

FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

1. Meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was convened at 10:00 a.m. November 6, 1983 at Jamaica Inn, Orlando by President John Layne.
2. President Layne thanked the Central Association and Howard & Vee Wilson for refreshments for the meeting and the after party.
3. Invocation was by Jean Fultz.
4. President Layne welcomed the new President of the Florida Caller's Association, Bob Bland, and his wife Ethel. Bob wanted to assure the dancers that communication lines are open, and he would welcome input from the dancers. The President also welcomed the President elect of the Round Dance Council, Jack & Nell Jenkins, also Dick Nordine. Amy Killgallon of the Florida Clogging Council was introduced. Amy told the meeting that the Cloggers had recently had a very successful convention in Jacksonville. New delegates from the various areas were introduced.
5. The roll was called by the Secretary, Fred Crawford. A quorum was present.
6. Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes.
7. Treasurer report read by Norm Farrell. See attachment #1. Norm reported that the books had been audited by Joe Vaccari.
8. Correspondence was received from the 33rd National Convention regarding a display near the showcase. It was decided this should be handled by the Parliamentarian. Other items of correspondence were deferred.
9. AREA REPORTS
 - a. NORTHEAST by George Warren: The Northeast has just elected their new officers for the 1983/84 term. They are: President, George & Virginia Warren; Vice President, Don & Cathy Jordan; Recording Secretary, Troy & Ann Tubbs; Correspondent Secretary, Bob & Dot Moore; Treasurer, Hank Pelz.

Plans for the 30 th Fall Round Up are in the final stages with the dance being held on November 11th & 13th. The caller being Jon Jones from Texas and John Saunders from Altamonte Springs, Florida. Ed & Frankie Campbell of Texas on the Rounds and Annetti Pully of North Carolina heading up the Clogging.

We are expecting a big turn out as usual and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Frank & Francis Smith are hard at work on the 1984 State Convention and have the full cooperation of the Northeast.
 - b. CENTRAL Association by Leo Richardson: Under the direction of the Steering Committee made up of both Caller and Dancer, Central Florida had their best ever Square Dance Week, September 19 - 25. We had a combination of exhibitions, booths at malls, TV, newspaper and radio coverage.



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b. CENTRAL Association continued

Proclamations from the governor and several mayors served as good publicity. Some areas had demonstrations every day during the week.

Over twenty-five squares enjoyed our Halloween Association dance in Eustis on October 29th. At the business meeting the following items were approved:

The officers of the Association will serve as a temporary staff of Keeping Posted and an issue will be mailed to the membership in early December;

Central Florida Association will sponsor a New Years Eve party/dance on December 31st. In addition to square and round dancing, fun and fellowship a buffet dinner will be served;

The first annual "Spring Fling" for our association will be February 25, 1984 with Frank Bedell calling and Bill and Betty Beattie on the rounds. We plan an afternoon session and a full evening program;

The by-laws committee has met and compiled a rough draft of changes to be made. Currently the committee is working to coordinate the state charter with the by-laws. A special meeting of the association members is planned for January 29, 1984 to vote on these changes;

We feel that a lot has been accomplished in the first four months and look forward to the coming weeks and months.

c. WEST COAST Association by Carl Smith: The new officers for the West coast for 1983/84 are: Carl & Hazel Smith, President; Emory & Joyce Johnson, Vice President; Gerald & Dolores Ault, Secretary; Bill & Dee Ludlum, Treasurer. The West coast is very active with a membership of approximately 3500 this past year and an expected membership of near 4500 for this year. The West Coast Dancer is publishing 5000 magazines each month.

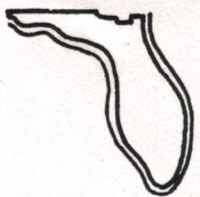
We have 11 membership dances planned from Naples to Brooksville and over to Sebring.

The Fall Fun Fest in Lakeland in October was very successful with an attendance of 948 dancers and Senator Curtis Peterson of Lakeland welcomed the group.

Murl and Sally Herbert were appointed as Chairmen of the 1987 Florida S/R Dance Convention.

West Coast Association Blood Bank has received donations of 771 pints with Earle Williams donating over 10 gallons.

d. SOUTHEAST Association by Marilyn Walther read by Frank Habersberger: The Southeast annual renewal dance held at the Trails End was very successful in terms of attendance. We expect noticeable increase in membership for the year.



