



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES 1/19/86

The second session of the Federation working weekend was called to order by President Norm Farrell at 9:00 A.M., Sunday, January 19, 1986.

The invocation was given by Cupidine Knowlton. President Farrell welcomed all visitors. Dick Hulbert, Florida Callers Association and Central Florida Callers Association was present to represent the caller organizations.

A "Circle of Service" award was presented to Elsie and Virgil Green by Chet Vetter, for their many years of devotion to the square dance activity.

A roll call determined that a quorum of voting members were present.

President Farrell stated that he had made a request of the National Convention Committee for six (6) tables for Florida's display at the Showcase of Ideas, but as of this date had no reply.

The following committee reports from yesterday's workshop were given:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ron Knowlton, at 1:00 P.M. January 18, 1986. Committee members consisted of: Ron Knowlton, Mary Richardson, Erma Fry, Gerald Ault, Mary Stewart and Dolores Mahan.

The following budget for the year of 1986 is submitted for approval:

Anticipated Expenses

President Expenses	\$
Vice President Expenses	
Secretary Expenses	
Treasurer Expenses	
Parliamentarian Expenses	
Flowers	
Refreshments	
Promotional Handouts	
USDA Dues	
National After Party	
Bank Service Charge	
Unforeseen Expenses	
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	\$

Anticipated Revenue

State Convention	\$
Association Dues	
National Convention (Showcase) Refund	
Interest from bank account	
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	\$

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - (cont'd)

Due to the fact that revenues have decreased in recent years, and expenses have increased, it is recommended that we try to stay within our anticipated budget. The Treasurer will make a survey of banks for their service charges and make a recommendation on whether to move the account at the May meeting.

The following items are recommended for consideration:

1. Any request for expenses not allocated in the budget, should be submitted in writing to the President 45 days prior to a scheduled Federation meeting. This request would appear on the agenda to be acted upon at the meeting.

2. It is recommended that all reports to be included in the minutes, be brief and to the point to reduce expense of mailing.

3. It is further recommended that whenever possible, the minutes be printed on both sides of the paper to reduce the number of pages.

After a discussion of the above recommendations, it was moved and carried that the budget and all items be accepted as presented by the committee.

SQUARE DANCER PRESERVATION

The Square Dancer Preservation Committee with Chet Vetter, Chairman, discussed the problems of smaller and fewer classes being held throughout Florida. Several reasons were suggested and possible solutions were discussed.

This committee recommends the Federation consider the following:

1. Their report (See attachment #2) be published in Bow & Swing and area publications.

2. A copy of this report be sent to Callerlab, Florida Callers Association, Florida Round Dance Council and area caller/cuer organizations.

A motion was made and carried to publicize this report (Attachment #2) as recommended by the Square Dancer Preservation Committee.

CLOGGING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clogging Committee met with Chairman, Frank McCallister. Members of the committee were: Frank McCallister, Rosemary Davis, Dewey Hendricks, and Garland McKenzie. The following items were discussed.

1. Due to problems with getting instructors to conduct and plan a full clogging program, without creating problems with the clogging council, the committee felt that a limited approach to clogging at the State Square Dance Convention was best. The 1986 chairman will arrange for an introduction to

CLOGGING COMMITTEE REPORT - (cont'd)

clogging and a limited clogging program for 3 or 4 sessions in a meeting room in the arena. The first priority of obtaining instructors for the sessions will be from Florida cloggers and as a last resort, out of state cloggers will be hired.

2. The President of the Federation has agreed to discuss the long term relations of our two bodies with the clogging council directly.

3. The next two year's convention chairmen have stated that the limited program for square dance families meets their desires.

The Clogging Committee report was accepted as presented.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publicity Committee met with Hugh Fultz, Chairman, and the following committee members: Pee Wee Stewart, Roland Hamel, Arron Fry, Donna Hendricks and Elsie Green.

Communication is our major problem. There are various media means available to us which we either ignore or thru ignorance or apathy choose not to exercise. For instance, most metropolitian dailys have a weekly listing of events that is available to club listings for the asking. All that is needed is for a responsible person to be in charge in order to provide these listings to the editor.

We must not forget to take advantage of any help that city or county recreation departments can give us. Usually they are looking for events to help.

Chambers of Commerce are another outlet for listings of events since they need to have ready answers to queries they receive from all over the country.

The addition of a special events list to our Where to Dance brochure could give these events an additional boost. This could be accomplished in the same space we now use.

Many clubs are not utilizing the opportunity to list and advertize in Bow and Swing. This magazine has a wide circulation. Local publications should be utilized to the fullest.

Many clubs fail to communicate from old to new officers and many opportunities are lost thru ignorance or the need to retrain every year.

