



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES 5/25/86

The May meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order in Conference Hall B at the State Convention, Lakeland, Florida on May 25, 1986, at 10:00 A.M. by President, Norm Farrell.

The invocation was given by Cupidine Knowlton. A roll call of 72 voting delegates, determined a quorum was present.

President Norm Farrell welcomed the many visitors and guests. Several visitors from throughout Florida and other states, who were attending the convention, were recognized. Alternate Delegates; Nan and Worley Carrier, Southeast and Tom Hancock, Northwest were introduced by their respective associations. Loren and Joyce Long, Past General Chairpersons and current members of the Executive Board of the National Convention were introduced. The Round Dance Council of Florida was represented by Jim Runnels. Rita Deschambeau, Co-Editor of Bow and Swing and P.F. "Shad" and Clairice Shadwell, Editors of the Grapevine, were also present. President Farrell stated Earl Steele of the Florida Callers Association would arrive shortly with their report.

President Farrell announced the Federation had sent representatives to the meetings of both Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council.

The President stated if there were no objections, he would suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion to this effect was made and carried. The minutes were declared official.

The treasurer's report, given by Ron Knowlton, showed a bank balance on January 18, 1986 of \$9,161.05. Receipts during this period totaled \$718.00 and there were disbursements of \$2,403.29 for an ending balance of \$7,475.76. After adding the \$3,000.00 in the Contingency Fund, the total net worth of the Federation is \$10,475.76. It was noted that one large expense item resulted when the Florida sales tax for the 1985 convention was paid. The Federation has been reimbursed \$283.32 from both the Southeast Association and the Round Dance Council. The other one-quarter payment will be collected from the Florida Callers Association. Report accepted as read. (see attachment #1)

The following correspondence to the Federation were read by Secretary, Mary Richardson:

- (1) A note of appreciation from Jean Fultz.
- (2) The Adam Walsh Child Resource Center sent a "Thank You" letter in appreciation of the President's Charity donation.
- (3) The United Square Dancers of America will hold their annual meeting on June 27, 1986 at the National Convention. Election of officers will be held.

Correspondence - (cont'd)

President Farrell brought to the attention of Federation delegates a correspondence concerning the Florida English Campaign. This campaign is to make english the official language of Florida. Petitions are available today for those interested in supporting this campaign.

FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION REPORT - presented by Earl Steele

Earl Steele, Florida Callers Association representative, presented the Federation with their check for the callers portion of the 1985 convention Florida sales tax.

As the Florida Callers Association representative, Earl gave this report: Everyone is aware there is a serious problem in keeping the new dancer. I have been asked to tell what the Florida Callers Association is doing about the retention of new dancers. I don't intend to reiterate all the things discussed at the Crossfire meeting and your meeting in January. The reports coming from these meetings are accurate. It seems the dancers and callers at these meetings have put their finger on the pulse of the problem.

One problem that was listed was caller training. This is something we can try to correct. It is a serious problem when callers, who are not properly trained, attempt to teach new dancers. The Florida Callers Association have funds available for caller training. Regional caller associations may apply for these funds to help in caller training programs. The Florida Callers Association can reimburse the local caller associations part of the funds when they plan and promote a caller training clinic. To my knowledge, we have not had a request for these funds from any local association. They know it is here, but, have not asked for it.

Every year the Florida Callers Association holds a Caller College and pay the expenses. We bring in certified Callerlab instructors. We had eight (8) callers show up for the training. There is not an awful lot we can do to get them to attend. Every October we sponsor a two day Caller Clinic and have excellent instructors. These clinics are not well attended. I don't know what we can do to increase attendance.

I am sure you are aware that Callerlab is undertaking an effort to shorten the basic teaching list and reduce the number of weeks required to teach the basic list. They do not intend to eliminate any moves or calls. It is their intention to shorten the basic list by removing some calls and placing them into a second list. This second list will be workshopped later. At least this will get the people dancing earlier.

You are all aware we need to re-educate or re-align our thinking on the part of callers and dancers, to eliminate the rush from mainstream to plus. There is a stampede from the class level to plus level. The problem is caused by both the callers and the dancers. The plus dancer can dance at the mainstream level but does not want to. Instead, they encourage their friends to go to plus class or workshop so they can move up to their level! There seems to be a stigma attached to mainstream dancing. I don't know why! I don't know how to eliminate this; I have no answers.

FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION REPORT - (cont'd)

One of the things you, the dancer, can do is to challenge the callers to call more challenging mainstream dances. If you, the dancer, will apply pressure on the caller, and when he starts feeling it in the pocketbook, he'll listen!

Another thing is happening at our state conventions, not just this year, but for several years. Yesterday, at the mainstream workshop, there were nine (9) complicated figures for the dancers to digest in about three hours. That's impossible! It will boggle their minds. They cannot dance those nine moves this morning, I guarantee. These workshops are aimed primarily at the brand-new dancer, the new graduate. There is no way they can absorb that much information in the short period of time we allot the workshops.

The Florida Callers Association plans to write recommendations for future conventions. With these recommendations, we will strive to reduce the number and complexity of the workshop figures that will be taught at future conventions. The Florida Callers Association cannot control the workshops as it is not within their authority. The programing is the responsibility of the General Chairman. All we can do is write the recommendations. But we are going to put a few teeth into what we write by asking the Federation to endorse them. That's a step in the right direction.

Thank you for letting me speak to you today ----- Earl Steele

President Farrell stated that this is in conjunction with what the Federation has been doing this year and he had asked Lon Ligon to come to our meeting to identify the problems facing dancers and callers throughout the state. Earl came as their spokesman. It is hoped that with all of us working together, we'll have some good results.

AREA REPORTS

Southeast Association - reported by Jim and Rosemary Davis

The Southeast, since the last Federation meeting, has had clinics in Lighthouse Point, Hollywood, Riviera Beach and Ft. Pierce. All were very well attended. Membership is now over 560.

This spring, the Board of Directors approved a constitution revision which will be voted upon by the membership in June at the clinic in Coconut Creek. Nominations have been made by the Nominating Committee and the election of officers will be at the July meeting at Hollywood. The following have been nominated; President - Jim and Rosemary Davis, Vice-President Garland and Carole McKenzie, Secretary - Paul and Marie McClain, Treasurer Phil and Ceil Walk. The Changing of the Guard will be at the August Clinic at the Ponderosa in Ft. Lauderdale.

In celebrating the "Spirit of '86", the Southeast is planning a balloon release September in conjunction with the renewal dance in Pompano. The Association is going to sponsor a New Year's Eve dance and has already purchased candles for that event.

Southeast Association - (cont'd)

The "Big" event of the year has been planned and registration is under way. The Southeast October Spectacular (SOS) will be October 17 and 18th at the Colonnades Beach Hotel on Singer Island in North Palm Beach. The caller will be Jerry Helt from Cincinnati, Ohio and the Cuer will be Ruth and Max Mandel. Everyone had a great time last year and is happy to have Jerry Helt back again.

In November, the State Singles Convention will also be held at the Colonnades and the Singles have arranged to have the November Association Clinic in the Colonnades ballroom on Sunday afternoon following their convention.

We are happy to report that Harry Workman, who was one of our alternate delegates this year, has finally gone home after five months in the hospital and in a nursing home.

Central Association - reported by Howard and Vivian Wilson

Central has had a very good year. A few clubs are struggling, but the large majority are flourishing and the interest in the Association is growing.

Some of our clubs have joined USDA Insurance program. The interest in our Camping Weekends is increasing, so we are planning to expand them.

Our Annual General meeting and Election of Officers will be held May 31st prior to our Annual Presidents' Ball. We are trying to improve participation in our general election by having a covered dish dinner after our meeting.

We know our Association will rate continued success with the interest and support of our incoming officers.

West Coast Association - reported by Gerald and Dolores Ault

We have had the pleasure of attending several graduating classes this year and shared the enthusiasm of the new dancers. The dances held around the area for new dancers are well attended. We now have a new dancer schedule set up in the West Coast Dancer which lists all dances for new dancers in the West Coast area.

Our Association dances are well attended. We were in Sarasota February 3rd, Venice February 10th, Sebring March 9th, Naples April 6th, and Lakeland April 13th. The West Coast membership has reached 3,000 members.

We are still printing over 5,000 copies of the West Coast Dancer each month.