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d. SOUTHEAST Association continued
 Our 4th SOS (Southeast October Spectular) dance was truly a memorable occasion. Our out of town Caller and Cuer were really great. Our surprise entertainment was Cloggers which were enjoyed by all. Many door prizes were given. Truly a time to be remembered by all who attended.

We are looking forward to our annual Holiday Cookie Dance to be held at Trails End and our Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance to be held at the Tropical Acres Restaurant after the Clinic.

e. NORTHWEST Association by Jane Janinda: The fall meeting of NWFS & RDA was held at the 1983 Roundup in Chipley on October 29 with 100 percent of the member clubs represented. The following officers were elected and installed: President, Jane Janinda; 1st Vice President, Grady Rae (Janette); 2nd Vice President, Marvin Taylor (Olena); Treasurer, Marvin Engram (Elaine); Recording Secretary, Lori Whisenant (Bill); Corresponding Secretary, Anneita Gilbourn. According to the Federation records, Jane Janinda is the first solo woman elected president of a region in Florida. Liberation has come to the Florida Square Dancing organizations.

The Roundup in Chipley was a huge success with the Florida Callers Association members calling on Friday night and Art Springer calling on Saturday. Earl and Marge Bagwell were the Round Dance Cuers. There were 24 squares on the floor and a "stepping good" time was had by all.

The Northwest elected to adopt the insurance program offered by the United Square Dancers of America.

10. PUBLICATION REPORTS

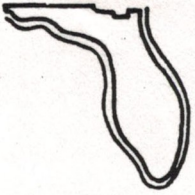
a. BOW n SWING by George Deschambau: Bow n Swing is still financially sound, but having some problems with the postal department. Also there seems to be some problems concerning which area clubs are actually in. The magazine accepts listings as they are sent in, but they are not always accurate. George made the suggestions that clubs be listed in areas according to the Federation breakdown of areas. A map or key is needed to show areas.

b. PANHANDLE PRESS by Joy Vaccari: There are no changes. We're getting ready for the Christmas issue.

c. GRAPEVINE by George Warren: The editors, Paul & Nita Walker have resigned and the Association is looking for new editors. George expressed the Association's appreciation of the work and effort of the Walkers.

d. WEST COAST DANCER by Carl Smith: We are publishing 4000 copies each time and have requests for more.

e. 4 W by Celeste Crawford: We are still in business and publish about 4000 copies each issue.



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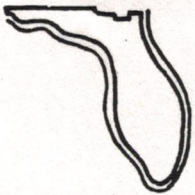
11. Annual budget report was prepared by Norm Farrell and submitted to the Board. This will be on file.
12. CONVENTIONS
 - a. 84 CONVENTION by Frank Smith: Dangles are available and will be given to delegates at this meeting. The program is ready and at least 43 Callers will be present. The theatre facility has been rented for Friday and Sunday and will be utilized.
 - b. 85 CONVENTION by Frank Habersberger: The sample dress for this Convention was shown at our last Committee meeting and was immediately accepted with thanks to Liz Workman for her very skillful work in design. Based on these colors, the men's outfit was agreed upon and that sample to be shown at the next meeting. We have placed a reservation on the theatre for our use for special programs and meetings and are in the process of reserving Mirror Lake for use by the Cloggers. We are generally satisfied with our progress and its relation to time-tables for decisions and action. Our Committee members are all working hard and our enthusiasm grows with each completed project. We will soon switch from full Committee meetings to meetings with individual Chairmen of each function so as to give better attention to their individual needs. We are still investigating types of programs for our kick-off at the 1984 Convention.
 - c. 86 CONVENTION by Joe Vaccari: They are moving along very well; the color scheme has been selected. Frank MacAllister will be at the working weekend and will give a full report.
13. FLORIDA STATE OUTFIT by Belle Bishop: Representations from the Callers and Cuers Associations were asked to join members of the Federation and meet on September 4, 1983 for the purpose of examining ideas submitted to us.

Present at the meeting were Carl & Hazel Smith, Jim & Bunny Whiteman, John & Esther Layne and Conrad & Belle Bishop from the Federation. Jan Shankle was there representing the Round Dance Council. Absent were Bob & Carol Keefe who had been appointed by the Callers' Association to represent them.

At this meeting we chose three outfits to be modeled at the working weekend. Invitations were extended to those concerned. We have as yet received no replies to these invitations, but we assume they will be here as early instructions sent to them indicated we would want those chosen to make and model outfits for the Federation.

