

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. May 27, 1979 in Orlando, Florida.

Invocation was given by Belle Bishop.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Frank Smith. All officers were present. There were 14 delegates present and 10 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.

Treasurers Report: Ken Ford

Balance forward Jan.14,1979

Receipts - none

Disbursements

Bank balance

Assets:

Bank balance

Contingent fund(State Convention)

Net Worth -

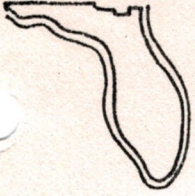
No Correspondence:

Area Reports:

Central- John Best - New officers for Central Association:

President Ray and Barbara Holt. Vice President John and Madeline Doyle. Secretary Ann Goodemate. Treasurer Hank and Betty Bruce. Association dances: June 30, Merritt Island, Sand Drift Hall - Bob Frye caller- Kayo and Phyllis Williams- Rounds. Sept. 29, Shovak Gardens, Larry Ford- caller, Joe and Madeline Augenblick - Rounds. Central Association is trying to get an outfit for their area to be worn at different functions. We suggest other associations consider doing the same thing so Florida will be dressed alike at conventions and out of state functions.

West Coast - George Burcham- The West Coast is having another great year. We have at the present 1972 paid up members. Our treasure is in good shape. We have had 3 renewal dances and one very successful benefit dance. We still have one 1/2 price dance in June, one renewal dance in July also our election dance in September. This is also free to our members.



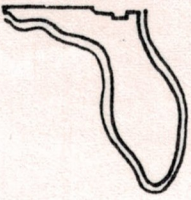
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Our blood bank is in great shape thanks to our chairman Joe and Ruth Estes. Joe has made up a status board, that lets the members know how we stand. Take a look at it in the showcase of ideas. We have 104 units available at the present time. We have one 3 gallon doner in the person of our secretary Earl Williams. Our annual Fall Fun Fest under the able guidance of general chairman John & Lucille Kelley is shaping up nicely. This will be Oct. 19 & 20 at the Lakeland Civic Center. We have expanded it to include a Round Dance room and an Advanced 1&2 room. We have added Don Rand and Roger Chapman to the staff to assist Pat Barber and Marty Martin. All Florida Caller's Association members and all Round Dance Council members will be given free ribbons at the door, just wear your badge. West Coast Willie is still very active visiting clubs, however, the gas shortage may slow him down.

I have appointed Hugh and Jean Fultz General Chairman of the 1982 State Square and Round Dance Convention. Ken & Mae Ford will serve as vice chairman.

Northwest- George Bowie. Our January meeting was held in conjunction with the 21st annual Panama Festival. We had a large turnout and had many guest from across Florida. We are in the process of updating the club rosters. This is done twice a year. Our March meeting was held in Tallahassee on the 19th, Joe Vaccari explained the function of the showcase of Ideas and encouraged all areas to make contributions. The 5th Northwest Fla. Roundup will be held in Tallahassee Nov. 16 & 17, 1979. Sales of license plates has been progressing steadily. WE have a number of special dances coming up. June 1&2 annual Billy Bowlegs in Fort Walton, Dick Barker Friday night. John Saunders Saturday night. Chuck and Susan Samples on Rounds. June 14 thru 16 the 27th Pensacola Festival. Friday Jack Lasry, Saturday Dave Taylor. Jerry and Barbara Pierce Rounds.

Northeast- Jim Stone- We are preparing for the Fall Roundup for 1979 which will be held Nov. 2&3. The chairman Jim & Mary Jo Wright have flyers and ribbons available. The callers will be Marshall Flippo and Dale Eddy with Charlie and Betty Proctor on rounds. We hope to see each of you in Jacksonville in November. George and Judy will give you the State Convention report, but in behalf of the association I want to congradulate them on a job well done. Great news for the Northeast is the reinstatement of the Grapevine. The first issue was posted in April and the Grapevine will be published every other month. The Northeast dancers



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were very pleased with the first issue, and a big thank you is due the publishers Jim & Mary JO Wright and Warren & Jackie Hart. Currently we have 62 units in our blood bank. Our last association dance was a success. Jack Lasry was the caller. Our next association dance will be held on June 30th at the Mac Hall in Jacksonville, Beach caller Ed Fredenberg. The next association meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 2:30 P.M. Times Union Bldg. The Northeast dancers are planning to attend the 1980 National Convention as a group. We are planning to wear the 1979 State Convention outfit to represent Florida with slight modification. The men will wear a orange,yellow,or lime western shirt instead of the after six ruffled shirt. We would like to invite all Florida dancers to make the outfit and join us. Instructions for the dress are available and will be mailed on request.

Southeast- I did not receive a copy of the Southeast report and my tape recorder was accidentally unplugged for more than 20 minutes, therefore some of the balance of this report will not be accurate.

Publications:

Bow & Swing- no report

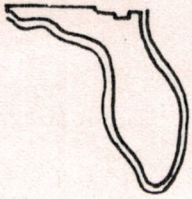
West Coast Dancer- no report

Panhandle Press -NO report

4'w's- We are still here printing 6000 copies. I would like to introduce the new members of the 4w's staff. John & Fran Peblu. In talking to the different publications at Legacy they thanked us for the ideas they have copied from us and will give us credit.

