



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

1. The meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order May 30, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. by President Ken Ford in Hall B of the Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland, Florida.
2. The invocation was given by Esther Layne.
3. John Layne, Vice President and chairman of the Education and Services committee presented a briefing and background on the work his group performed in developing the new folders for the delegates.
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 - a. The roll was called by Conrad Bishop and the books prepared by John Layne's committee were distributed along with the new delegate badges for the women. All five Federation Officers were present. All five associations had six voting delegates present. Twenty-five of 31 permanent (past presidents) delegates were present. This constituted a quorum.
 - b. The Secretary announced that the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each association's delegates for the forthcoming year should be provided the Secretary prior to or no later than the next meeting. The outgoing secretary turns over this list to the incoming secretary who makes up the Roster of Officers and Delegates for 1982-1983. This roster will be distributed with the minutes of our next meeting.
5. Lawton Smith, Florida Callers Association representative and Frank DuBois, the Round Dance Council representative, were recognized by the chair. President Ford appointed the following representatives: Frank & Frances Smith to the Cloggers; Pee Wee Stewart to the Round Dance Council; and Gene Fultz to the Florida Callers Association.
6. Chet Vetter moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. However, one correction was made on page 3. The Southeast report was written by Phil Fenster and read by Frank Habersberger. The minutes credited Frank Habersberger with doing both.
7. Treasurer's Report by Fred Crawford. Report was approved as presented. See Attachment 1 for details. See Attachment 2 for the treasurer's report of the Coordinating Committee.
8. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. President Ford stated that he had received copies of the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules.
 - b. President Ford received a letter from Frank and Nan Habersberger of the Southeast Association accepting their appointment as Chairman for the 1985 State Convention.

c. President Ford received a letter from Nan and Frank Habersberger which was their report on the National Folk Dance Campaign held in Washington D.C. on 26-28 April. This letter detailed their efforts in support of HJR 151 while in Washington. Letter will be filed in correspondence folder.

d. President Ford received a letter from Nan and Frank Habersberger in which they stated that HJR 151 was passed in a unanimous vote by the House of Representatives during the week of May 9-15 and at this writing is on the President's desk for signature. The Habersbergers said one of the highlights that occurred in Washington was the performance of the Pensacola Special Steppers. President Ford directed the secretary to write a letter of congratulations to the Special Steppers. The Habersberger letter will be filed in the correspondence folder.

9. AREA REPORTS

a. Central by Bob and Carol Woodard: We will finish out the term in office as president for the Jernigans, due to the illness of Francis Jernigan. She is in the St. Joseph Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., with inoperable cancer. Betty Bruce has a card for all to sign. With a balance of 56 pints at the end of January, our Blood Bank has had 7 donations, 2 outdated units to the Hemophilia Association, and 5 credits. There was a balance of 61 pints through April 30, 1982. At our last dance May 22, 1982, we held our annual pot luck dinner and held elections. The new officers elected are: Presidents - Bob & Carol Woodard; Vice-Presidents - Leo & Mary Richardson; Secretary - Hank & Betty Bruce; Treasurer - Roland & Marcy Hamel. We had 25 squares on the floor. Jack Hatfield called and Jackie Jenkins cued rounds. All had a good time. Our next dance will be held July 31, 1982, (our annual renewal dance) at the Eau Gallie Community Center in Melbourne, with Dale McClary calling and Phyllis Williams on rounds.

b. West Coast by Cris Nissen: The West Coast Association has been very busy this last few months promoting the State Convention. The 29th Florida State Convention Committee headed by Hugh and Jean Fultz with Ken and Mae Ford have literally travelled the length and breadth of Florida publicizing this event, hoping that there is not a square dancer who is not aware that there is a Square and Round Dance Convention in Florida. The W. C. A. continues to grow; we have 500 more members than this time last year and hope by the end of this year to reach our goal of 3500 members. Have had several successful membership dances this season and have already scheduled dances for next year in some areas that were not covered this year. Have received splended co-operation from the Callers and Cuers. Our Blood Bank, with Joe and Ruth Estes still in charge, also continues to grow with over 500 units and withdrawals of 175 units, leaving a balance of 384 units. This is a life saving project which the W. C. A. is very proud of.

