



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The September 6, 1981 meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Frank Smith.

The invocation was given by Hugh Fultz.

Roll call was taken by Secretary John Layne. All officers were present except for Parliamentarian Fred & Celeste Crawford. Associations were represented as follows: The Northeast Assoc. had two delegates; all other Assoc. had three voting delegates present. There were eleven permanent delegates in attendance.

Hugh Fultz moved we dispense with reading the minutes; Earle Williams made the second; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Conrad Bishop, as approved, shows:

Brought forward 5/23/81	\$
Receipts	\$
Disbursements	\$
Bank Balance 9/5/81	\$

The contingency fund for financing the State Convention is still \$ which results in a net worth of \$.

Liaison appointed to RDC was Mori Sogolow, FCA had no meeting.

Liaison from FCA was Bob Bland; no message from FCA.
RDC was Bill Fleschman; no message from RDC.

Correspondence was reported by the secretary. A letter had been sent to the state governor requesting a proclamation for Square Dance Week. A letter was read from Joe Vaccari urging the Federation to gain non profit status with the IRS - action was deferred to be discussed under new business.

AREA REPORTS:

Southeast by Phil Fenster - The May 30th "5th Saturday Dance" for New Graduate dancers co-sponsored by the Southeast Callers Assoc. & the Southeast Square & Round Assoc. was a great success. We had 27+ squares attending. All were very enthusiastic at having the opportunity to dance at a "Big" dance. The profits of this dance were turned over to Legacy to defray the cost of Legacy's Help II meeting which was held in March. Visitations to area clubs continued thru May & included 5 clubs graduating New Dancers. The Clinics in June, July & August were very well attended & very much enjoyed by all as our caller Frank Bedell called Mainstream level for the benefit of the new graduates & gradually workshopped into the Plus I level. In July we held election of Officers. The following were elected; President Phil & Marion Fenster, Vice Pres. Gunther & Marilyn Walther, Secretary Bernie & Pauline Trattler, Treasurer Bill & Dottie Elrod. The membership Chairman Frank & Nan Habersberger were appointed by the new Pres. After the August Clinic Meeting, the new

slate of officers were introduced to the membership at large & assumed their new offices. The New President & Board are now busy planning for an active & we hope productive year. In Sept we have our big Renewal Dance held at trails End where we usually have a full to over flowing hall & this year we all hope to top last years attendance. In Oct. we will hold our Annual Past Presidents Dance. This gives us a chance to show our appreciation to our Past Presidents for their continuing interest in our organization. In Nov. we will have our Fall Clinic & are busy at finalizing our plans for our Annual Christmas Dinner, our Dec. Clinic & our Annual Picnic in Jan. On behalf of the Southeast Assoc. we want to take this opportunity to thank Lynn & Harriet Ward, our Past Pres., for a job well done & we look forward to having their help on our board for the coming year.

Northeast by Frank Hamway - Our Assoc. keeps right on growing! Since our last meeting of the Federation we have had two new clubs join, the Lakeside Squares from Lake Butler, & the Fla. Fun Time Cloggers, with one more club, the Clay Wheelarounds from Clay County wanting to be voted in at the Assoc. meeting next week. This will bring the total to 35 clubs. Also on the agenda at our next meeting, is election of Officers. The nominating committee has come up with some names of people who are very capable & should make good officers. The Jubileers Square Dance Club held a very successful Christmas in July dance under the leadership of the Chairman, George Warren, at Morocco Temple in Jacksonville. \$2,400 was raised for the Shriner's Crippled Children's Fund. Not a penny was spent on expenses. Ribbons, flyers, decorations, door prizes were all donated. Callers, Round Dance Cuers & Clogging leaders all donated their time, & all the clubs supported this venture. The Assoc. is very proud of its dancers for dancing so that others may walk. Fall Roundup, Nov. 13 & 14, at the Civic Auditorium in Jacksonville, is moving right along. Fred & Claudia Groover, Chairman, report that everything is going well. We're all looking forward to dancing to Wade Driver & Elmer Sheffield, with the Wolcotts on the Rounds. Come & join us! Something new for the Fifth Saturday Night Dances - for the first time that we know of, the program consisted of squares, rounds, and clogging. The clogging was done in street or square dance shoes only. We had one of the largest crowds at a Fifth Saturday night dance for this one - over 35 squares. We're proud to announce that the 1984 State Convention Chairman has been appointed: our own, Frank & Frances Smith. We know they will do a great job, & have probably got it all lined up by now. The town of Hilliard is 100 years old & is going to celebrate with a street dance. The host club is the Calico Squares, & they will have a live band, the Cattlemen, on Friday, Sept. 25th with festivities continuing throughout the weekend.