Grapevine- no report

Showcase of Ideas- John Layne- Wh have been in contact with the associations and the Florida State Division of Tourism. Ron Miller the chief for the visitor promotions has sent some posters with a promise to send Florida pins in June. Some associations are still in the process of providing display items for use at the National Convention in Milwaukee. We will be setting up the Florida Showcase on the Wednesday before the convention. Esther and I plan on transporting all display items, unless we have volunteers that would like to help. We will be looking for volunteers to help in Milwaukee. John Layne was given \$200.00 plus the rental fee for a trailer.



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Coordinating Committee Report- Walter Stolz- WE recommend due to the rising cost of putting on the State Conventions and the amount needed to advance to the Areas to obtain their facilities as much as two years in advance we should raise the amount in the contingent fund to \$2000 for each member. Chet Vetter made this in the form of a motion, motion seconded. Motion carried. This proposal will be presented to the other 2 members of the committee, the callers and the Round dance council.

Convention Rkports:

1979 National Convention tape recorder still out of service

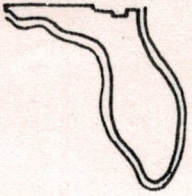
1979 Convention George Garland no report at this time full report at Tampa.

1980 Convention Alan Ashcroft Things are progressing very well committees formed facilities obtained, every thing looking good. 1980 convention will be held in Lakeland, Florida.

1981 Convention Marvin Taylor-Plans are really starting to fall in place. Committees are set and everyone just full of enthusiasm. Marvin has been advanced a check for \$1000, but with a hold placed on it. He just asked when he could cash it.

1982 Convention George Burcham announced that he had appointed Hugh & Jean Fultz general chairman of the 1982 state convention. Ken and Mae Ford will serve as vice chairman. Hugh stated that a hold had been placed on the Lakeland facility for 1982.

Legacy Report- Joe Vqccari reported that Florida had an outstanding representation at Legacy this year. There were seven couples there. Report- Chet Vetter- Meeting was held in Louisville, there were seven couples from Florida, the Garlands Oglesbys, Stoltz, Sogolows, Whitemans, and the Zellners were present. There were 212 members at this meeting, from 36 states, CAnada, England, and the Netherlands. The theme for this year was Education, Ethics and Economics. A new description of Legacy came out at this meeting. Legacy is a international leadership organization to provide for the sharing of knowledge by the many phases of square dance activity. There was a resolution to ask the callers and leaders to de-emphaize the continuing and increasing number of new and complex calls. There was a lot of discussion on economics. Next meeting May 14-17, 1981- site not chosen yet.



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Education and Service Committee- Jack Lascola- Meeting held this morning. Members are Joe Blanchard, Jack Tucker, Ron Van Valkenburg and George Garland. One of the main things brought up was ways to increase the public awarness of the Federation meeting will be at Knothead in Tampa. Jack asked that if anyone had any ideas to please give a note to any of the above members so that they can act on them. George Garland said the Northeast recommendation that Jack did not mention was that they would like to see a working week-end for the Federation. They were thinking of the week-end of the Knot-head week-end. He said there were things that needed to be straightned out and they did not think that 2 hours on Sunday after a dance was sufficient to conduct this business. Joe Vaccari asked the presidents of each association to canvass their areas and to inform the chair of their ideas about a working week-end. Joe asked for this input concerning a working week-end by the next meeting in September.

Old Business: Pee Wee Stewart asked the president if the chairman of the convention could not give a rough count on attendance at this convention. Joe asked George if he could say anything on this- George's reply was that the only thing he could say was that it exceeded last years attendance.

Jack Lascola said that George Garland thought a decision should be made at this meeting concerning the use of Florida Callers for upcoming convntions. Jack Lascola made motion to continue for next two years to use Florida Callers, seconded by Virgil Green. Frank Smith said he would like to ammdend that motion, not to specify a certain length of time, but to continue as we are until someone becomes dissatisfied. Motion carried.

New Business: George Garland introduced Bill & Ruth Starmes from North Georgia. The Dan Martins were also here from Georgia. Bill talked briefly about a Southern Square Dwnce Convention in Georgia in 1981 to be held at World Congress Center in Atlanta. This would comprise 15 states- Texas through West Virginia. He was here to ask Florida to help promote this dance that would be sponsored by a non-profit organization. This organization would have board members from each state attending this convention. Dan Martin thanked the Federation for the opportunity of sitting in our meeting. He said they had certainly enjoyed the week-end. He thanked the chairmen for a fine convention. He made some comments on the Georgia State Convention to be held in Macon Sept. 13-15. He had complimentary ribbons for those who wish to attend this fine convention.



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Boots Oglesby asked for a definition of the 50 mile belt. She said the north or south boundary was not defined. She asked that this be defined. Joe Vaccari said the word central was used. Boots said, this still did not designate which cities would be included in the designated area. There was much discussion as to where Central Florida is located. Joe Vaccari asked Ron Van Valkenburg to take the original wording of the 50 mile belt, re-phase it and bring the statement to us at the September meeting. Ron said he would get a geological survey as to the exact center of the state and hoped that this would be somewhere near the areas we are dancing in now.

George Oglesby made a brief statement about the Square Dance Float in the Rose Bowl Parade. He spoke in behalf of the Federation supporting the Rose Bowl Float. He made a motion that we send \$100 to the Rose Bowl Committee. Motion seconded. Vote was taken, motion defeated.

Esther Layne suggested to the Federation that the outfits worn by Central Association be adopted by the group and each area could wear their own logo on the back and everyone would know what state you were from.

Next meeting at Knothead Convention, Sunday September 2, 1979. Tampa, Florida.
Meeting adjourned.