

FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The regular meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by President Joe Vaccari at 10:00 A.M. January 14, 1979 at the Capitol Inn in Tallahassee, Florida.

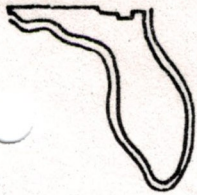
Invocation was given by ^{May Ford} ~~Belle~~ Bishop.

President Vaccari asked for all to observe a moments silence for Josephine Wilson who had passed away. Josephine was a West Coast delegate to the State Federation.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Frank Smith. All officers were present. West Coast, Central, Northeast and Northwest each had three delegates present. Southeast had two delegates present. There were seven permanent delegates present.

Reading of Minutes: Chet Vetter moved that the reading of previous minutes be dispensed with since all members had received the minutes by mail.

Corrections: George Garland had a question concerning the Convention Guidelines: It read: all future State Conventions shall be held at a site designated by the host association. Ron Van Valkenburg, as chairman of the Guidelines Committee said that the 50 mile belt still was in force and that the section questioned by George was a supplement to the existing portion concerning the 50 mile belt in Central Florida. Warren Hyland then asked for a vote on the floor to determine if the 50 mile belt still applies and the host association will have the choice of site location within the 50 mile belt. President Vaccari then re-stated the motion to be voted on: All future state conventions shall be held within a 50 mile belt running across Central Florida and at a site within this 50 mile belt chosen by the host association. The vote was as follows, 22 in favor of and 3 opposed. Motion carried. Therefore all future State Conventions shall be held in a 50 mile belt across Central Florida at a site within this belt chosen by the host association.



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Jack Lascola asked that the secretary listen to the recorded minutes of the previous November meeting to determine if it was the recommendation of the guidelines committee to delete the 50 mile belt section from this guideline. I have reviewed this section very closely and could find no intent to delete the 50 mile belt. What was proposed by the committee was a supplement to the existing section concerning the 50 mile belt. Ken Ford asked that the minutes on page 3 be corrected concerning the number of printed copies of West Coast Dancer be 3850 copies distributed instead of 8450. George Garland- page 6 of minutes- last paragraph. For the convention in 1980, should have read, For the National Convention in 1980 we should come up with a State dress. There being no other additions or corrections the minutes stand as approved.

Treasures report: Ken Ford.

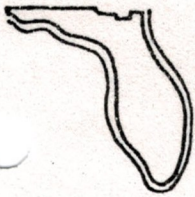
Balance forward Nov. 3, 1978	1841.21
Income-Dues from 5 associations	50.00
Disbursements	<u>432.79</u>
Bank balance as of 1/14/79	1458.42

Net Assest:

Bank balance	1458.42
Contingent fund (State Convention)	<u>1500.00</u>
	2958.42

Area Reports:

Central: Don Lutzi: Don introduced Jim & Rita Mottstwo new delegates from Central. The Pirates Ball this year will be held March 23 and 24th. The hall has been changed to the Carpenter's Union Hall. This is on Oak Ridge Road. Doc Grey will call the Squares and Joe Augenblick will cue the Rounds. Rosies' O Gradys for after party after Friday night dance. Saturday night skits will be put on after dance at the Carpenters's Hall. Host hotel is Kahler Plaza across from Eola Park. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Our Blood Bank has over 30 units now. All of the outdated blood is now being donated to the Hemophiliacs. Each month dances are being held for all new class dancers. In December we had 18 squares using 38 basic calls. Our next Association Dance will be held on March 31st. in Eustis Civic Center. Carl Rod will call the square and Bill Beatty will cue the rounds. This will be a covered dish supper dance.



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Our Association is designing new outfits.

West Coast: George Burcham:

The West Coast Association wound up the year in good condition. We had 2176 paid up members as of Dec 31st. This exceeds our goal set at the first of the year by 176 members. Our 1979 renewals are coming in good, approximately 1450 at this date, and we will not have our first renewal dance till Jan. 21st. Our Blood Bank chairpersons, Joe and Ruth Estes has set a goal of 100 pints for 1979. We now have 60 pints in our bank. All request for blood have been met. We feel this a very fine program for our association.

We have 5 free dances set up for our members, one half price dance and one benefit dance. We look forward to a very busy year.

Our treasure is in very good condition. We only use this money for our free dances, and to publish our monthly magazine The West Coast Dancer, of which we are very proud.

