgrounds to the hall. As it stands now there will be eleven halls for dancing at all levels. There will be more space for advanced and challenge dancing and also smooth dancing.

'79 State Convention Report: George Garland

George asked for and received the names of all singles clubs in all areas of the state. George reported that Elmer Sheffeld, Darrell Mc.Millen and Jack Lasry will kick off the Friday night dance for the 79 Convention. If the hall becomes too crowded a stand-by hall and callers will be available. George thanked the State Publications for helping to educate the dancers on labeling the halls and dancers to the different levels of dances such as mainstream, advance and challenge. The halls for the next State Convention will be labeled as to the level of dance to take place in that hall. He needs more skits and exibition groups.



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George introduced his committees for the 79 convention. He also introduced Louie Bannon and Colleen Ponsell as co-chairman of the singles group. Ted Keiser explained about advertising for the program and that there would be a section for signatures. The cost of the signatures will be one dollar per name.

80 Convention Report: Jack Lascola

Jack reported that the basic committee has been formed and is planning and working. They are working on their outfits and programming. At this time there is no announcement as to location. The committee is planning a fun filled weekend for everyone, and look forward to seeing everyone there.

81 Convention Report: Belle Bishop

Belle reported that they are also working on kick-off ideas and their outfits. They are also planning a fun filled convention and will have more information at our next meeting.

Convention Guidelines: Ron VanValkenberg-Chairman

The changes in Convention Guidelines were as follows:

All future State Conventions shall be located in a 50 mile belt running across Central Florida. This was changed to read. All future State Conventions shall be located at a site designated by the host association.
Registration fees- All FCA callers and round dance cuers and their spouses shall be admitted free. All State Federation Officers, delegates and their spouses shall be admitted free. Changed to: Regesteration shall be free to all F.C.A. callers, round dance cuers, federation officers, delegates and their spouses. #4 was also added, all bills shall be submitted no later than the State Convention that they concur with. All changes in the guideline were accepted as presented by the committee.

Articles of Incorporation: Joe Vaccari, Chairman

The changes were as follows:

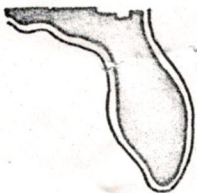
Article VI #3- changed to read- The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall in the future be President and Vice-President.

Article III- The last word shall be changed to Federation.

All of these changes were accepted by the body. Motion made that if no State Seal existed that one be applied for: Motion carried.

Old Business:

Chet & Julia Vetter were presented their plaque as past Chairman of State Federation a request followed of "no speech".



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New Business:

Audit committee appointed: Chet Vetter and Virgil Green.

Report from nominating committee: Ron Van Valkenberg Chairman: The nominating committee made the following recommendation for the officers for the year:

Joe Vaccari	President
Jack & Nita Lascola	Vice-President
Frank & Frances Smith	Secretary
Ken & Mae Ford	Treasurer
John & Ester Layne	Parliamentarian

There were no nominations from the floor. The chair closed nominations and asked for a vote of approval of the recommendations of the committee. Vote approved as presented.

Jack Tucker thanked all the officers for their help and support, also the delegates and with special thanks to Pat. Jack thanked everyone there for the past four years in his progress through the chairs. He said it had been a great honor, that there had been a lot of changes in the past seven years, but there was one thing that has not changed and that is the warmth and the friendship that has been shown here to each of them that they take with them wherever they go.

Jack then presented the Gavel to Joe Vaccari. Jack & Pat received a standing ovation from the body.


Joe thanked the body for their vote of confidence and trust. Joe asked John & Ester Layne to come and take their place on the board. Each of the new officers then said a few words of thanks.

Joe asked Jack & Pat Tucker to come forward and receive two tokens of appreciation. 1st a Certificate of Excellence from the American Sq. Dance Society, Bob Osgood, president. 2nd The plaque from The Fla. Federation of Square Dancers. This was followed with a standing round of applause.

Joe proposed that the winter meeting be held in Tallahassee on January 14th, 1979. Elmer Sheffeld will call a dance Sat. night Jan. 13th at the Elks Club.

George Garland proposed the following areas be studied to determine where the Federation is going. Smooth dancing should be stressed through out the state, dress code should be emphasized again and styling should be looked at further.

For the ^{National} convention in 1980 we should come up with a State dress. George asked that the new officers could possibly come up with a State dress. He also suggested a Federation banner. The banner stealing rules are out of date. He suggested a booklet to new delegates to read in order to understand the operation and procedures of the Federation before they sit in the meetings.



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He asked that possibly the Sept. meeting could be a working week-end with out attending any dance in order to accomplish more committee meetings and conduct more business concerning Federation problems than with the short Sunday morning sessions. George asked that all these recommendations be noted in these minutes and for the delegates to be giving them some thought and that when this group of officers go out that we can say we have accomplished so and so.

A brief discussion was held by Sally Thompson, asking what the cloggers could expect from the Federation as far as funding and recognition were concerned. The answer being cloggers were not a separate organization to be recognized as square dancers and round dancers are, but a part of square dancing and would not be considered in the funding of State money.

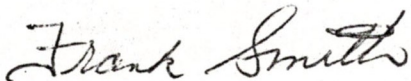
A brief discussion was held on the placing of the "Where and When" dance information in the Welcome Stations. No action was taken as the round dance council has not accepted the proposal as of this meeting.

George Garland then explained the Mac Club of N.E.S.D.A. to the delegates and invited them out to the beach to see it.

Motion to adjourn- Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, Tallahassee Jan. 14, 1979.

Respectfully Submitted



Frank Smith
Secretary