Northwest by Conrad Bishop - Two charter members of the NWFSRDA are leaving the area. John & Marty Lackey have been prominent in area square dancing for many years. They have served as editors of the Panhandle Press since 1977, & John has served as caller/leader of the Sandpipers of Ft. Walton Beach since it was organized in 1975. Joy Richardson will be the new editor of the Panhandle Press. Roscoe and Charlotte Hall, Assoc. President for the past two years, have moved to Pennsylvania. Frank & Betty McCallister, First Vice-Pres. will serve as Pres. until the next election. NW is sponsoring a series of membership dances. The first one was held in Panama City July 19th, with Darrel McMillan calling. One is scheduled in Ft. Walton Beach on October 23rd. It will be hosted by the Belles & Beaux. Foley Wood & Ron Ray will be

the callers. Another is planned for Tallahassee on Sept. 26th. Others in the works include one in the Pensacola area & another in the Chipley Altha area. NW Fall Roundup is scheduled for Oct. 30nd -31st in Chipley. Harry Lackey will be the caller & the Blackfords will cue the rounds. Our annual election meeting will be held in Pensacola on Sept. 12th, hosted by the Firehouse Gang. Following the meeting, there will be a dance called by Tony DiGeorge. Joy Richardson & Joe Vacarri reported on the National Square Dance Convention in Seattle. Joe was in charge of the Florida Showcase of Ideas there.

West Coast by Earle Williams - The West Coast Assoc. is going "full steam ahead", aiming for a great "Star thru In 82" Convention next May. Our Blue & White outfits are being seen everywhere. Convention Chairman Hugh & Jean Fultz & Co-Chairman Ken & Mae Ford are leaving no area untouched by the Blue & White. Be on the look-out for them. Plans for our 6th annual Fall Fun Fest have been finalized by Chairman Cris and Trudi Nissen, even though Trudi has been hospitalized for a spell. This is our one big fund raiser for our Assoc., as well as our big chance to promote our square dance activity. Our Assoc. Blood Bank, with Joe & Ruth Estes in charge, is in great shape. Last count was 441 donations, 74 withdrawals, 367 units on hand. We have had 8 Assoc. dances & one more to go, the Presidents Ball, on Sunday, Sept 27, 1981. At the meeting prior to this dance, Betty & I will become Past Presidents. We have enjoyed the year very much...working with great people made our job a real pleasure. Our goal of a membership of 3000 has been reached and passed, all this is due to the cooperation of our great officers and our County Vice-Pres., who went all out to make the West Coast Assoc. a wonderful one.

Central by Bob Jernigan - Our Central Assoc. is growing very rapidly. We had our May 30 dance at Eustis R V Park. This was a big success with the annual election of officers. The following were elected, President Bob & Frances Jernigan, Vice-Pres. Bob & Carol Woodard, Secretary Leo & Mary Richardson, Treasurer Hank & Betty Bruce. Our next dance was held Aug. 29, at De Bary. We had over 30 squares. This was our renewal & we gained a total of 33 new members. We are sorry to announce our Blood Bank Chairman, John Berger, passed-away July 31st. This was a great loss to the Assoc. Our new Chairman is Roland Hamel, who we know will make a great success with this worth while program. The name of the Blood Bank has been changed to The Central Square & Round Dance Assoc. John Berger Memorial Blood Bank. Square Dance week Sept. 21-27 will be observed in all areas of Central Assoc. There will be exhibition dances in shopping malls, spot announcements on radio & in news papers. Howard Wilson, 1983 Convention Chairman, is making progress with convention plans. Our next dance will be October 31, this will be our Halloween Dance. It will be at Slovak Gardens in Maitland. No costumes Square Dance Attire Please! Ed Foote, a national caller, will call the January 30, 1982 dance. You will hear more about this dance in the future.

PUBLICATIONS

Bow & Swing by Rita Deschambeau - We would like more news from the Assoc. Due to the increase in postage you can look for an increase in the Bow & Swing before too long.

West Coast Dancer by Jean Fultz - After a vacation of two months we are back at the same old grind with a Sept. issue of 3500 copies. We make a concentrated effort to get copies to welcome centers, square dance shops and Chambers of Commerce. It becomes a little frustrating when we are told non square dancers collect them for the covers, but occasional letters of commendation help relieve the monotony.