Our Fall Fun Fest brought \$500.00 to our treasury. We are thankful for this.

Though West Coast Willie is married, and his wife is out of town, he still visits the dances in the West Coast area, and is always welcomed and admired.

Northwest: George Bowie:

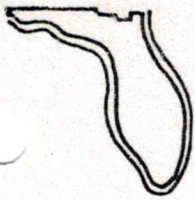
I would like to welcome all the officers and delegates of the State Federation to the Northwest. Thanks to the Tallahassee Twilers for sponsoring the special dance and after party.

New officers were installed at the November meeting, which was held following the 1978 Annual Roundup November 3rd, at the Ranch House in Panama City. Concern was expressed over the lack of support by both dancers and callers. Three new clubs have joined in the last quarter and we are working to increase our membership.

Our next meeting will be held in conjunction with the 21st annual Panama City Festival. The Festival will be held in the Municipal Auditorium January 26th and 27th. Callers are Tony Oxidine, Friday night and Jerry Helt, Saturday afternoon and night. Jerry and Barbara Pierce cueing the rounds.

Our drive for square dance insurance is progressing well and we are trying to get enough orders to get square dance license plates for Panama City and Northwest dancers.

Darryl McMillan is running a series of mainstream plus one and two workshops at the Ranch House. There will be a plus two dance February 18th. Sunday afternoon.



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Northeast- Jim Stone:

Currently there are seventeen square dance classes in progress in Northeast. In April and May when dancers graduate, we expect approximately sixty-eight squares of new dancers. In addition to the beginner classes we have a refresher class for dancers who have been absent from square dancing for awhile and a class for dancers who are interested in advanced dancing. A clogging class is scheduled to begin in February. Rounds in September.

Our blood bank has 63 pints on hand. Some of our members are gallon donars.

Seventeen squares attended the Stan Burdick Subscription Dance for the American Square Dance Magazine on December 6 at the Mac Hall.

The next Fifth Saturday Dance will be March 31, called by Jack Lasry.

Our next Association meeting will be Sunday, January 21st. at 2:00 P.M.

Southeast- Harry Taylor:

Southeast is having its 5th Annual Picnic today January 14th at T.Y. Park. We are sure it will be a success (weather permitting) with fun and games for all.

Southeast membership drive was kicked off with two renewal dances this time; one in the northern part of our area and another in the south.

The chairman for our 2nd Southeast October Spectacular (s.o.s). are Buddy and Nita Shelton and you will be hearing more from them later.

We are looking forward to Sunshine '79 in Orlando.

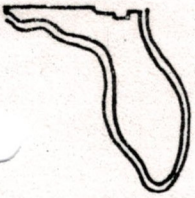
Publications:

Bow & Swing- Ken Ford:

Jack Pierson sent his regrets that he could not be here because he had too much work. He said, the Where to Dance Folders had not been fully formed yet but what ever the Federation decides to do is fine with him. He expects the cost to be about six hundred dollars. The Round Dance Council has not decided if they will share in this expense or not. He expects an answer from them at their meeting this month. If they do decide in favor of this the cost would be split four ways, Florida Federation, Florida Callers, Round Dance Council and Bow and Swing. He suggest we put 20,000 copies out in the fall and 10,000 in the spring.

West Coast Dancer: Earl Williams:

We are publishing 3700 copies for our February issue in order to inform our winter visitors where to dance. We have enough paper in stock for one year and our finances are in good condition. We accept no advertising. We list any open



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club dance in this area. This service is free. The balance of the magazine is filled with timely articles and club news. Ken Ford then noted that Earl Williams who just gave this report is a two gallon donor to the blood bank.

Panhandle Press: George Bowie:

We are printing about 500 the same as usual. We had a lot of ads in the Christmas issue, which helped our financing of the newsletter.

4 W's : Nita Shelton:

The 4 W's are still in business and are working very close with the Southeast Florida Callers Association and the Callers Lab to keep our dancers informed and to keep us dancing on the Caller Lab level. George and Boots could not attend because of Boots illness, but look forward to seeing each of you at State Convention.

Showcase of Ideas: John Layne:

We are trying to get things ready for our trip to the National Convention. We hope that we can do as well as Ken and Mae did last year. We have sent in the deposit for the tables and spaces in the name of the Florida Federation. We request that each association have material they wish displayed ready for the next meeting in May, 1979 of the Florida Federation, also for display at the State Convention. We would like to collect the badges and ribbons for all previous conventions. We also have registrations available for the National Convention. Chet Vetter asked John how many tables were requested for the '79 Convention and was told 2 had been requested. Chet then recommended that four, eight foot tables be requested.

