



# 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. Oct.21st at Miami Beach.

Invocation was given by John Layne.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Frank Smith. All officers were present.

There were eleven delegates present. This constitutes a quorum. Joe Vaccari ask John Layne to explain how the quorum was derived. John stated Article 1 paragraph 2 states a majority of the board of delegates shall constitutes a quorum.

Motion made to dispense with reading of minutes of previous meeting. Motion seconded. George Oglesby asked that minutes show Southeast was not represented at last meeting because of storm that entered Miami area and delegates left to see to their home and property.

Treasures report: Ken Ford

Ken said he would have two reports for today.

Balance as of September 2, 1979

Receipts

Funds available

Disbursements

Balance \_\_\_\_\_

Assets:

Bank balance

Contingent fund (State Convention) \_\_\_\_\_

Net Worth

Composite Financial Report 11/3/78 to 10/21/79

Receipts

Disbursements \_\_\_\_\_

Disbursements exceeded receipts

Joe appointed Frank Cornwall and Harry Cassar to audit books after the meeting.

Correspondence- Joe Vaccari stated he had two letters that he had received that he would bring up under new business. He said he would like to mention them now so every one could be thinking about them. We received a letter from the California Square Council, Inc. The subject is contacting all State Square Dance organizations to determine the feasibility of a National Square Dance Organization. They propose a plan which we will get into later.

Joe also received a letter from Bill Rountree, Vice President Fla. Callers Association asking us to endorse a statement of policy along with the F.C.A. and Round-dance Organizations. He also stated that the Coordinating Committee is working on a Policy Statement to govern the State Convention but until such time as it is issued they deemed it wise to have this policy in written form in their minutes. To go on record: That we do endorse and will follow the stated policy in connection with any state function for Fla. Callers, Fla. round dancers or Fla. square dancers, or a combined function of any of the fore named groups. We also suggest that any private enterprise in conjunction with square or round dancing in the state of Fla. follow this stated policy.

A. That all participants will be registered.

B. That all participants will wear proper square or round dance attire.

Joe asked the delegates to be thinking about these letters and they would come up later.

Area Reports:

Central - No report.

West Coast - John Kelley- The West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association has completed another very successful year. At present we have 2271 members.



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Since our present chairpersons, Joe and Ruth Estes, we appointed in January 1979 our balance has grown from 68 units to 150. Earle Williams, our association vice president, has given 4 gallons since our bank started in 1977. He was presented with a watch from the St. Petersburg Community blood bank in appreciation of his numerous donations in the past. There were 40 squares at the Presidents Ball, honoring George and Dena Burcham. Newly elected officers are John and Lucille Kelley, President, Earle and Betty Williams, Vice president John and Evelyn Palmer, secretary, and Chris and Trudy Nissen, treasurer. Our Fall Fun Fest was once again a great festival. We have over 50 beginners square dance classes which are starting in the area. The association takes part in the Lakeland Stampede in November, with dancer exhibitions 3 evenings and many other affairs in our area.

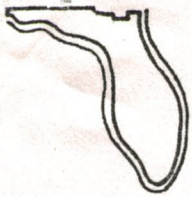
Northwest report- George Bowie- The September meeting of the Northwest Association was held in Pensacola. New officers were elected and they will take office at the November meeting. They are President Roscoe and Charlotte Hall, 1st. V.P. Mike and Given Moser, 2nd V.P. Conrad and Belle Bishop, Recording secretary. Olena Taylor, Corresponding secretary Joy Richardson, Treasurer Harry Frishbee. Most of the clubs have started their fall classes and have a good turn out. The annual Peanut Festival in Dothan was a huge success. This festival is put on by the Goober Gamboleers who are associate members of the Northwest. Our plans for the 1981 convention are shaping up smoothly.

