



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The Annual Meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order by President Jack Lascola at 10:00 a. m., November 2, 1980, at the Jamaica Inn, Orlando.

The invocation was given by Virgil Green.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Ken Ford. All officers were present, including Esther Layne, but not John. Delegates or alternates were present as follows: West Coast, Central and Northeast Associations, 3 each, Southeast and Northwest, one each. Nine permanent delegates were present and 6 absent. Bob Bland, Florida Callers Assoc., and Joe Augenblick, Round Dance Council, were in attendance as liaison from their respective organizations.

President Lascola welcomed the new delegates and visitors to the meeting.

Chet Vetter moved the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be waived, seconded and passed. There were no corrections requested, so the minutes were accepted as prepared.

Treasurer's report by Esther Layne showed:

Brought forward 8/31/80	\$
Receipts	<hr/>
	\$
Disbursements	<hr/>
	\$
Bank balance 11/2/80	\$

Other asset is our deposit in the Contingency Fund, \$ , resulting in net worth of \$4,271.44. Esther stated that all Associations have paid their dues, which are payable on or before this Annual Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - We sent a thank you letter to the Florida Knotheads for arranging the meeting room and for a good festival. Also, sent a letter to the West Coast Assoc., with the check to repay the loan and thanking them for refreshments at Aug. meeting.

President Lascola called on Mr. Ron Vonn of the Orlando Recreation Dept. to show a film which they had developed to show their varied activities. This was arranged by PeeWee and Mary Stewart, pursuant to Alan Ashcroft's suggestion that a film about square dancing would be desirable in recruiting beginners for classes. Mr. Vonn stated the equipment would cost about \$1,000 and the film could be developed by local colleges at a reduced cost, resulting in a total estimated cost of \$ .

## AREA REPORTS:

Southeast - Ray Williams, President - The Association is pressing forward with a full schedule of events this winter season. Since the last Federation meeting, we held our annual Renewal Dance on Sept. 14 at the Trails End Dance Center in Hollywood. It was very successful, as we had a packed house in spite of a heavy downpour all afternoon. Many of the Southeast callers helped us in the four hour event. On Oct. 12, we held our monthly Association Dance at Collins Community Center in Oakland Park. This is our Annual President's Dance, in which we honor all our Past Presidents of the Association. This dance was hosted by the Shirts & Skirts. Once again, it was very successful, as we had a full house. On Oct. 17 & 18, we held our Third Annual Southeast October Spectacular at Victory Park Auditorium in North Miami Beach. During the next 4 months, our monthly Association dances will be: Nov. 9 at Boynton Beach Civic Center, Dec. 14 in Oakland Park, Jan. 31 our first 5th Sat. Dance,

Southeast continued - co-sponsored by the Southeast Callers Association, and Feb. 8 at West Palm Beach. On Dec. 6, we are making plans for our annual Holiday Dinner at Valle's in Fort Lauderdale. Our speaker will be Frank Bedell. We move into the new year with our Fun Day Picnic at T. Y. Park in Hollywood on Jan. 11. This is for all Square Dancers in the Association area, whether they belong to the Assoc. or not. In the Southeast, we continue to strive to give our dancers more, as we are holding 7 dances in 6 months, plus a dinner and a family picnic. Our membership continues to grow at a rate of 10% ahead of last year, at this report. Many of the Southeast callers are holding new square dance classes this year, with a large turnout. Jack Lasry has 26 squares in his Friday night class. The Southeast will continue to work for the betterment of square and round dancing and to promote the 1981 State Convention to make this a most successful year.