Our 11th annual Fall Fun Fest will be held November 7th and 8th this year in Lakeland with Paul Marcum and Chuck Leaman calling and John Parker and Kati Beard cuing. We hope you will plan to attend as this is our main fund raiser for printing our Florida West Coast Dancer.

West Coast Association - (cont'd)

Our Blood Bank continues to be very successful under the new leadership of Eunice and Rusty Lusk.

We hope to see you in Indianapolis.

Northwest Association - reported by Ron and Cupie Knowlton

Northwest held it's first calendar year meeting in Panama City in conjunction with the Panama City Square and Round Dance Association Festival. All clubs were asked to get all small sea shell donations for the Florida Showcase of ideas to someone going to State Convention or to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. All clubs and dancers were asked to contact their area State Representatives and urge them to co-sponsor the resolution proclaiming the American Square Dance of Florida. It was proposed that our association promote a special awards program, wherein the clubs can nominate a deserving couple to be honored at our Roundup each year, for their special work and achievements in promoting square dancing. We want to come up with some guidelines for a program that will inspire more dancers to take an active part in the area association. (We welcome suggestions if anyone has any). Elmer Sheffield, Vice-President of Callerlab, attended a part of our meeting and discussed with us the square dance drop out problem. Our Treasurer reported an increase in membership to 305 individual members and 581 participating in the insurance program.

Our second calendar year meeting was held in Tallahassee, Florida in conjunction with the TASARDA Festival. The Treasurer reported another increase of 30 more individual members, 6 new clubs, and 1 council. Several clubs in our area who utilize city, county or government facilities for their dances have been notified that they must furnish their own insurance. For a private club to go out and purchase liability insurance it would cost from \$300.00 to \$1,500.00 for one dance. USDA has been able to provide liability and medical coverage for a minimum of \$1.15 per club member. Clubs were urged to support the Northwest, Florida Federation and USDA so we can continue to have the protection we need for a price we can afford.

Our third calendar year meeting was held at PASARDA Hall in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida in conjunction with PASARDA'S 9th Anniversary Dance. Our Treasurer reported an increase in individual members. We had the privilege of welcoming several of our new club's and council delegates attending their first meeting. It was agreed that the Northwest Association will donate up to \$200.00 to help finance a membership dance to any club willing to have such a dance.

Our summer meeting will be held August 23, 1986 in Pensacola, Florida in conjunction with the Rambling Rose 3rd Anniversary Dance.

Northeast Association - report by Dave and Shirley Nihart

The Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancers Association is supporting the Gator Promenadors in their effort to hold a parade on the Riverwalk on Flag Day June 14th. This is being done in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of square dancing.

We are hoping that 1,500 dancers will participate. There will be six (6) different areas for square dancing - one for round dancing and one for clogging. To help promote square dancing, we are putting up 1,500 balloons with phone numbers inside which will give information on whom to contact in order to learn to square dance, round dance or clog. We will have live television coverage, so the parade will start promptly at 6:00 o'clock.

Twenty (20) squares were in attendance at the annual President's Ball held by the Merry Mavericks. There were eighteen (18) presidents present including the Federation President and yours truly.

We attended the Graduation Ball and there were approximately thirty (30) squares dancing. It was so nice to see the support that so many callers and angels gave the new dancers. Our book for new dancers (Patter Call) was distributed to all new dancers.

Plans are still in the making for our New Years Eve dance in celebration of the 50th anniversary of square dancing. The dance will be held at the Civic Auditorium. Flyers should be out shortly.

Seaside Stompers held their annual Beach Bash and there were forty (40) squares in attendance. From this dance, they donated \$1,700.00 to the Council on Aging. We are very proud of them, as it took a lot of hard work.

When the new telephone book comes out this summer, the Northeast will have a listing for square dancing in the yellow pages.

As of this date, we have over 1,000 members signed up for the USDA insurance program. We feel that this is great participation on behalf of the dancers of the Northeast.

On behalf of the Northeast, we would like to congratulate Frank and Nan Habersberger on the excellent job they have done on the organization and completion of the movement to make square dancing the American Folk Dance of Florida. You are a credit to our pastime and we should all feel honored to have persons of your quality and ability among our group. Again Frank and Nan, we salute you.

