



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

## MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order in the Florida Square and Round Dance Hall of Fame, at Strawberry Square, Plant City, Florida; on November 4, 1984, at 10 A.M.; by President Conrad Bishop.

### INVOCATION:

An opening prayer was delivered by delegate George Warren.

### ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken by Secretary Norm Farrell. A quorum was present. President Bishop stated that this was the largest number of delegates that has ever attended a Federation meeting.

### VISITORS:

The President recognized the following visitors: Bob & Ethel Bland; Earl Steele, President FCA; Jack Jenkins, President Florida RDC; Ted & Chris Keiser.

### MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Boots Oglesby stated that the minutes did not reflect the fact that she had been assigned the responsibility to research a problem concerning association boundaries. The President requested the matter of certain boundary problems be tabled until the working weekend in February.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report was presented by Treasurer Hugh Fultz. (See attachment #1). A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. The treasurer stated that he appreciated association dues being submitted on time. The standing rules state that dues are due and payable on or before the annual meeting.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

President Bishop presented the following correspondence that had been received or sent out since the last meeting:

1. Square Dancers of America: Requested we sell wild lilac stick on flowers to support the Tournament of Roses square dance float. President Bishop stated it was too late to organize anything on this matter. It was stated each individual organization was also notified on this matter and they could contribute.
2. A thank you was sent to Elmer Sheffield for his work on the Florida after party at Baltimore.
3. National Convention Committee, Birmingham: Acknowledged a request from the Florida Federation to conduct an after party at 34th Convention.
4. From Congressman Earl Hutto: Stating his support for the National Folk dance movement.

## AREA REPORTS:

### 1. Northwest, presented by Ron Knowlton.

The Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association presently has a membership campaign underway. A membership dance was sponsored by the River City Ramblers at the W. T. Neal Civic Center, Blountstown, FL; on October 20, 1984. We have encouraged all Northwest clubs to hold additional membership dances through the remainder of 1984. We presently have 129 individual membership renewals, 35 new members, 7 clubs renewing, and 3 other clubs promised.

The Northwest Association's annual special dance "The Fall Roundup" at the Chipley National Guard Armory on 16-17 October was a huge success with a record of 33 squares at the Saturday night dance. At future "Fall Roundups" we hope to include in the program the "Special Steppers", our Handycapable square dance club from Pensacola, Fl.

We held our fall Northwest Association meeting during the Roundup. Key items were; election of new Northwest Association officers, a blood bank and Organ donor program update by Marvin Taylor, an update on the USDA insurance program by Marvin Taylor. Frank McCallister, the 1986 Florida state convention chairman, gave a progress report on preparations for the 1985 kick-off and other plans for the 1986 Florida State Convention. Our annual spring dance at Chipley "The Spring Fling" has been cancelled for 1985.

The Northwest Association delegates to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers are: Rowland (Ron) & Cupadine (Cupie) Knowlton, Grady & Jeanette Rea, Marvin & Olena Taylor, Frank & Betty McCallister, Vern & Elaine Olberding, Alternate.

The next Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association meeting will be on January 26, 1985 in Panama City, Fl. Time and place will be announced later.

### 2. Northeast, presented by George Warren.

The Northeast enjoyed a summer of good dancing. The Christmas in July dance was held in the civic auditorium where the air condition was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The election of officers was held in September and the new officers are: Don & Corky Jordan, President; Dave & Shirley Nihart, Vice President; Hank & Linda Snow, Correspondence; Larry & Lynn Bowen, Recording Secretary; Aaron & Irma Fry, Treasurer.

The 31st Fall Roundup is fast approaching and all of the last minute details are being taken care of. Hope to see you all there.

### 3. Central, presented by Howard Wilson.

National Square Dance Month was celebrated during the month of September throughout all the counties in Central Florida. The Square & Round Dance Association teamed up again with the Central Florida Callers Association to plan and execute the activities. There were booths set up at mall's with video tapes that told the square dance story. In each area, local clubs participated by manning the booths, furnishing literature, etc. Most areas had a celebration dance or two which completed the picture.