Grapevine by Frank Hamway - The number of subscribers has increased from 337 in March 1981 to 456 in Sept. The Gateway Caller's Assoc. recently paid for subscriptions for all caller Assoc. members. Several clubs now include in their dues a paid subscription for club members. Two clubs, on their own initiative, have sponsored subscription dances. Our purpose continues to be an avenue for the exchange of educational ideas. We promote Rounds, Clogging, & Squares. From time to time we will print editorials which will address various situations within our hobby. During the State Convention in May at the Federation meeting we requested that all assoc. exchange publications. This has worked well & several editors are now exchanging publications on a complimentary basis. Our assoc. officers received a request from the Bow & Swing Editor to include a Bow & Swing subscription form in the Grapevine. This request was approved by the Northeast & the subscription form will be included in the Oct.-Nov. issue. Our advertising rates are being slightly increased, as announced in the Aug.-Sept. issue, beginning with the Oct.-Nov. issue. Contact the Grapevine Co-Editor or Editor for new rates.

4 W'S by Boots Oglesby - We had the largest attendance we ever had the last time we put the paper together. With 54 people it cut our work time down. We had a dance afterward & everyone had a ball. We are still printing 6,000 copies & the demand is increasing.

Panhandle Press by Joy Richardson - The Panhandle Press wishes to report that John & Marty Lackey have moved away from our area & will no longer be editing the Press. I have taken over as Editor. Marty & John have done a fine job for which the NWFSRDA is grateful. In the almost five years of their editorship they have almost realized their goal of purchasing a machine which will give us a professional newsletter. I intend to continue working toward this goal. We are printing approximately 350-400 copies every other month with an added Christmas issue. The Christmas issue was instituted by Marty, & N.W. dancers have used this issue as a means of offering their Season's Greetings in lieu of sending cards. This has been quite a unique feature of the Press, & has proved to be very popular among N.W. dancers. I intend to continue with this special issue. State Convention advertising will be increased in the upcoming issues.

Keeping Posted by Bob Jernigan - More than 500 copies were sent to members. We are sending copies to all Assoc., Federation Pres. Keeping Posted is growing by leaps and bounds.

CONVENTION REPORTS

1981 State Convention by Marvin Taylor - The main purpose of this Convention was to have fun & to promote Square & Round Dancing. Congratulations "Northwest" for having done this. I want to thank Alan Ashcroft & his 1980 committee for all the help they gave me in order to host a successful convention. Also thanks to Walter, Mori & Chet & many others in the Central area. It is great to have people like them to help out

when you live 400 miles away. Here is just a few things that happened during the Convention week-end that I would like to share with you.

1. Three of us received parking tickets.
2. There were three weddings.
3. I received a \$50.00 speeding ticket on my way back home. Plus I think I am about 2 inches shorter from walking what seemed like 1,000 miles in the convention center. Now I want to recognize & thank for one last time my committee who did an outstanding job. Secretary - My wife Olena, Co-Chairman - Paul & Carolyn, Registration - Joy Richardson, Treasurer - Theresa & Jerry Fowler, Program - Nina & Cooper Mingledorf, Grand March - Conrad & Belle Bishop, Advisor - Joe Vaccari, Camping - George & Mary Bowie, Fashion Show - Elaine & Vern Olberding & Janette & Grady Rea, Sewing Clinic - Don & Hazel Jochum, Clogging - Rex & Dot Akridge, Round Dancing - Norma & Howard Smoyer and last but not least Square Dancing - Elmer & Marge Sheffield. Of course, there were many people helping this committee. Thanks to all of you for your support. We enjoyed working with everyone, but will enjoy next year better. The statistics for the convention is Total Attendance - 3,306, Gross Profit - \$26,958.00, Expenses - \$16,398.85, Net Profit - \$10,559.15. And now Mr. President I would like to present the divided profits from this convention to:

Northwest Fla. Square & Round Dance Assoc.--	\$
Florida Federation of Square Dancers-----	\$
Round Dance Council of Fla.-----	\$
Florida Callers Assoc.-----	\$

1982 State Convention by Hugh Fultz - The 1982 Convention Committee is functioning smoothly. We have amended the Civic Center Contract to drop the Theater entirely & to add the Conference Complex for Friday Night. We have also placed the Mirror Lake auditorium under contract for the duration of the convention for clogging activities. We believe these changes more properly reflect the use requirements. Callers have been contacted concerning willingness to participate in the convention & programming depends on their response which is asked for by Oct. 1. Varying groups, wearing the star studded 82 convention outfits, have appeared at 14 different functions including the Pensacola Festival, Tallahassee, Andy's Trout Farm, Lehigh Acres, etc. Response to these efforts has been gratifying. We hope to be in your area as soon as possible.