We are having a change of Editors of the W. C. Dancer and this is going very smoothly. Our Fall Fun Fest on Oct 15th and 16th, Murl and Sally Herbert as chairpersons, will have a few different ideas to try out. After the State Convention we will devote our square dancing energies to promote this festival.

c. Northeast by Fred Groover: The Graduation Ball was held on April 24, 1982, with about 25 squares attending. We are very happy to have the many new dancers in our community. The Fall Roundup Committee is busy in the preparation of another great annual event, to be held on November 12 & 13, at the Jacksonville Civic Auditorium. The callers are Darryl McMillan and Tony Oxendine. The cuers are the Greens and Sheila Popwell is the clogging instructor. Northeast's proposed building fund has not gained the support needed; however, we hope this is not an insurmountable obstacle. We are very sorry to lose Paul & Nita Walker as Editors of the Grapevine. They have done an outstanding job. We shall certainly miss their professionalism and dedication. At the same time we can appreciate the added responsibilities demanded by their new venture, that of caller. We wish them the very best of luck!

d. Southeast by Phil Fenster: Southeast has much success with their new policy of a mainstream level of dancing at their monthly clinics; we have related to dancers of all levels that mainstream dancing is fun, and can be enjoyed by all. Our callers in the S.E. are among the best; they can manipulate mainstream calls and make dancers feel they are doing advanced dancing. Our cuers are also doing a fine job keeping our round dancers happy between tips. The refreshments at our clinics have been terrific, a different club hosting the dance each month with plenty of homemade goodies. There is no charge to members of the S.E. at our monthly dances. As invited guests representing the S.E. Nan and Frank Habersberger have recently returned from a party in Washington D.C. where they presented a donation of \$50.00 from the S.E. to the U.S.D.A. to help further their cause in making square dancing the National Folk Dance. As membership chairman Nan and Frank have done an outstanding job for the S.E., obtaining over 650 paid dancing members for the 1981/82 season. With the S.E. scheduled to host the 1985 convention we have picked the best couple available in the S.E. to be General Chairman and head the committee of the 1985 Florida State Convention, Nan and Frank Habersberger. We in the S.E. have done our best to help make the 1982 Florida State Convention a success as we have always done in the past with other areas. We will continue to do the best of our ability to help make all future State Conventions a success. The S.E. was pleasantly surprised at our clinic on May 9 at Deerfield Beach, with a visitation by the committee of the 1982 Florida State Convention. We feel honored to have had the pleasure of entertaining Hugh and Jean Fultz (General Chairman) Ken and Mae Ford (President of F.F.S.D. & General Vice Chairman) and a very charming lady by the name of Mae Gillard (Mae Ford's mother). We hope you all enjoyed yourself in Deerfield Beach as much as we all enjoyed your visit.

e. Northwest by Frank McCallister: Activity in Northwest has been light with meetings held in Chipley and Tallahassee. We are coming into the Festival Season on the coast with Billy Bowlegs 4 - 5 June in Ft. Walton Beach and the Pensacola Festival 17 - 19 June. Northwest will be presenting the annual Roundup in Chipley, Florida on 29 - 30 October with Elmer Sheffield and Jack Lasry calling and the Smoyers on rounds. In the interest of brevity this report is being kept short.

10. PUBLICATIONS

a. Bow & Swing by Rita Deschambeau: We assumed full responsibility in Apopka for Bow & Swing as of January 1st - Editorial Services as well as Business Management, which has already provided for more efficient operation of the magazine. Our advertisers have been favorably impressed by the strategic placement of ads throughout the magazine. No ad is "buried."

You probably noticed the format has been changed, making reading easier, and giving more efficient utilization of space. With our new composer, on the pages allocated for club news, we now get approximately 25% more news per page.