On September 29, Central Association sponsored two dances instead of one. This is a new venture for our Association in its effort to reach more dancers. As our association dances are held

each fifth Saturday the next double dance will be held on March 30, 1985, with a single dance December 29, 1984. We are finding that some clubs and callers are planning dances on the 5th Saturday's, which provides competition for the Association dances.

Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association and Central Florida Callers Association will co-sponsor their 2nd Spring Fling on March 2, 1985. It will be held at the Sanford Civic Center with both a class level hall and a mainstream/plus hall. There will be a workshop from 2 - 4 PM with the dance beginning at 7:30 PM with early rounds.

Central Florida's new price structure for membership has been a huge success with a sizeable increase in membership for the the 1984-85 year. We are looking forward to another banner year as more and more people become involved.

#### 4. Southeast, presented by George Mason.

New officers were installed and our renewal dance is behind us; it turned out to be a very successful dance. Along with renewals, our group was also busy selling new memberships.

Our Past President dance was outstanding. Of 17 past presidents, nine attended this dance. We had a large number of the membership present to honor these folks.

Our Southeast October Spectacular was held October 20th. We had 35 squares who greatly enjoyed both afternoon and evening dance sessions. Our caller was Joe Patti from Louisiana, and the Round Dance Cuer was Fred & Louise Hornung. The skits by the Singles, were enjoyed by all.

At this time our attention is needed to be directed to the up coming State Convention. Our entire slate of officers are dedicated to help Chairman Frank & Nan Habersberger to make this Convention a success.

In the near future we will be doing a considerable amount of visiting with the various clubs in our Southeast area. Hopefully with a fun trip to Key West our most Southern Dance Club.

#### 5. West Coast, presented by Emory Johnson.

The West Coast Association just completed a very successful year culminated by the President's Ball held on September 30, 1984 to honor our outgoing Presidents; Carl and Hazel Smith.

Our membership roll as of September 30, 1984 was 3,326 active members and our goal for 1984-1985 is to exceed an enrollment of over 4,000.

New officers were elected on September 30, 1984 as follows: Joyce and Emory Johnson, President; Gerald and Dolores Ault, Vice President; Ed and Ann Ellis, Secretary; and Elvin and Dolores Mahan, Treasurer.

This slate of officers solicits your assistance and cooperation during the coming year.

Our 9th annual Fall Fun Festival will be held in Lakeland, Fl. on November 9 and 10, 1984 at the Lakeland Civic Center. We anticipate over one thousand dancers will attend. We broke our record in 1983 and hope to set a new one in 1984.

Our Blood Bank continues to be very successful under the leadership of Joe and Ruth Estes.

We hope to see you at one our Membership Dances, which will be held in most sections of our Florida West Coast Area during 1985.

## PUBLICATION REPORTS:

1. West Coast Dancer, presented by Cris Nissen.

With the November issue we are now printing 5,000 copies. Having our Square and Round Dances on a computer it is easier to make changes and correction, also much neater. As we consider the Listing to be the most important part of this publication we do try to keep this accurate. We ask our dancers and callers to note any discrepancies and to notify any officer of the West Coast Association so we may keep this information accurate. We list all Square and Round dance classes. Hope to have more clubs send in their news, and have a feature article occasionally on Square and Round dancing. Also a special section for special events, and include any Florida Federation news events and dances if this information is sent to our editors. In the September issue we inserted 5,000 State Convention flyers and will do so again in March. This magazine is issued free to all dancers and we accept no paid advertising.

2. Bow & Swing, No Report.

3. Grapevine, No Report.

4. Panhandle Press, presented by Joy Vaccari.

Printing 300-350 copies. Working on annual Christmas special. Addition to staff, Elaine Olberding.

5. 4 W's, presented by Boots Oglesby.

We are still here closing in on our 20th year ( printing 5,000 copies.) Our next issue January 1985. Our Square & Round dance directory with maps is just about ready to go to press. Hope to have a copy at the working weekend.

6. Keeping Posted, presented by Mary Richardson.

We are alive and healthy with issues every 3 months.

With our increase in Association membership we are looking forward to expanding this publication. Additional copies are being made available to clubs throughout Central Florida.

## CONVENTION REPORTS:

1. 1984, presented by Frank Smith.

Financial Report for 1984 State Convention; (See attachment #2).