Northeast - Frank Hamwey, President - On Sept. 14, the Association held its election. As the new President, I would like to introduce the other Board members: Fred & Claudia Groover, Vice-President, Norm & Joyce Farrell, Corres. Secretary, Bob & Cathy Gillette, Treasurer, and Bill & Mary Stanton, Recording Secretary. Groovers and Farrells are new Federation delegates and the Gillettes are alternates. On Oct. 24 & 25, a Clogging Jamboree, under the direction of Sally Thompson, was held at the Craig Field Armory. Cloggers from all over the State and nearby states jammed the Armory. It was standing room only for the spectators who paid \$1 each to watch the cloggers. It appears the Jamboree was a huge success and may become an annual event for the J-ville Cloggers to host. All systems are on go for our 27th Annual Fall Roundup to be held Nov. 14 & 15 at the Civic Auditorium. Callers are Marv Lindner and Chris Vear with the Lovelaces on the rounds. Something new for Jacksonville that will support a very worthy cause is the Blood Bank Dance. Callers, Mike Akers and Karl Kayser are donating their time for this special event. Dancers are asked to donate blood between Sept. 1 and Nov. 7. Their donor card will be their admission ticket. Dancers unable, or just too chicken, to give blood may give a cash donation to the local blood bank. Jacksonville Cloggers put on a demonstration during the Muscular Dystrophy drive at a local shopping center recently. Plans for a tour by Northeast Florida dancers to the National Convention in Seattle in '81 is being coordinated by Frances Smith with a local travel agency. We hope to have a large group representing Northeast at the National. The travel agent will make a presentation at our Association meeting on Nov. 9. In order to avoid conflict, by having one club schedule a special dance on the same night as that of another club, we have established the position of Special Events Coordinator. Norm Farrel has accepted this position and will work with the clubs to coordinate events. The date of our first Association picnic has been changed from Oct. to April. It will be an all day event, with several hundred dancers from all the clubs in the Association participating. There will be sporting events and contests with trophies awarded. If all goes well, we hope to make this an annual event.

Northwest - Conrad Bishop - The Sixth Northwest Fall Roundup was held at Chipley on Oct. 25. Hosts were the Panhandle Promenaders and the caller was Tony Oxendine for squares and the Waldorfs were cuers for the rounds. It was attended by representatives from all area clubs and many visitors. The 1981 Roundup will be held in Chipley on Oct. 30 & 31. Harry Lackey will call the squares and the Blackfords will cue the rounds. New officers for the Northwest Association were installed at the meeting held in conjunction with the Roundup. Roscoe and Charlotte Hall will serve a second term as President, Frank and Betty McCallister, 1st Vice-President, Ed and Brenda Hedgecock, 2nd Vice-President, Dottie Guess, Recording Secretary, Charlene and Frank Doud, Corresponding Secretary, and Harry and Theora Frisbee, Treasurer. Individual, as well as club membership, is now available. Individual membership entitles one to a Northwest badge, accident insurance and subscription to the Panhandle Press. Rising costs have forced us to limit distribution of the newspaper. Four clubs joined the Association during this reporting period. There will be a subscription dance for the American Square Dance Magazine at PASARDA, Ft. Walton Beach on Dec. 6 with Stan Burdick calling.

West Coast - Earle Williams, President - At our President's Ball on Sept. 28, new officers were elected, Betty and I, President, Cris and Trudy Nissen, Vice-President, Murl and Sally Herbert, Secretary, and Max and Pat Newgent, Treasurer. John and Evelyn Palmer were unable to continue in the line of officers because of severe illness in their family. The Association's most recent accomplishments are:

1. A very successful Fall Fun Fest, both money-wise and dance-wise, with 104 plus squares. A great dance run by a great committee.
2. A great Blood Bank, with 260 plus units available at present.
3. A great West Coast Dancer magazine with hard working Editors and very original covers and interiors. Printings are 3,000 to 4,000 at the present time.
4. We have 14 great County Vice-Presidents, all working to have 10 Association dances this year, 9 of which are to be free to members.
5. Present Association membership is 2,700 plus and our goal is 3,000 for 1981.
6. Since the West Coast Association is hosting the 1982 State Convention in Lakeland, a hard working Committee has already had 2 meetings. All this has been accomplished by hard work and cooperation between callers, cuers and dancers. Our theme for 1981 is to "Concentrate on the Real Meaning of Square Dancing - another FFF - Fun, Fun, Fun".

Central - Ray Holt, President - The Central Association has been very busy getting ready for our Holiday Dance in Mt. Dora on Nov. 29. Exciting things are starting to happen! Our newspaper "What's Its Name" is just about ready to go to press. We will be running a contest for our members to give the paper an official name, offering \$25 and one year free membership in the Association to the winner. Our Association has taken charge of the Pirates' Ball that has formerly been put on by the now dormant Orlando Council. We are working to give the Ball a new look, more like a "Spring Fling". This year it will be held on March 21 & 22, as the "Pirates Salute America". The good times stretching from coast to coast, with Doc Gray from the West and Joe Braun from the East. The Central Association introduces Howard and Vivian Wilson, Chairman of the 1983 State Convention. They are working very quickly to draw their committees together. Big plans are flowing all over the place and our membership is steadily growing. New delegates to the Federation, who take their positions today, are: Hank and Betty Bruce, Winter Park, Bob and Frances Jurnigan, Titusville. Alternates are Bob and Carol Woodard, DeBarry.