Our circulation is now steadily increasing thanks to subscription dances, as well as the loyal subscribers who renew annually and clubs and callers who promote the magazine. We thank them all.

We already feel we have the South's best Square Dance magazine and will continue to improve its quality to the best of our ability.

b. Keeping Posted by Betty Bruce: Everything is progressing normally and have nothing further to report.

c. West Coast Dancer by Hugh Fultz: Available at this convention is the last issue of the West Coast Dancer with Jean and me as editors. It has been a great source of satisfaction to us to have been Editors and we are firm in our belief that we are turning over a very healthy publication to the very best editor possible, Mr. Jack Pierson.

d. Grapevine by Fred Groover: GENERAL COMMENT: In our report to the State Federation on May 23, 1981, we made the following statement: "We encourage all association editors to exchange publications on a complimentary basis. An exchange of ideas between associations will make our hobby stronger in Florida." We are happy to report this year that the Northeast Association now exchanges publications with all Associations in Florida.

BOW & SWING: We provide, free of charge, a Bow & Swing subscription form in each issue of the Grapevine. The offices of the Northeast authorized this inclusion as part of their policy of promoting our hobby.

CLUB DIRECTORY: A new club directory was issued in October 1981 listing clubs, dance night, dance location, contact phone numbers, callers and their phone numbers. This special directory was provided free to Grapevine subscribers.

STUDENT ISSUE OF THE GRAPEVINE: A special Student Issue of the Grapevine was issued in January, 1982, under the direction of Ernie & Ruby Holt, Co-Editors. This special issue was designed with the new dancer in mind. Articles from the NE Association, Gateway Callers Assn., Round Dance Council and Clogging Organizations were included.

CHANGES IN THE GRAPEVINE: Subscription rates were increased from \$3 to \$5 per year. Ad rates were also slightly increased.

A spotlight feature was introduced. This feature provides spotlighting a club showing pictures and a brief history of that club.

We changed from addressograph type addressing to the use of peel-off labels.

The format was changed from stapled 8½ X 14" paper to a booklet format 5½ X 8½".

We now use a commercial printer instead of the mimeograph machine.

GRAPEVINE HELPERS: Each issue is actually put together by dancers. We invite three different couples each issue to assist in this assembly process. We have a pot luck supper midway and enjoy the fellowship.

SUBSCRIPTION ACTIVITY: Subscriptions have increased from 337 in March of 1981 to 560 in April of 1982.

PUBLICATIONS: Copies of the Northeast publications are available at this meeting.

e. 4-W's by Boots Oglesby: We are still here in our 17th year and still free to all our dancers. We are printing four issues a year. Our helping hand seems to have helped. We are now getting about 40 dancers out to help put the 4-W's together. We are sending papers to the National with Mitzie, one of our vendors. Please contact them at Booth 40.

f. Panhandle Press by Joy Richardson: We have a new art editor, Jack Lorusso. He will be working on giving our publication a face lift.

There will be some policy changes in regard to issue dates and deadlines which will be announced later.

All news letters are being mailed.

Our cookbook is progressing well and we have copious amounts of recipes. It is to be published in October and to be available at the Northwest Roundup.

11. CONVENTION REPORTS

a. National by Loren Long: Mr. Long was the chairman for the 1972 convention in Des Moines, Iowa. He now lives in Florida and is a member of the committee which chooses convention sites. He stated that registrations for the 1982 convention in Detroit are low at this time with only 14,000 being registered. He said he did not know the reason for this. Rooms are still available at this time, but are expensive.

He discussed the possibility that Florida might host a National Convention in Orlando. National conventions require at least 200,000 square feet of floor space. The Orlando complex now under construction has 150,000 square feet. A proposed duplicate facility would add another 150,000 square feet which might make it feasible to hold a convention there in the future. At present, in order to have enough floor space, the convention would have to be divided and several locations would have to be used. Thus, the present situation would be unsatisfactory, but the additional buildings might make it suitable in the future. A convention delegate is due in from Orlando this afternoon to look over the Lakeland facility.