2. 1986, presented by Frank McCallister.

Our committee has been formed with a few minor exceptions. The Caller Co-Chairman was selected by going to the same family. It will be Hoss Waldorf. Since Kit Waldorf is the Round Dance Co-Chairman you can expect some changing of the pecking order for 1986.

We are busy choreographing our kickoff and designing flyers, booster buttons and other details for our kick off. We are looking forward to the 1985 convention where we can truly begin promoting our theme and convince you all to come, "Swing and Mix in '86".

3. 1987, No Report.

4. 1985, presented by Frank Habersberger.

Our committee is now engaged in making visitations to all Square and Round Dance Clubs in Southeast Florida. A select committee will visit the main annual or special dances of the four other member associations.

We attended the 13th Georgia State S/D & R/D Convention at Macon, Ga. on September 20, 21, & 22, 1984. Their chairman, Mac and Virginia McDonald provided me with a table at a very good location, which enabled us to get good publicity, with many of their dancers taking our flyer-registration forms. Frank & Frances Smith dropped by occasionally and joined us in our picture for Bow & Swing.

Our vice-chairman, Fred & Celeste Crawford and I were guests of the Florida Callers Association at dinner and their Educational Square Dance Saturday evening, October 20th at New Smyrna Beach. On Sunday afternoon we participated at the Callers Programming Meeting. After 4 hours and careful selections, 70 callers were assigned to the various time slots and dance levels for the 1985 Convention Program. This was a first for us and a great learning experience. Upon our return home and several checks with our caller chairman; Frank and Connie Bedell, we sent some basic guidelines to our R/D chairman; Bill and Dorothy Britton and requested that they now make their selections of R/D Cuers and complete the program.

The scheduling by the Florida Clogging Council of their first Clogging Convention in the same week-end and in the same general geographic location as our State S/D & R/D Convention has created some problems. As our clogging coordinator, Chris Rawls could then not provide a full staff of clogging instructors for our clogging program, he resigned. Chris had done a nice job for us and we shall miss his input. Through copies of the two of our secretary's letters to Chris Rawls and our own letter to Glenda Slenk, as chairman to chairman, we have maintained continuous communication with the Florida Clogging Council. As FCC has not responded to our request for Clogging Instructors to staff our Clogging Program we feel that we are now free to engage any and all Clogging Instructors who are interested in working with us. Accordingly, we have arranged to meet next Sunday in Central Florida with an Instructor who is ready to be our new Clogging Coordinator and has volunteers ready to fully staff our Clogging Program and provide exhibition groups for our Sat. & Sun. evening entertainment periods. We have had considerable help from several of our member associations and the Florida singles in coping with this problem and we are sincerely grateful.

Our sewing chairwoman, Liz Workman is completing a small booklet which will show how to make dresses from curtains, and she will demonstrate how to do that at our sewing corner at the Convention.

With a little gentle persuasion, Ethel Bland has accepted the job as our fashion show moderator.

Our entertainment programs for Saturday and Sunday evenings are just about completed. We ask for the continued good cooperation from all dancer, caller, cuer, and singles organizations to support and help publicize the 1985 convention.

(a.) Vending report presented by Boots Oglesby.

We now have ten Florida vendors. If you would like to have all Florida vendors tell them to get their deposit in. We, like

last years vendor chairman will have to go out of state if we don't get enough response in state. Please go to all the square dance shops in your area and tell them to send in their contracts - deadline is January 15, 1985.

In conjunction with the 1985 report and in view of recent problems with cloggers, President Bishop presented a proposal that a committee be established to study the problem with cloggers. This committee would consist of Federation delegates to meet at the "working weekend". The members of this committee are: Chairperson Esther Layne, Bob Hare, Frank Habersberger, Gerald Ault, Frank McCallister. He also requested that the Callers, and Round Dance Council have representatives on this committee. The committee is charged to, establish a set of guidelines concerning cloggers and their relationship to the State Square Dance Convention.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance - Hugh Fultz stated that the treasurer's books would be audited by a committee consisting of: Leo Richardson, Carl Smith, and George Mason.