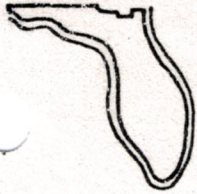
Convention Reports:

1979 George Garland requested to hold his report until the end.

Joe Vaccari stated that we had some guest from the Round Dance Council of Florida they are Howard and Norma Smoyer. Norma mentioned the Round Dance Council is having its new Winter Festival the week-end of April 25th and 26th. She was hesitant to mention this because it conflicts with the Panama Festival. She announced that only because of this conflict of dates this would be the first Panama City Festival that they would miss.

1980 Convention report: Jack Lascola:

Alan Ashcroft was not able to attend today and he asked Jack to give the report. Everything is going smoothly with our preparations right on target. Much of the work has been done but much remains to be done. We had a committee meeting last Sunday and it was attended by all the members including our square dance representative

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Jack Lasry and Round Dance Council representative Fred and Louise Hornung. As you know we were funded with one thousand dollars from the Contingency Fund and we have already spent five hundred thirty dollars. We are going to have badges and decals made and will have these at the State Convention and would like each area association take 100 badges and 50 decals which will sell for one dollar each and pay for them at this convention. Jack was informed that more money is available from the contingency fund. He said he would inform Alan Ashcroft of this, but they would still like to sell the badges and decals in May.

1981 Convention: Marvin Taylor:

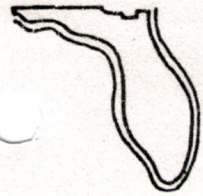
We are coming along pretty good. We have selected most of our chairmen and have more or less decided where we are going to have it. We have not signed any contracts as of yet. Marvin asked that the guidelines and reports from previous conventions should be turned over to the coming host associations at least two years previous to the convention they would host. George Garland stated that he and John Layne had briefings after the '78 Convention and that he thought briefings between himself and the next two host associations were very good and could be accomplished. This would give Northwest two briefings before their convention.

Mori Sogolow asked if the sale of badges and decals for State Conventions showed a profit or loss. John Layne stated they made money on pins at the rate of fourteen percent, and broke even on bumper stickers and decals. They lost money on plastic logos, or not lost it they just had not got their money back yet. On belt buckles they made ten percent. George Garland stated that all of theirs are already paid for and that they had gotten their money back. George said it was making some money plus the benefits of advertising.

There was some discussion on "kick off" for the next years State Convention, each year it seems to be getting larger and more expensive. It was asked by several if this was good or not because the cost was increasing rapidly each year. There was some more discussion on cost increase each year and sale of gimicks and its value or loss to the state convention.

Legacy Report: George Garland:

George explained the operation of Legacy to the body. It is a group of square dance leaders of North America and Canada who meet every two years to discuss problems and solutions of square dancing and round dancing. The vendors and the callers and all phases of square dancing are discussed. The meeting this year



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will be in Louisville, Kentucky in May. Each area in the State of Florida now has a Legacy representative. After the session in May he feels a lot of our problems can be solved. Economics of square dancing is one subject for the coming meeting. Legacy members from the State Federation are Chet Vetter, Walter Stoltz, Mori Sogolow, Jim Whiteman, George Garland, George Oglesby and John Zellner.

Articles of Incorporation: Joe Vaccari:

Articles of Incorporation were approved at the meeting in Jacksonville. Each member was furnished a copy by mail. The official copy for the Federation of Square Dancers is officiated by the new seal that we have. Frank Smith has possession of this seal. If you have a copy that is not stamped it is not an official copy.