If Florida is interested in hosting a National convention, Harry Moore should be contacted. Mr. Long believes an attendance of at least 30,000 could be expected if the convention were held in Florida.

b. 1983 State Convention by Howard Wilson: The 1983 Convention Committee is very busy with plans for an exciting spectacular to celebrate 30 years of togetherness for the callers, round dance council and the dancers.

As you will see at our Kick-Off presentation we are going to try and promote interest and participation. We felt we were given a choice to combat rising prices due to inflation. The simple way would be to increase the cost of registrations to cover the increase in rent, advertising, printing costs and everything needed to promote an outstanding Convention. There is very little that can be done to stop increasing food and lodging costs that our dancers will have to pay. However, there is something that can be done to keep the total cost of the dancing week-end package lower for our friends. We feel that by increasing participation by 1000 (one thousand) more registrations than we have had the last few years we can hold fees down.

We are basing our advertising and promotion campaign for the 1983 Convention to bring in 4000 (four thousand) registrations.

For many years Square Dancing has been known to be the most outstanding form of friendly recreation at a very reasonable price. We can still spend an evening with our friends and have a wonderful time for less money than it takes for a trip to the neighborhood movie to see some "junky" film. Let's try to keep it that way!

To keep Square and Round Dancing in its present high ranking position it is going to take the help and effort of everyone. We need the help of all 5 (five) Associations, not just Central Florida Association, if we are to succeed in our plans next year.

We have attractive 30th Anniversary buttons made to sell for \$1.00 each. If each Association will sell 200 buttons and encourage the buyers to wear them all year to promote the '83 convention, we will have our necessary extra advertising funds. Will you help us?

If the registration ribbon is used for promotion and is lost, the dancer is out a large sum of money. The button minimizes this danger and makes a lovely souvenir!

The word is out that Square Dancing is our National Folk Dance on a two year trial basis. Let nothing happen to tarnish our Image. If possible we should try to improve it, so that at the end of the trial period it will become permanent.

Our 30th Committee treasurer, Hank and Betty Bruce, have the buttons packaged for all the Associations who want them. Please see her at the close of the meeting! They also have 500 registration forms for each Association. Please pick these up, but do not show either article until after Kick-Off.

We have inserts (Registrations) ready for Bow & Swing and all Association publications for the next possible mailing. See Betty Lee.

Our stationery showing logo and slogan is printed and God willing if our Kick-Off is good, we should score some points.

I would like to thank the Hugh Fultzs and their committee for their valuable help and assistance. We congratulate them on the superb job they have done!

I think the Federation might well consider appointing a committee to survey the needs of all dancers on a statewide level, especially as to size and number of rooms needed for dancing and meetings at a state convention, and perhaps a national convention in the future. Motel, hotel, restaurant, parking, camping and transportation facilities should also be studied.

If a comprehensive report is forthcoming, it might carry a lot of weight in consultations with officials who are preparing to build new convention centers in the area. Possibly we might influence someone to build one that is more suitable to our needs than anything that is available now. It would certainly be worth any needed effort to get something we want and need instead of just putting up with what is available.

We have something wonderful!

Let's make it better!

c. 1985 State Convention by Frank Habersberger: Nan and I are pleased to accept the appointment as Chairman for the 1985 Convention. The first priority of Southeast Association has been to support Hugh and Jean Fultz and their Committee and get our Dancers up to Lakeland. We had very good response and expect a good final total attendance with our Dancers.

We are in the process of selecting our Co-Chairman and Committee and are collecting past Convention Reports for study. We received the promise of all possible assistance from Hugh and Jean Fultz in the planning stages for the 1985 Convention.