2. Education & Services - Jean Fultz presented a sample of the Federation "New Dancers" handbook and made the motion, "That the Federation purchase a number of these booklets." The motion was amended to purchase 10,000 copies at a cost of \$600.00. The amended motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

3. External Affairs - No Report.

4. State Convention - No Report.

5. Dancer Contact Brochures - No Report.

6. Coordinating - No Report.

7. Showcase of Ideas, presented by Leo Richardson.

Last November when Mary & I took the office of Parliamentarian we did not think it possible to attend the National Convention in Baltimore due to the expense and because of my work.

After giving much thought to our responsibilities, we felt that it was only fair that we make every effort to go. So early in January we sent in our registration.

At the working weekend later in the month, the Federation voted to have a theme for 1984 with a theme banner "Come Dance Under the Palms". Our excitement grew by leaps and bounds as we made preparations for the Showcase. The idea of live palms to help carry out the theme and the new Florida State outfit with palm motif helped to inspire us to go all out for a bang-up Showcase.

Many wonderful people from all over the state and especially our own Central Florida area willingly volunteered to help man the booth. This personal touch to the booth is a valuable asset, to Florida's Showcase and should be continued down through the years.

Seven tables were reserved for Florida Federation which incorporated all five Associations as well as the Florida Callers with their Bow & Swing section. Little did we expect to have a

wonderful end booth (with other tables along one side) in full view of all who came up the steps from the ground floor. Over 1300 dancers signed our guest register, while many others stopped by to chat and ask about dancing in Florida. We have started a Showcase scrapbook that will show how the booth was set up and we hope that the book can be continued as a permanent history.

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the Showcase from setting up to the time it was dismantled. It was a pleasure to serve the Federation as Parliamentarian for 1983-84.

One suggestion for future years; there is a demand for small "stick-on's" such as oranges, palm trees, etc. They could be the paper variety instead of cloth to keep the cost reasonable. We are looking forward to Birmingham and will offer our assistance to the new Parliamentarian.

During the National Convention in Baltimore, we were asked to remove all commercial advertisements. Only material related to square & round dancing or clogging was permitted in the display. This fact should be taken under consideration for next year.

8. Income Tax form 990 - No Report.

9. State Outfit, presented by Belle Bishop.

The Federation can be justly proud of the showing Florida made in the Parade of States at the National Convention. We estimate that about 150 people were wearing the yellow and green state outfit took part in the Parade of States. Many more than that made and wore the outfit at the State Convention on Friday night.

The Associations have encouraged members to wear the outfit to special events.

It is the hope of the committee that the various associations will continue their efforts to have many additional dancers acquire these outfits. The Federation should make a fine showing at Birmingham with so many Florida people attending, and we hope a high percentage of these will have the state outfit by that time. However, please make it clear to your people that they can march in the Parade of States even if not wearing the outfit. There was some misunderstanding about this in Baltimore, and it caused some dancers to stay out of the Parade.

10. Hall of Fame - Mori Sogolow stated that the Hall of Fame selection committee members would be revealed in the spring. The Hall of Fame committee needs resume's of potential Hall of Fame Candidates; please send them to Chet Vetter or Mori Sogolow.

11. Mini Legacy/Leadership - No Report.

National Folk Dance Campaign, presented by Frank Habersberger; Our Federation President, Conrad & Belle Bishop, have covered the present status of this campaign in their very informative President's Message in the November issue of Bow & Swing. The Subcommittee on Census and Population has locked up our Bill, H.R. 1706 in Committee and has thus denied the full Congress the right to vote on it.

Considering the costs, involvements and sacrifices made, we

feel it is now time to realize that any one State cannot alone win this campaign. The next campaign effort must involve all 50 States, with a Representative from each State on a Central Committee.

Accordingly, as Trustees of Legacy, we have placed a request with this international service organization to accept the challenge and conduct the next campaign.

Whatever reply we get from this request, or any reply we receive from Mac & Mary McClure, Chairman of the National Folk Dance Committee, we shall convey immediately to the President of this Federation, and the Presidents of all other Square and Round Dance Organizations in Florida.

We thank you all for your very excellent support. Of the 50 States Florida was second only to California in the number of Co-sponsors gained.

United Square Dancers of America, presented by Norm Farrell.