#### PUBLICATION REPORTS:

Bow & Swing - No report.

West Coast Dancer - Betty Williams, Feature Editor - The monthly press run is gradually increasing as our "snow birds" start to return. By January, we will hit our high of 4,000 copies per issue. The February issue will carry the flyers for the 1981 Convention. Starting with the December issue, we will again be printed by Jack Pierson. The Tides Hotel and Bath Club, our interim printers, did a fine job for us. However, an arrangement with Mr. Pierson is much simpler and easier for us. Walter Stoltz has accepted the position of Circulation Manager, which John Palmer relinquished due to family health problems. Our unique covers, drawn by our Art Editor, Virginia Haller, always elicit much favorable comment. The entire staff hopes to continue to serve our dancing fraternity with ever increasing efficiency.

Grapevine - Frank Hamwey - Jim and Mary Jo Wright will continue to publish the Grapevine for the coming year, but they were unable to attend this meeting. The paper continues to make a small profit. There are over 400 subscribers to the Grapevine. This includes 4 clubs that subscribe 100%. Beginning with the Dec. issue, the minutes of the Northeast Association will be published and distributed in the Grapevine. We believe this will lead to better communication between the dancers and their association. Also, believe it will increase the circulation. I have applications with me if anyone would like to subscribe today.

4 W's - No report.

Panhandle Press - Conrad Bishop - The Christmas issue of the Panhandle Press is in the works. If anyone wants to put a Christmas greeting in, please see Belle and she will handle it, i. e., take your money.

Central Newspaper - Betty Bruce, Acting Editor - We plan to go to press with our first edition November 10.

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS:

1981 Convention - Conrad Bishop - Plans are progressing satisfactorily for the '81 State Convention. Elmer Sheffield, Jr., met with the Callers Association and they completed the square dance program. The Smoyers have met with the round dance cuers to finalize plans for round dancers. Elaine Oberding is working out details for the fashion show. Secretary Ken Ford read a letter he received from Chairman Marvin Taylor: Am sorry Olena and I will not be at the Orlando meeting, just too many things going on too close together. Here is my report on the '81 Convention. Registration has slowed since September, with only 186 registered to date. Elmer Sheffield, Square Dance Chairman, attended the Florida Callers meeting, Oct. 19 and all callers have been signed for the evening dances. Howard and Norma Smoyer, Round Dance Chairmen, contacted the cuers last weekend to get their program set up. Everything else is going well with the exception of locating an area large enough for the cloggers. Encourage early registrations as \$1.00 can still be saved until April. Remember, every 200th registrant gets in free.

1982 Convention - Ken Ford (Report prepared by Hugh and Jean Fultz) - On Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Lakeland Civic Center, the 1982 Committee held its second meeting with Chairman Hugh Fultz presiding. The 1982 dress and man's vest were on display for the first time. Patterns and directions for making the outfit were available from Jean Fultz and Mae Ford. Budget, demonstration, round dancing and clogging were discussed and it appears that these as well as other facets of the convention were shaping up very well. Five meetings were announced for 1981 with 2 to be held before next May. Each member of the Committee was given a copy of the excellent critique of the 1980 Convention prepared by Alan and Bertha Ashcroft and their group, which Ken Ford typed and had printed. They were also reminded to observe carefully the 1981 operation and to offer any possible assistance to that Committee.

1983 Convention - Howard Wilson, Chairman - First meeting to be held Dec. 6, prior to Bow & Swing subscription dance. We expect to appoint major committee members at that time.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE - No report.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - It was suggested, because of the distance to the 1981 National Convention in Seattle, we restrict the size of our display.

LEGACY - No report.

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION - No report.

Callers' Liaison - Bob Bland - The Florida Callers Association had their Clinic in Oct., with Jack Murpha of Calif. It was geared to teaching and the "new" caller. We had election of officers, as follows:

President- - - Gil Crosby  
Vice-President - John Barrett  
Secretary- - - Art Wilson  
Treasurer - - - Bob Bland

It was not well attended by the more experienced callers, also, those from Northwest and West Coast. The cost may be keeping some callers away, but area callers' associations may be reimbursed for holding their own clinics. PeeWee Stewart noted that the Fla. Callers Association had not given Jimmy Clossin the recognition he deserved.