We have started a contest to get the most suitable slogan. We will have a progress report for the next meeting.

d. 1984 State Convention by Frank Smith: The Lakeland facility will cost us \$5160 for three days, exclusive of Mirror Lake. We will not know how much Mirror Lake will cost until October. Bobby Keefe is Vice Chairman for the Florida Callers Association and Ted Keiser, for the Round Dance Association. Everything is looking good. Frank attended the Florida Clogging Council meeting. He reported that the Cloggers were happy and looking forward to next year. They asked for exchange liaison. They hold three meetings a year. They asked for a split ticket for their hall only.

e. 1982 State Convention Report by Hugh Fultz: As of last night the gross attendance at this convention stands at 4061 of which 3000 \pm are paid. That makes this conclave one of the most successful ever. We will prepare a detailed report and mail it to the four interested organizations and all members of the Federation Executive Board, as soon as practical.

Jean and I want to thank the Florida Federation of Square Dancers for this unique opportunity to have been of service to the Square and Round dancers of Florida.

12. Coordinating Committee Report by Howard Wilson:

a. The 25% split that was recommended was unanimously accepted by all parties. Each organization will report back to its federation or appropriate committee.

b. The increasing costs of putting on a convention require a larger cash flow. Each of the three organizations has been asked to contribute an additional \$500 (FCA, RDC, and FFSD). Howard stated that they have already spent more than the preceding committee and are asking for \$1,000 more. This request will be taken up under new business.

13. Legacy by Chet Vetter: The next meeting will be in St. Louis the Thursday after Mothers' Day, May 12, 1983. It will last through the 15th. Legacy will have four hours of Leadership seminars at National in Detroit, four hours in Louisville, and will have six hours at all subsequent meetings.
14. Showcase of Ideas by Norm Farrell: Norm has three tables confirmed for the Florida Showcase of Ideas at Detroit. Due to circumstances not under his control Norm and Joyce will not be able to attend the Convention and are asking Virgil and Elsie Green to set up the State display at Detroit. Each Association is asked to take up its own material. Lowell and Sue Beck will carry some of the display material. Chet and Julia Vetter will carry material one way only as they will not return directly.
15. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- a. Education and Services by John Layne: John stated that:
- 1) The material for the new dancer is still being developed and they need more input from all sources to produce a quality product.
 - 2) The three ring binders were developed, complete with the information for inclusion. This project is completed.
 - 3) Mary and Pee Wee Stewart were contacted with a request for investigating slide presentations.
- b. Budget by Conrad Bishop: Nothing to report. Budget was approved at the last meeting.
16. OLD BUSINESS
- a. IRS by John Layne: The IRS filing committee has more work to do. The holdup now is time consuming reference work. Eight to ten additional weeks are estimated before the paperwork is submitted to Ruth Cullen for review before filing with IRS.
- b. United Square Dancers of America report by Joe Vaccari: Joe stated that he had nothing to report except that we need to appoint representatives to the meeting being held in Detroit, Friday P.M. during the National Convention. President Ford appointed Walter and Esther Stoltz and Joy Richardson to represent the Federation. The Secretary was directed to send the names of these representatives to the USDA Secretary.
- c. Congressional Reception by Frank Habersberger: Report will be filed in correspondence file.

- d. Dancer Contacts by Hugh Fultz: Hugh and Jean Fultz have worked up a folder that tells when and where there will be dancing in Florida, and who to contact for further information. Thirty thousand copies to be distributed at the various Welcome Stations will cost \$460.70. The folders will require yearly updating.
- e. 25% Convention Split of Convention Proceeds for Host Association: This item was reported in Coordinating Committee. All groups have approved. We will now have a 4-way split among the Federation, the Round Dance Council, Florida Callers Association and the host association.
- f. Round Dance Council report by Pee Wee Stewart: The round dancers stated that they did not have sufficient space, in some instances, to dance comfortably. They agreed to the \$500 additional money to go into the revolving fund.
- g. PA System by George Oglesby: George has built a battery-operated 9-volt system which performed adequately -- at no cost to the Federation. He said that for about \$25.00 he could fix it so that it could operate on AC when necessary. Chet moved that George convert the system to DC/AC. The motion was seconded and carried.
- h. Ted Keiser was introduced as the '84 Convention Vice-Chairman for the Round Dance Council.
- i. Hall of Fame: Chet Vetter explained the method of selecting the people for membership into the Hall of Fame. Each association or individual member could nominate persons they thought should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Chet, Mori and Walter will screen these nominations, and forward them to the Hall of Fame Committee which will make the final selection of the people who will be inducted.
- j. FCA Report by Jean Fultz: Callers were grateful for a copy of the new delegate book prepared by John Layne's committee. The FCA passed the \$500 funding for the convention committee. The callers passed a resolution stating that any caller who was a "no show" at a state convention would not be allowed to call at convention for two years.
17. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. Dancer Contacts: During a discussion regarding money for the Square Dance Pamphlets prepared by Hugh Fultz's committee to provide 30,000 pamphlets for \$460.70, Chet Vetter suggested that the Executive Board be authorized to work with Hugh Fultz and Rita Deschambeau of Bow & Swing to get an acceptable pamphlet out to the Welcome Stations by September. Motion was seconded and passed.