PRESIDENTS MEETING - presented by Ron Knowlton

At our last meeting, it was decided to hold a President's Luncheon at each State Convention. The Convention Host Association's president is responsible for making the arrangements. This year it was under the direction of Ron and Cupie Knowlton of the Northwest Association.

A real fine luncheon meeting was held with nineteen (19) Presidents and Vice-Presidents in attendance. There was an excellent cross exchange of ideas and discussion of problems we have in our respective areas.

Presidents Meeting - (cont'd)

Solutions to some of the problems were also discussed. A couple of items will be brought up under new business.

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL - No Report

FLORIDA VENDOR ASSOCIATION REPORT - report by Barbara Holt

New officers of the Florida Vendor Association are: President - Mark and Marilyn Weaver, Vice-President - Bob and Bev Folond, Secretary/Treasurer - Hazel and Don Jochum, Federation Representative - Barbara Holt.

Our thanks go to Northwest Association and Vern Olberding for an easy "move-in" and for being very cooperative at the State Convention. We are happy to work with the Convention Committee and the State Federation and hope we may continue this good relationship.

When we were forming, two years ago, we were invited to the Federation workshop to discuss the rules and regulations for the vendors at State Conventions. We did participate and helped to draw up the rules by which we operate. These rules have been followed to the letter the past two years and we expect to continue.

It is our request of this Federation that the Vendor Association be included in the annual Week-end Workshop on a regular basis. Thank you for your consideration.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

Bow and Swing - reported by Rita Deschambeau

Two postage increases in the past year have affected the financial status of Bow and Swing adversely.

We have been receiving very good news articles recently and appreciate them. Also, the local associations, almost all, have been reporting on a regular basis.

Now that "Sets In Order" is no longer being published, we hope everyone is enjoying reading Bob Osgood's articles in Bow and Swing. We felt privileged that he chose Bow & Swing as one of the few publications throughout the country in which he is presenting his articles.

I would also like to mention two things of importance to all publications in Florida:

(1) The Florida Callers Association has told George and Me, that as editors of Bow and Swing, we can make no mention of alcoholic beverages in advertisements, etc.

(2) Club reporters like to mention their 50/50 drawings in their club news. As this is considered a type of lottery, we all must find some other name for this type of activity. The wrong person could read the article and the club might be in trouble.

PUBLICATION REPORTS - (cont'd)

4-W's - reported by Boots and George Oglesby

Our new project we have started is getting the dancers more involved in the publication of the 4-W's.

We are taking our put-together to the local clubs. They get a free night of dancing, and it let's them work with us. The publication is first assembled and then we have a dance. The clubs have showed much enthusiasm.

It makes one thing possible, it is their publication. I think this is something we have to do today; make it their work, their dances, not just ours.

So far, we have two clubs helping us and we are working for two more.

Keepin' Posted - reported by Mary Richardson

Keepin' Posted has just completed one full year in our new format, with Leo and myself as editors. We continue to print 2,000 copies four times a year. Copies are mailed to all members of the Central Florida Association and are made available to clubs throughout our area.

At our camping weekend in April, we conducted a workshop on our publication. Several new ideas were presented. We encourage square dance clubs to provide us with articles and notices of their special dances.

Our ready photographers provide us with pictures of noteworthy activities. We appreciate the help of Central Florida board members and others who give a helping hand in collating, printing labels and preparing the publication for mailing.

West Coast Dancer - reported by Jack Pierson and Cris Nisson

Copies of the West Coast Dancer were provided for both the State Convention and the National Convention in Indianapolis.

We have added new people to our staff; Len & Jean Eaton, Circulation - Cris & Trudy Nissen, Co-Editors - Wayne & Marge Lundberg, Round Dance Editors - Al & Winnie Subetch, Dancemblers area - Eunice Lusk, Blood Bank Chairman - Edith Peterson, Kitchen Korner (new) and Joni Kalmbach, Front Cover Editor. The above are in addition to our standbys and we thank all of these people plus the Dancemblers, reporters and anyone I missed.

At least fifty (50) individuals show - up on the 4th Wednesday to lend a hand, putting the publication together.