After viewing the outfits and hearing discussion of their patterns, materials and prices, we hope the Federation will be ready to vote to adopt one. In this way, they can be made in time for us to wear them at the 1984 National Convention in Baltimore.

After selection has been made, the Outfit Committee will work on specific procedures for disseminating necessary information to dancers and methods of promoting the making of the outfit. A report on these will be given on Sunday of the working weekend.



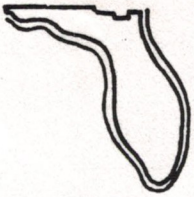
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14. COORDINATING COMMITTEE by Howard Wilson: They have received no report from the former treasurer. He requested that some procedure be set up to cover such problems in the future. Frank Smith will contact Ted Keiser. There is no meeting set as of now, but they will try for a meeting at the working weekend.
15. HALL OF FAME by Chet Vetter: Everything is nearly complete except for some photos of past presidents of the various organizations. The Grand Opening is set for December 4, 1983. Chet explained that it was the only date available as the hall was donated free, and is generally in use for dances.
16. VENDORS: This will be postponed until the working weekend.
17. IRS by John Layne: The fiscal year ends the last day of October. We have five months for the report to the IRS. On the working weekend, the Committee will prepare a format to suggest formats to the Convention Committee for reporting to the IRS.
18. LEGACY by Chet Vetter: No report.
19. NATIONAL FOLK DANCE by Frank Habersberger: We contacted Mac & Mary McClure on November 5th to get current status. They said there are now 242 co-sponsors, which are 24 more than needed to get our Bill HR 1706 out of Committee and on to the floor for a vote.

Congressman Mineta of California has written a request on October 27th to Congresswoman Katie Hall to get busy and get our Bill out of Committee. Mac & Mary ask all of us to contact our Congressmen and request early action. We shall call again on Congressman Claude Pepper and ask his support in the Rules Committee.

We will report any progress at the next Federation meeting.

20. Mention was made that there is a movement to get Square Dancing adopted as the State Folk Dance. Bob Bland suggested we have a Committee to approach the governor. Meri Sogolaw felt we should start with State Legislators. Frank Habersberger explained how that was done in New Jersey. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the Florida Federation of Square Dancers to promote and develop this in Florida. Howard Wilson will work on this through the Coordinating Committee with Frank & Nan Habersberger as special advisors.
21. UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA by Norm Farrell: United Square Dancers of America is backing the National Folk Dance movement. Bill has been passed by Senate and should soon be in the House for vote. This will be discussed at the January 1984 Executive Board Meeting at Cope Crest near Dillard, Georgia. They will also look this area over as a site for a Hall of Fame. West Virginia has joined the United Square Dancers of America, making 16 states as members. USDA badges are for sale for \$2.50 each.



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22. Esther Layne had a canister for donations for a young, cancer victim in Central Florida.
23. President Layne informed the delegates that there was a discrepancy in the Hall of Fame funding and they were short \$150. Motion was made, seconded and passed to add the \$150 to the amount already funded.
24. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Pee Wee Stewart, Chairman of the Nomination Committee recommended that all present officers advance in the chairs:
 Conrad & Belle Bishop, President
 Fred & Celeste Crawford, Vice President
 Norm & Joyce Farrell, Secretary
 Hugh & Jean Fultz, Treasurer
 Also that Leo & Mary Richardson be Parliamentarians.
 There being no other nominations, motion was made, seconded and passed to elect the slate.
- b. John & Esther Layne passed the gavel to Conrad & Belle Bishop. John expressed his and Esther's pleasure at the time they had spent in the Federation. Conrad thanked the Laynes for an outstanding job, not only as President, but for the four preceeding years in the Chairs. The Laynes were presented with a certificate of excellence and a plaque by Conrad. Belle Bishop presented them with a silver tray.
- c. President Bishop announced that the working weekend will be January 21st & 22nd, 1984 in the same facility which will then be an Econolodge. Rooms will be \$35 a night, and he suggested reservations be made early as it is Super Bowl Weekend.
- d. Prayers were requested for the family of Clogging Instructor Truitt Parker who was tragically shot and killed.
- e. The delegates to the United Square Dancers of America will be Norm & Joyce Farrell & Frank & Nan Habersberger.
- f. President Bishop said Committee assignments will be mailed soon.
- Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.