1983 State Convention by Howard Wilson - Hopefully, by the time the 30th anniversary arrives, appropriate legislation will have passed to recognize the Square Dance as the official National Folk Dance of the United States. Our plans are progressing on schedule. The logo & slogan have been selected, & we are in the process of negotiating for our site location. We have also designed our outfits & are forming our promotional plans.

1984 State Convention by Frank Smith - Some problems were pointed out in the new construction of the central Florida convention center. Some humorous conclusions were drawn, and the delegates enjoyed the departure into the realm of fun.

National Square Dancers Assoc. by Joe Vaccari - Florida people attending the meeting in Seattle were Frank & Ruth Hamway, Joy Richardson & myself. I am happy to report that many if not most of the objections to the by-laws, voiced at our last meeting, were deleted & only those items considered necessary to satisfy IRS Non-Profit exemption requirements were retained. Most of the changes were at the insistence of the Florida delegation, who, although could not vote, participated

in the discussion. Officers were elected on the basis of indicated interest by a State or Assoc. to join by the next meeting at the Detroit National Convention. The NW Florida Asson. indicated such interest. One section of the By-laws states that if a State organization choses not to affiliate, a member of that state group may apply for affiliation. However, if at a later date the state organization becomes an affiliate, then the affiliate from that state must yield its membership. The governing documents & "applications for affiliation" will be mailed to all 50 states in late Sept. or early Oct. 1981. Read the press Release of the Seattle Meeting. Copies are available on the table for area publication & any one else that wants a copy. One other comment. I quote from our "Articles of Incorporation", Article II. Sections 3 & 4. Affiliation with the United Square Dancers of America would serve to further the very objectives for which we are organized: To serve as an instrument of Liaison & bring about a spirit of cooperation with Square Dancers everywhere.

NOTE: Attachment submitted with this report is available for individual inspection in the Secretary's file.

Frank Hamway also reported. He could not see any reason to join the National Association - as yet.

Coordinating Committee by Howard Wilson - The coordinating committee has a fund balance of \$3,000.00. The 1983 convention was advanced \$1,000.00 Hugh Fultz will be getting & additional \$500.00 for convention requirements.

Legacy Report by Boots Oglesby - Florida was well represented with 18 couples at our last meeting. Two things are being pushed. One is the book for \$5.00 which is available from us, or see Joe Vaccari. This is the first time we have seen a complete folder of everything that went on during this Legacy meeting.

Showcase of Ideas by Joe Vaccari - The Florida Showcase at Seattle National Convention was small but very attractive. The following items were displayed. Federation banner, SE display board, copies of several area publications, several local S.D. Directories, several issues of Bow & Swing as handouts, Florida attractions brochure as handouts, Surplus 1981 State Convention Key Chains as handouts, & 1982 State Convention flyers. The Showcase was set up on Wed. & taken down Sat. afternoon. All the Key Chains were taken plus most of the other handouts. Special thanks go to Fred & Celeste Crawford who shipped most of the items; to George & Rita Deschambeau for copies of Bow & Swing; to Mitzi's Fashions of Pampano Beach for delivering the banner & display board & to Joy Richardson who helped to set up the Showcase. The Plaque Florida received from the National Convention Committee was turned over to Mitzi for delivery to the Parliamentarian. The \$25.00 deposit check was turned over to the treasurer.

Old Business: The number of meetings in a year were discussed. Frank Cornwall made a motion that the number of meetings be left to the discretion of the president. Motion seconded by Pee Wee Stewart; motion carried.

New Business: President Frank Smith appointed a nominating committee for the coming election of officers which consisted of Virgil Green - Chairman, Jack Lascola, & Mori Sogolow.

A discussion of the Federation becoming recognized by the IRS as a non profit organization was held. The president appointed Joe Vaccari & John Layne to bring steps to be followed to the next Federation meeting.

Pee Wee Stewart pointed out that an error had been made by the Secretary since publications were not available for the Assoc. to distribute during Square Dance Week in accordance with a motion of a previous year (1973). Secretary John Layne suggested that this and any other traditional task be listed as part of the perscribed duties as drawn up at the beginning of this year (1981) for the board members.

Joe Vaccari made a motion that one third of the convention proceeds distributed to the FFSD be given to the host assoc. as established by precedent last year. Motion seconded by Conrad Bishop; motion carried.

Mori Sogolow recommended to Howard Wilson that a 25% split for the host assoc. be brought up at the next coordinatng committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Frank Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

John & Esther Layne
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Secretary