The Florida Division of Tourism produces a pamphlet quarterly which is a Calendar of Events and lists special events in Florida by months. We are not included because we were not aware. We suggest that the Federation be responsible for listing the State Convention and that the area associations be responsible for their area festivals starting immediately. Contact the DIVISION OF TOURISM, Dept. of Commerce, 107 W Gaines St., Tallahassee, Fl. 32301, 904-488-7300.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT - (cont'd)

The Division of Tourism needs dates, location, phone number and name and nature of the event, not to exceed 4 lines. Months of coverage are in three month intervals starting with: December, January, February, with the copy due a month before the publication date.

We understand there is a video tape available from Cope Crest, which publicizes the 50th Anniversary of Square Dancing. Associations may take advantage of this for showing to clubs, etc.

We intend to pursue the possibility of involving the Hall of Fame in a local or state wide interest program on TV such as the P. M. Magazine. (Orlando)

In most areas there is a local Folk Fair in which we could participate. This is an excellent way to get before the public. West Coast is exploring the possibility of participation in SPIFF in St. Petersburg this year. (St. Petersburg International Folk Fair)

Do not ignore the opportunity to have your club and special event(s) listed in the National Square Dance Directory.

Lastly we feel the callers should share in the publicity effort, since anything that enhances square dancing, also assists the caller. Many avenues are available and we only need a map of how to proceed and the motivation to get underway.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS REPORT

The Showcase of Ideas Committee met with Frank Habersberger, Chairman, and the following committee members: Cupie Knowlton, Dave Nihart, Julia Vetter, Marcy Hamel, Tony Hein and Mae Ford. The following report is submitted.

FEDERATION THEME FOR 1986 NATIONAL S/D CONVENTION

We plan to have a mural of approximately 5 ft high and 15 to 20 feet wide to be placed behind the tables. There will be several scenes, and they will be from right to left:

- (a) A beach scene and St. Augustine's Fountain of Youth on the East Coast
- (b) The Space Center
- (c) A plateau with cows in a semi-circle, and directly in front of the plateau will be Tillie in a baby carriage, pushed by Millie and Willie.
- (d) An orange grove scene
- (e) The West Coast, showing white sand, sea shells and sport fishing boats.

SOUVENIRS: Several souvenirs will be given out; white sand packets to give out as "Florida Property", sea shells, which each Association and their clubs are asked to collect and bring to the Showcase at the National Convention. We hope to get stick-ons such as Florida oranges, which will be request from the Florida Citrus Commission. We will also request hand-outs from the State and Lakeland Chambers of Commerce, from the Beef Provision people and hopefully, something from the Phosphate Industry.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS REPORT - (cont'd)

BADGE BOARD: We plan to remove all club badges of clubs that no longer exist, obtain badges from clubs that are not shown. All badges will then be rearranged according to their Association location.

BULLETIN BOARD: A larger Bulletin Board approximately 2 feet wide and 4 feet long (deep) to be used as a message center. We will use double head pins. All Associations are asked to inform their members of this message center.

VISITOR'S SIGN-IN BOOK: We plan to have loose-leaf sheets on 3 clip boards, to accommodate more guests wishing to sign-in. After the convention, all sheets to be placed in a note book.

APRONS: We like the aprons used at the 1985 National Convention, and so will be happy to use them again. The large pockets are very useful for handing out souvenirs.

DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PLAQUES: We have learned from Chet Vetter that Marty Martin has agreed to have all past plaques placed on display at Strawberry Square. We will display only the last one (1985) at the 1986 National. Chet recommends a brass plate listing all previously awarded plaques for display at future Nationals. We will make this recommendation after the above permanent display is in place at the Florida Hall of Fame.

If acceptable to the National Convention Committee, we plan to use a fabric table cape of orange and green.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Insurance Committee met with Joe Vaccari, Chairman, and the following committee members: Murl Herbert, Howard Wilson, Jim Davis, and Bunny Whiteman.

The purpose of the committee was to review procedures that implement and administer the USDA P.L., P.D. and accident insurance program within Florida. Briefly, the program is administered by the FFSD (as the USDA affiliate) through its appointed Insurance Chairman who in turn works with the Association Insurance Chairman in administering the program within each Association.

For the record, a FFSD insurance checking account has been established at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Oklaloosa County, Fort Walton Beach, account #177348. Periodic reports for the insurance account will be provided to the Federation treasurer. (FFSD-Florida Federation of Square Dancers)

The committee reviewed the procedures for the FFSD 1986 insurance program and agreed the procedures were adequate. A copy of the procedure is attached for file with this report. (copy of procedures can be obtained from the Secretary of the Federation)

As of this date, three Associations are participating in the insurance program. Representatives from the non-participating Associations were provided information on the program so that they may consider the program.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - (cont'd)

Total Federation participation as of January 18, 1986 is as follows:

Southeast	506
Northeast	789
Northwest	<u>581</u>
TOTAL	1,876 dancers

STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES REPORT

The State Convention Procedures Committee met with Fred Crawford, Chairman, and other committee members, who were: Betty McCallister, Dolores Ault, Vivian Wilson, Randy Poole, Joe Andrew and Boots Oglesby.