PUBLICATION REPORTS - (cont'd)

West Coast Dancer - (cont'd)

As Publicity Chairman for the 34th State Convention, I have given to all publications and area presidents their supply of advertising material such as registration forms, convention ads and news release. Each Association has also been given a supply of the Federation pamphlet "Where to Dance".

We still continue to print ten (10) issues a year of the West Coast Dancer and average 5,000 copies. This year, in order to keep our Square and Round Dance Calendar accurate, we are using a special form for the Callers, Cuers and Clubs to submit their changes and at the moment it seems to be working well.

It has been the policy of the Florida West Coast Association not to accept paid advertising in the "Dancer" but after several request, a committee was appointed by the president of the West Coast Association to check out the feasibility of accepting paid advertising. The committee decided as long as we have a healthy membership we would not accept any paid advertising. The Association has over 3,000 members and still growing.

The "Dancer" will print club news and articles by our various editors.

Panhandle Press - Reported by Joy Vaccari

The Panhandle Press presents the following items of interest:

- (1) We are now printing 500 copies of Panhandle Press.
- (2) This issue includes the annual directory which features names, addresses and phone numbers of all individual members; listing of member clubs, callers, cuers, square dance suppliers and other useful information. Copies of the newsletter and directory are available on the front table.
- (3) We have expanded the Calendar of Events to include a least one full year and beyond, whenever possible.
- (4) We have seen a trend toward additional cooperation from member clubs in sending in their club news.
- (5) We have also seen an increase in members helping with collating and mailing procedures.

Grapevine - reported by P. F. "Shad" and Clarice Shadwell

We are proud to announce that subscriptions are constantly increasing with each issue. The support we have received from the Clubs and Callers is really rewarding.

Two of our Callers, George Wolfert and Jerry Barrett have made plans for a "SUBSCRIPTION DANCE" on June 7th. We are really looking forward to this event, our first.

PUBLICATION REPORTS - (cont'd)

Grapevine - (cont'd)

"THE SPIRIT OF '86" is really going full speed ahead in our area, thanks to Caller, Art Wilson. We feel this is such an important occasion in the square dance world that we are allowing one full page of advertsing "free".

Club news has increased to the point where all but two clubs "remember" to send in club news. We are also featuring articles from our Senior Citizen Clubs. We now have five "Basic 45" clubs with two callers.

Our biggest asset, our "centerfold calendar" has meet with hugh success and we are still complimented on it after five issues.

We are really enjoying our editorship and are looking forward to even more success and enjoyment from our "Grapevine".

CONVENTION REPORTS

President Farrell requested the 1986 Convention Report be given last and called on the other areas to give their reports.

1987 Convention Report - presented by Murl and Sally Herbert

The Theme of the "87" State Convention is "Dancers Heaven in '87". The colors to compliment the theme are the colors of the rainbow and these are carried through on the registration forms, the badges, the ribbons and of course the State Convention outfits as you will see this evening.

In our promotion effort, we will have printed 50,000 registration forms. The first printing of 25,000 is available and we would encourage you to take a supply with you.

We have also had printed 10,000 stick-on stickers, 4,000 to be used at the National Convention at the Florida showcase for give away to promote not only the State Convention but the State of Florida as well. If you would like a sticker, which is the outline of the State of Florida with the numbers "87" and a star at Lakeland, please see me after the Kick-off this evening. Also these stickers will be given away with the ribbons as they are purchased. A small number will also be used for other promotional efforts. We will have ribbons available to sell by all Associations and sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Congratulation to Frank and Betty for a beautiful and enjoyable convention and we are hopeful ours will be as good.

See you all tonight at 7:40 P.M. at our Kick-off demonstration.

CONVENTION REPORTS - (cont'd)

1988 Convention Report - presented by Howard and Vivian Wilson

Everything is on hold until we get the balance of our seed money to finance advance promotions for the 35th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention which will be held in Orlando.

Our General Vice-Chairmen are Leo and Mary Richardson. We appointed Carl and Carol Rod as Caller Chairmen, which has been approved by the Florida Caller's Association.

We contacted Mike Burkhardt, President of Florida Round Dance Council, on March 12th for their approval of our appointment of Jack and Nell Jenkins as Round Dance Chairmen. Since we have had no reply from the Round Dance Council, we can only assume our appointment is approved.