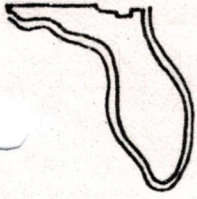
Old Business:

Chet Vetter gave a brief explanation on the Where to Dance folders that are available at the Welcome Stations. Chet Vetter made a motion that the Where to Dance folders should be printed by a private company on a bid basis and paid for by the State Convention as expenses, this would be under cost of State Convention and would come out before the split of profits. After much discussion a motion by Mori Sologolow was made to go ahead as we have already voted to do at a past meeting and let Jack Pierson print the Where to Dance folders and pay for it with the four hundred dollars from the Federation and Florida Callers Association that has been approved. If the Round Dance Council plans to come in at their next meeting it would lower the cost with their two hundred dollars. Chet said Moris' motion had precedent and to withdraw his motion. Virgil Green seconded Moris' motion. Motion passed. The body then returned to Chet Vetter's original motion that in the future the cost of the Where to Dance folders come off of expenses of the State Convention before the split of profits. This will have to go back to the Coordinating Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Jack Lascola said he would like to change what he said about the badges for the 1980 Convention. Each Association would receive badges and then pay for them as they are sold.

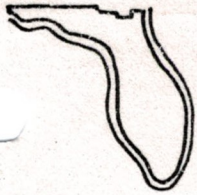
New Business:

Joe Vaccari announced he would like to appoint a committee this morning. Joe stated that the Federation exist primarily for the purpose of providing leadership

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and service. He feels we should assume a greater leadership role in state square dance affairs. He said he would like to appoint a committee called the Education and Service Committee to develop and propose to the board of delegates where by we can assume our rightful leadership role and be of greater service to square dancers of the State of Florida. He asked Jack Lascola to chair this committee, other members of this committee will be George Garland, Jack Tucker, Ron Van Valkenberg, and Joe Blanchard. Joe asked the body if they had ideas for this committee to please get with them after the meeting. Some of the ideas that Joe brought out were ways to increase public awareness of what the Federation is and what its objectives are, we need to think about mini legacy perhaps and there are lots of other ways we can be of greater service than we have in the past. Joe asked the Committee to work on this and possibly have a report at State Convention. Jack Lascola asked each delegate to go back and discuss this committee with the associations and its officers and to come up with some good ideas. Jack Lascola announced that this committee would meet at the State Convention in May at 2:00 P.M. in his room. After some discussion it was decided to postpone this meeting until a later date. Joe Vaccari then asked the board of delegates to consider the next item that he had. Emphasis is being placed by Callerlab and the National Convention and various publications and leadership groups on smooth dancing for 1979. It seems appropriate that Florida Federation of Square Dancers join with these groups and proclaim the concept of smooth dancing as a worthwhile objective. We recommend that the following proclamation be endorsed and released to the area associations and publications for dissemination within the states.

Proclamation: The Florida Federation of Square Dancers endorses the concept of smooth dancing in a uniform program of standardization and joins the leadership of other responsible organizations in the observance and promotion of smooth and comfortable dancing to be highlighted during 1979. Smooth dancing should then become the cornerstone and foundation for future square dance programs. This proclamation was approved by the Board of Delegates Jan. 14, 1979 and released for dissemination. George Garland said he thought that a decision should be made at this meeting on the use of Florida Callers for upcoming conventions. His convention would be two years that Florida Callers would have been used. George felt that the next convention should know what to do. Jack Lascola stated that Florida Callers have already been booked for 1980 and that no problem existed. This topic was tabled until next meeting.



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George Garland then gave his 1979 convention report. George said when Orlando was considered for 1979 that Round Dancing seemed to be the biggest problem. For 1979 they went to the Kahler Hotel and they agreed to lay a hardwood floor to hold the round dancing on. As for square dancing the first hall will be called the Orange Pit and it will be mainstream. The second hall will be the Punch Bowl and will be the hall the Florida Callers program 100%. It will be the hall they use to critique new callers. The other hall will be the Lime Arena which will be mainstream plus 1. The Satsuma Hall will be the advanced hall. The Lemmon Peel will be Mainstream plus 11. The first night the dance will be in the Orange Pit. Callers will be Sheffield, McMillian and Lasry. George said he would like to see the Showcase of Ideas tested at this State Convention. He said he hoped they could look into some newer ideas for Showcase of Ideas. There will be a get acquainted party at the Kahler Hotel Friday between 6 and 7 for the singles. George announced the Kahler is booked, but the Howard Johnson and Hilton had space. Two campgrounds are available.

The next meeting will be at Orlando May 27th, Kahler Hotel 10:00 A.M.
Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Note.

Joe Vaccari has asked each delegate to make an effort to attend the leadership seminar to be conducted by Stan Burdick. Stan is executive secretary of Legacy and Publicity Editor of American Square Dance Magazine. This seminar will be held May 27, 1979 from 1:00 P.M. til 3:00 P.M. in Tangerine Hall.