Round Dance Liaison - Joe Augenblick - The Round Dance Council of Florida had their Fall Festival at Lehigh Acres in Oct., featuring the Holidays from Illinois. At the

Round Dance Liaison continued - meeting, the following officers were elected for 1981:

President- - - - Joe Augenblick  
Vice-President - Norma Smoyer  
Secretary- - - - Chris Brissette  
Treasurer - - - Harry Stockfeder

He thinks an agreement has been reached to have only one round between tips in the Arena at the 1981 State Convention.

After a break, President Lascola appointed Walter Stoltz and Jack Tucker to audit the Treasurer's records. He thanked the Central Association for hosting the meeting and furnishing the refreshments.

Other old business - Chet Vetter spoke about the National Square Dance Association. He feels that Legacy fills the need for a national association. Florida is well represented, having 7 Legacy Trustees. With Callerlab, Round-a-lab and Legacy covering all aspects of square and round dancing, another organization might dilute the effectiveness of our leadership. Also, it is getting more and more expensive to attend meetings which reduces the number of leaders willing to go. Answering questions, Chet stated that while Legacy has no official connection with Fla. Federation of Square Dancers, Legacy accomplishments include resolutions for "Smooth Dancing" concept and advocating proper square dance attire, which have been adopted by the Federation, and the forming of Round-a-lab.

Walter Stoltz brought up the subject of the split of Convention proceeds, which was approved at the Aug. 31 meeting. After much explanation and discussion, the split as approved at the last meeting will continue until further action is taken. Out of this discussion came a suggestion that the Federation needs to establish goals to benefit square and round dancers and a budget to carry out such programs.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Report from the Nominating Committee by Jim Whiteman - Our slate for officers for the year 1980-81 is:

President- - - - Frank and Frances Smith  
Vice-President - Ken and Mae Ford  
Secretary- - - - John and Esther Layne  
Treasurer - - - Conrad and Belle Bishop  
Parliamentarian- Ray and Jean Williams

Motion to accept the Committee's report was duly seconded and passed. On the call for nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations and the Secretary requested to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.

Jack thanked the officers and delegates for their support during the last year and past presidents for their help and guidance. He turned over the gavel to the new President, Frank Smith. Jack and Nita were given a standing vote of thanks for their service during the past year. President Smith then presented Jack and Nita with a beautiful plaque, honoring them. Also, Ken Ford presented them with a "Certificate of Excellence" issued by the American Square Dance Society. Badges for new delegates were given to the following: Bob and Carol Woodard, Cris and Trudy Nissen, Murl and Sally Herbert, Lynn and Harriet Ward, Hank and Betty Bruce and Bob and Frances Jurnigan. Comments from new officers: Ray Williams thanked the Federation for their confidence in electing him and Jean. Esther Layne hopes John doesn't miss another meeting. Ken Ford suggested the Federation, FCA and RDC trade minutes of their organizations' meetings by sending copies to the Presidents who would forward them to the Secretaries for their records. Conrad Bishop had no comments. Frank thanked the Federation for the last 4 years. He and Frances have enjoyed it. We have to follow some mighty fine leaders.

Esther Layne stated the Central Florida Callers' Association had set up a dance on a 5th Saturday, in conflict with the Dancers' Association dance. She asked

that something be done to prevent this in the future.

President Smith stated the date considered for the "Working Weekend", Jan.31 and Feb. 1, also involved a 5th Saturday and the Northwest Association has a special event scheduled. There was no objection to changing this to Jan. 24 & 25, which was determined to be available at the Jamaica Inn. A motion to invite the Boards and interested members of the FCA and RDC to this meeting was seconded and passed. Saturday we will convene at 10 a. m. and, after breaking for lunch, committees will meet separately. Sunday morning, all will meet for committee reports. A dance will be available on Saturday night. Instead of Central Association furnishing refreshments, the other officers and delegates should bring something for a Saturday night after party. It was suggested that further efforts be made to come up with a budget at the next meeting. President Smith appointed an ad hoc Committee to come up with a tentative budget at the next meeting on Jan. 24, 1981, consisting of, John Layne, Chairman, Norm Farrell, Virgil Green, Jim Whiteman and Conrad Bishop.

Ken Ford asked if anyone had information about the cost of making 5 small banners similar to the one made for the Federation. Judy Garland was to get an estimate and bring it back. Frank Hamwey said he would find out about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ken Ford*

Ken Ford, Out-going Secretary

Distribution:

- All Officers, Delegates and Alternates, FFSD
- President, Florida Callers Association
- President, Round Dance Council of Florida
- Editor, Bow & Swing