Northeast- Frank Smith - In September we elected new officers, they are Jim and Mary Jo Wright, President, Frank and Ruth Hamway, V. President, Colleen Ponsell, Recording Secretary, Bob Gillette, Corresponding Secretary, Fred and Claudette Grover, Treasurer. New classes have started, one class has 99 beginners in it. We also have classes going for plus 1 and 2, advance 1 and 2, clogging and rounds with very good attendance. The cloggers and round exhibition groups are working hard as they will be performing at the National this year. Fall round-up will be Nov. 2-3. Plans have been made for several bus tours to the National.

Southeast: Fred Crawford- In July we had our annual election of officers. They are; Fred and Cleste Crawford, President, Ray and Jean Williams, V.P., Millie Griffin, Treasurer. Phil and Marion Fexter membership. In September we had our annual membership renewal dance at Jack Larry's Hall. We had a very successful dance, with S.E. Fla. callers and cuers present who helped Frank Bedell our M.C. Membership is off to a flying start. Our S.O.S. this year has gone over the top, thanks to Buddy and Nita Shelton and their committee. Our State Convention Committee for 1980 is hard at work and promises you a good time. We are working at getting more deposits in our blood bank. We are looking forward to Christmas dinner on Dec. 16th and our annual picnic in January.

Publications: Bow and Swing - No report.

West Coast Dancer: The magazine continues to publish eleven issues a year. Averaging 3200 each press run, this is accomplished without paid advertising. Our features have been quoted in both National magazines and in Cathedral Chimes, the New Zealand publication. Plans are in progress for improvement of the feature section with emphasis on people in square dancing. A realignment of the editorial staff has elevated Hugh and Jean Fultz to Editor, with Virginia Haller remaining as art editor. Earle and Betty Williams join the staff as feature editors.



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Bow & Swing Jack is getting ready to print 'Where to Dance Folders'. He has a plan for distribution that is a little different than what he told you before. He is printing 35,000 total, 20,000 by Nov. 1st with 1,000 going to US 301, 1000, to US 231, 6,000 each to I 10, I75 and I95. 10,000 will be printed by May 1st, 4,000 to go to National Showcase, 1000 to National Round Dance Convention and balance to welcome stations. The price will be \$6000 which is more than he estimated before. The Fla. Federation, Round Dance Assoc., Fla. Callers and Bow and Swing each to pay 25%.

Panhandle Press: Joe Vacarri- It is published every other month and is doing well. It is free to members of dancer clubs. It publishes 500 to 600 copies. Next issue will be a Christmas issue which will have personal greetings at a small fee, this is one way of raising funds for the Panhandle Press. Marty Lackey is still editor.

4-W's - "Boots" Oglesby - We are still here, printing 6000 copies per issue. Our holiday season issue is the next one, deadline Nov. 1st. We are working to get all the area publications together for a meeting at next State Convention We seem to be going our own way. This will be chaired by the State publication Bow and Swing.

Grapevine- No report

Showcase of Ideas - John Layne - One item of business and that is a request from National Committee in Memphis for space and fees for 1980. Florida will request three tables and the fee will be submitted with the request. The charge will be twenty-five dollars.

Coordinating Committee Report- No meeting - no report. Next meeting Feb. 23rd. Convention Reports-

1980 National- Make reservations early.

1980 State - Alan Ashcroft- Preliminary program and use of space has been made for Lakeland. Jack Lasry and the callers at their meeting are doing tentative programming. Registrations are slow, to reach more people we have sent letters and some registrations to 65 active callers and 22 active round dancers. Request areas to sell buttons and return funds to us because we need cash flow.

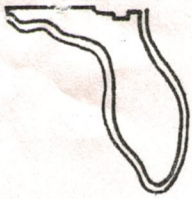
Inserts are being printed for Bow & Swing., 4'W's and West Coast Dancer, and will be sent out by U.P.S. during week of 10/21.

1981- No report- all is well- interest great

1982- Ken Ford- Lakeland is place - Civic Center.

Legacy Report- "Boots" - Working hard on guidelines for Mini Legacy- which start right away- one to start here in February.