The Committee Recommends:

1. All vendor security at the convention should be under the vending chairman.
2. Vending Chairman shall be chosen for the Convention Committee as soon as possible after the Convention Chairman.
3. Recommend guidelines be made for the Coordinating Committee, so that incoming members would know what their job functions entail.
4. All free-bee's will be decided by the Convention Chairman and this is a part of convention procedures.
5. Wording on convention registration form be applied for use with spectators to eliminate the problem with state sales tax.

The above recommendations were accepted as presented by the committee, with the wording in the first recommendation to state vendor security.

EDUCATION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee met with Jean Fultz, Chairman, and the following committee members: Ken Ford, Joyce Farrell, Elvin Mahan, Carol Poole, Joan Hein, Celeste Crawford and Carole McKenzie.

The Education and Service Committee suggest the Vice-President of the Federation be assigned the responsibility of preparing an official History of the Federation, with succeeding Vice-Presidents keeping the history current. Scrapbooks should be a part of history if possible.

Guidelines for youth participation and to encourage additional adult participation is as follows:

1. Arrange exhibitions in high schools.
2. Arrange exhibitions in churches as a family affair.
3. Arrange exhibitions at Parents Without Partners.
4. Arrange exhibitions at PTA meetings.
5. Have dancing exhibitions heritage festivals.
6. Individual dancers talking to neighborhood groups.
7. Encourage callers to participate.

EDUCATION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT - (cont'd)

A motion made by Virgil Green, seconded by Chet Vetter; the Vice-President will take on the added responsibility of preparing an official history of the Federation and keep the history current, including a scrapbook whenever possible. Motion carried and will be added to the Federation By-Laws and job description sections of the Federation manual.

Chet Vetter presented a "Circle of Service" award to Marian and Frank Cornwall, who have been involved with the Florida Federation since its beginning. These awards are for dancers who have made a significant contribution to square dancing for a number of years.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Chet Vetter reminded everyone, this is the time of year when resumes are sent to the Selectors for their selection of possible new members to the Hall of Fame. Letters will be going out in about two weeks. At present, there have been only 2 resumes received. If someone here has a recommendation to make, they have just two weeks to get it to Chet.

Boots Oglesby stated that in the State Convention Procedures Committee meeting, it was discussed the possibility of having an annual luncheon during the State Convention whereby the five area Presidents and Vice-Presidents would get together for a time of getting acquainted. The arrangements were to be left up to the President of the area hosting the State Convention. As Northwest is the 1986 convention host, Ron & Cupie Knowlton, Presidents, will find a meeting place and contact other area presidents.

Celeste Crawford announced the Florida Federation will have an after-party at the National Convention. At present, she does not have a room assignment, but, will continue to work on this. The caller Chairman will be Frank Bedell. Flyers and invitations will be available at the May meeting.

Frank Habersberger reminded all Area Presidents to please contact their Florida State Representatives to have them support the bill to make square dancing the American Folk Dance for the State of Florida. Once they have made this contact, drop Frank a note telling him of the results.

A presentation of a "Circle of Service" award was made to Pee Wee and Mary Stewart by Leo Richardson. Pee Wee and Mary have contributed much to the Central Florida area and to the Federation.

The next meeting of the Florida Federation will be Sunday, May 25, 1986, at the State Convention in Lakeland, Florida. Meeting place will be arranged by the General Chairman of the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo + Mary

Leo & Mary Richardson
Secretary

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18 January 1986

TREASURERS REPORT

Bank Balance as of 24, ^{NOV} 1985 \$

Receipts:

West Coast dues	\$	
Northeast dues	\$	
Central dues	\$	

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November interest	\$	
December interest	\$	

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Disbursements:

#559 Norm Ferrell (V-Pres Expense)	\$
#560 Celeste Crawford (Refreshments)	\$
#561 Hugh Fultz (Secretary's Expense)	\$
#562 Ron Knowlton (Parliamentarian Exp)	\$
#563 Sq Dance Enterpriser (Brochures)	\$
#564 Dolores Ault (Refreshments)	\$
#565 Hazel Smith (Refreshments)	\$
#566 North East (Promotional Exp)	\$
November Service Charge	
December Service Charge	

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets:

Checking Account	\$
Contingency Fund	\$

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LIABILITIES:

Total Worth \$

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Submitted:

Ron Knowlton
Ron & Cupie Knowlton, Treasurers