The annual U.S.D.A. meeting was held in Baltimore, Md. during the National Square Dance Convention in June 1984. The following officers were elected for the year 1984-1985: Joe & Joy Vaccari, President; Howard & Lorraine Backus, Vice President Plains Region; Joni Fischer, Vice President Western Region; George & Judy Garland, Vice President Central Region; Orlo & Rita Hoadley, Vice President Eastern Region; Bob & Betty Coates, Secretary; Ed & Mary Barbee, Treasurer.

Membership badges, decals, and Museum dangles are for sale to raise funds. A new square dance outfit for U.S.D.A. was approved at this meeting.

The mid-year board meeting will be held at the Union Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas on Saturday, January 26, 1985. A mainstream and a plus level dance are to be arranged for later that evening in Las Vegas. The time and location are to be announced at a later date. The host for this meeting will be Joni Fischer, Western Area Vice President. The highlights of this meeting will be reported at the following Florida Federation meeting.

Insurance Program, approximately 50,000 dancers are covered nationwide. The 1985 program will be the same as 1984 except we have a new agent (The Rhulen Company).

**Earl Steele** stated that a clinic for FCA callers had been conducted and was very successful. If anyone knows the whereabouts of wives of any deceased FCA Past Presidents, please let us know in order that pictures can be obtained for the Hall of Fame.

Ted Keiser - reported that there would be a coordinating committee in conjunction with the working weekend.

Charity/Civic Improvement Fund - President Bishop recommended that in accordance with previous guideline concerning charitable contributions; that a check in the amount of \$100.00 be sent to the Statute of Liberty restoration fund. He further recommended that all associations consider making a contribution by having a "Statute of Liberty" dance. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 as the President had recommended. The motion unanimously passed.



President Bishop thanked our delegates and friends of Strawberry Square and all Westcoast members; that provided a place for our meeting and the wonderful refreshments. A special thanks was given to Hazel Smith who baked the pastries.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee composed of the following delegates: Mae Ford, Carl Smith, Jack Lascola, John Layne chairman; make the following nominations in the form of a motion to the delegates of the Federation: Fred and Celeste Crawford for President, Norm and Joyce Farrell for Vice President, Hugh and Jean Fultz for Secretary, Leo and Mary Richardson for Treasurer, Ron and Cupie Knowlton for Parliamentarian.

The President called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to elect the slate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

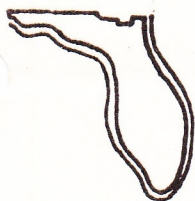
The new officers were installed. President Fred and Celeste Crawford made a presentation to out-going President Conrad and Belle Bishop. A plaque and crystal bowl were presented.

President Crawford stated the next Federation meeting would be the "working weekend," at the Ecno Lodge, 3300 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, Fl., 32804, Ph.(305) 293-7221, (\$30.00 plus tax). The dates of the meeting are 16 & 17 February 1985.

Frank Smith stated that an A1/A2 dance with Elmer Sheffield and Darryl McMillian would be held in Jacksonville. Details will be forth coming.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45



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Nov. 4, 1984

## TREASURERS REPORT

Bank Balance as of May 10, 1984

### RECEIPTS:

Fed. Tax Refund  
Int. NOW Acct. May, June, July, Aug. Sept.  
Refund 33rd. Nat Conv.  
S.E. Dues  
State Convention  
Total

### DISBURSMENTS

President Exp. (Misc, 522)  
Secretary Exp. (Printing, 519)  
Secretary Exp. (Printing, Postage, 526)  
Parliamentarian Exp. (Banner, 520)  
Parliamentarian Exp. (Showcase, 527)  
Sq. Dance Enterprises (Where to Folders, 523)  
GRAMC (Nat after-party invitations, 524)  
Ken Ford (Postage, 525)  
Jean Fultz (Handbook, 528)  
34th Nat. Conv. (Showcase Deposit, 529)  
U.S.D.A. (Dues, 518)  
Total

Bank Balance to date

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### ASSETS:

Checking Account  
Contingency Fund  
Total

### LIABILITIES

Total Worth

Submitted:

Hugh & Jean Fultz, Tres.

A handwritten signature, likely of Hugh Fultz, written in dark ink.