Education and Service Committee- Jack Lascola. We have six sub- committees, #1- would be a National Convention sub-committee to have larger participation in National Convention, Parade of States and Showcase of Ideas. #2 Public Awareness Committee- Make the public aware of the State Federation, its goals and objectives. #3- Education Committee, to increase our roll in education by various means, establish state library. Brochure for new dancers. #4- Leadership Committee, assume greater leadership responsibilities, mini legacy meetings and other means. #5- Convention Procedures Committee, objective to review the Convention changes and convention procedures and to insure the Federations position is presented at the Coordinating Committee meetings. #6- Finance Committee objective investigate our financial structure to determine what changes if any are required to financially support our increased activity resulting from committee studies and approved by board of delegates.



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Old Business- None

New Business- Letter from California Council: It is the desire of the California Square Dance Council to see created a national square dance organization consisting of the various statewide federations, associations, etc. The purpose of a new national square dance organization could be as follows promotion of the square dance activity on a broader scale than is now possible within each state body, provide a line of communications between various state leaders, to create a united front from which to better represent the entire square dance movement on important issues which are constantly affecting the activity. To assist in the area of education, promotion and generally furthering the enjoyment of square and round dancing.

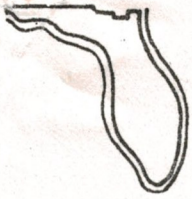
George Olgesby made motion to accept the proposal made by California Association. Motion seconded, Motion carried.

Next is the letter from the Florida Callers Association concerning the statement of policy; To go on record, that A. That all participants will be registered B. That all participants will wear proper square or round dance attire. Fla. Callers Associations asked that Fla. Round Dancers and Fla. Federations approved this policy that they have adopted until something comes from the Coordination Committee recommends its proposal. There was much discussion on this proposal. Motion by George Oglesby to accept statement of policy from Fla. Caller Association seconded by John Layne. Motion carried. Motion by Alan Ashcroft to amend motion to exclude business meetings, workshops and non-scheduled dance functions seconded by Frank Cornwell. Motion carried.

Barbara Swint from the Singles Association spoke briefly on the Singles Association. 1st singles convention. next week-end in Orlando. This association was formed in 1978.

Joe Vacarri called on Harry Taylor to give the nominating committee report. This committee is composed of George Bowie, Harry Taylor, and George Tucker. Chaired by Jack Tucker- The report is as follows: In the absence of Jack Tucker, Harry Taylor will give the report. The slate is as follows for the boards recommendation- President Jack & Nita Lascoal, Vice-President Frank and Frances Smith, Secretary Ken & Mae Ford, Treasurer John & Esther Layne and Parliamentarian Conrad & Belle Bishop. Motion to close nominations motion seconded call for vote- all in favor.

Joe Vacarri thanked each and every one for their support during the past year. He said it had been a great honor to serve for the past year. He welcomed the new board and wished them every success. He thanked the outstanding group of officers that served with him the past year. Joe then presented the gavel to Jack and Nita Lascoal. Jack thanked the nominating committee and board of delegates for their vote of confidence. He said they would strive to do their best for the coming year. Each board member then thanked the board and expressed their desire for a fruitful and prosperous year ahead. Jack asked all the wives to stand and come forward as the force that really pushed these men forward. Jack then presented Joe with his plaque as retiring president.



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Jack said the next meeting would be the working weekend in Orlando for February 2nd & 3rd. A meeting will be held Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. to receive area reports then in the afternoon the sub-committees would meet and discuss the items to be brought before their sub-committee. Then Sunday morning at our regular Federation meeting these sub-committees would report to the body.

John Layne will handle reservations for the Jamica Inn. Rate \$18.00 a night. Registration forms will be mailed. The \$18.00 is for King size bed-\$22.00 for 2 double beds- deposit is requested.

Next meeting Orlando Feb. 2nd & 3rd.

Meeting adjourned.