b. Next meeting will be 11/21/82 at Holiday Inn, Plant City, Florida.

c. Charter Revision: President Ford appointed Conrad and Belle Bishop to chair a committee consisting of Joe Vaccari and Frank and Betty McCallister to revise the charter and bring it back for consideration at the next meeting. Joe indicated to the assembly the way he felt the charter should go prior to accepting this appointment.

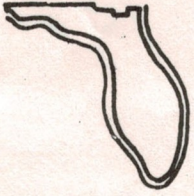
d. Nominating Committee: Ron and Mary Lee Van Valkenburg, Jim and Bunny Whiteman, and Jack and Pat Tucker were appointed to the nominating committee. It should be noted that the elections will be held at the next meeting.

e. Norm Farrell invited everyone to the Northeast Fall Roundup.

f. RDC Liaison: Frank DuBois, the RDC Liaison asked that the committee please allow round dancers to retain Conference Hall for round dancing at future conventions.

g. Georgia State Square Dance Convention: The convention will be held on 16-18 of September at the Coliseum in Macon. Free ribbons may be obtained from President Ford.

h. Esther Layne moved adjournment at 12:30 p.m.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

30 May, 1982

Bank Balance as of February 7, 1982

\$ _____

No Receipts

Disbursements:

- Conrad Bishop--Printing & Postage
- John Layne--P.O.Box, Postage Pads, Paper
- 31st Nat. S.D. Conv. Reserve Tables
- United Square Dancers of America for Membership dues
- Bill & Alma Fairchild Badges
- John Layne Binders, Dividers, Phone
- Conrad Bishop Printing, Phone Postage
- American S. D. Society New Dancer Pamphlets
- Ken Ford Refreshments (2/6 & 2/7) Phone Calls
- John Layne Balance for binders, printing, typing postage
- Bill & Alma Fairchild Badges
- Conrad Bishop Printing, postage
- Fla. Nat. Bank--Chg for deposit slips

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ASSETS:

- Checking Acct.
- Contingency Fund

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LIABILITIES:

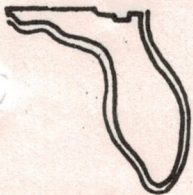
TOTAL NET WORTH

\$

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Fred J. Crawford

Fred & Celeste Crawford
Treasurer



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT

5/22/81 Bank Balance (Citrus & Chemical) \$
Bank of Bartow

Receipts

5/28/81 28th Fla. State Convention \$
(Charged with \$3000, per treas. report of \$
5/16/--possibly due to \$500 carry over deposit.)

Disbursements

5/23/81 Check #114 30th Convention \$
9/8/81 Check #116 30th Convention \$
9/8/81 Check #115 29th Convention \$
\$

BALANCE 5/15/82 \$

Recapitulation

Original funding received from Callers Assoc.,
Round Dance Council & Square Dance Federation
(\$2000 each) \$

Less: Advance to 1982 Convention \$
Carry over deposit
Advance to 1983 Convention \$
Bank Balance \$

/S/ Howard I. Wilson, Treas.

Howard I. Wilson, Treasurer
Fla. State Co-ordinating Committee