1989 Convention Report - presented by Dave Nihart

Dave Nihart, President of the Northeast Association, reported for Aaron and Erma Fry, General Chairmen for the 1989 State Convention.

The Fry's had a prior commitment and could not attend this convention, but will have more information at the Working Weekend.

1986 Convention Report - presented by Frank and Betty McCallister

(1) The last of the Franks is finally through, and yes we did really have a convention. I hope that everyone had a good time swinging and mixing with Tillie, Betty and me. I have prepared a critique form, called Bugs and Bouquets, that I would like everyone here to complete and give to anyone on my committee. Betty and I will go over these and pass them on to Murl and Sally for their use. If your name is Frank, I would strongly suggest staying away from the Wheels if they are looking for a chairman.

(2) I want to thank all the delegates to the Federation for their help and support over the last three (3) years. I am not going to mention everyone due to time, but I particularly want to thank the past chairmen; Marvin, Hugh, Howard, Frank and Frank for their invaluable help.

(3) Everyone on my committee did a super job and I will recognize them tonight. I particularly want to give special recognition to the individuals who worked so hard for so long to put this convention together:

AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL	Northwest Tillie
VICE-CHAIRMEN	Tom & Jean Hancock
SQUARE DANCE CHAIRMAN	Ernie "Hoss" Waldorf
ROUND DANCE CHAIRMAN	Kit Waldorf
REGISTRATION CHAIRMEN	Marguerite & Jack Blanton
TREASURER	Grady Rea
SEWING CLINIC	Janette Rea
VENDOR CHAIRMAN	Vern Olberding
HOSPITALITY/AFTERPARTY CHAIRMEN	Shared by Lori Whisenant & Ron and Cupie Knowlton

CONVENTION REPORTS - (cont'd)

1986 Convention Report - (cont'd)

ENTERTAINMENT & FASHION	Elaine Olberding
ADVISOR/HOUSING CHAIRMEN	Marvin & Olena Taylor
GRAND MARCH CHAIRMEN	Conrad & Belle Bishop
SINGLES CHAIRMAN	Ann Brown
PROGRAM & KICK-OFF CHAIRMEN	Ernie "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY	Joe & Joy Vaccari

Very special thanks go to the Waldorf's and the Vaccari's without whom there would literally not have been a convention.

(4) The final report will be prepared as soon as all financial matters are concluded and will be given at the November meeting. All bills should be completed and sent to Grady Rea or myself as soon as possible, but not later than July 1st so that the split of funds can be completed.

(5) I won't say it was a pleasure running the convention, but I will say that there is no doubt that it will be with a great deal of personal pleasure and relief that Betty and I will hand the mike over to Murl and Sally tonight at 7:40 P.M.

Thanks again to everyone.

President Farrell announced that at their meeting this morning, the Round Dance Council of Florida approved the appointment of Jack and Neil Jenkins as Round Dance Chairmen for 1988 State Convention.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President Farrell attended the Coordinating Committee meeting, May 24, 1986. The main topic of conversation was, the programming of callers here at the State Convention. It is a point of concern and the callers are interested in a solution to the problem. A suggestion was made that the callers wear a badge to identify them as a State Convention Staff Caller. The callers will be looking into this situation and possibly the convention General Chairmen also.

NATIONAL CONVENTION - reported by Loren Long

By May 1, 1986, registrations received for the National Convention in Indianapolis had reached 22,479. It looks like there will be a big crowd. Camping at the Fairgrounds will have complete hook-ups. With your camping fee, you will receive a free shuttle bus ticket to travel to and from the convention. Even with over 19,000 parking spaces, taking the shuttle will save a lot of hassel. There will be clinics and panels everyday and all times during the day on a variety of subjects. There are thirty (30) exhibition groups and each group will appear at least once during the day.

NATIONAL CONVENTION - (cont'd)

Three television screens, at various locations, will keep you informed of the programs offered. The television screens will also serve as a means of communication, as it will flash messages from time to time.

Four cities, Chicago, Cincinnati, Memphis and Milwaukee, will be bidding on the 1990 convention. Registration forms for the 1987 convention in Houston are available today.

At the end of Loren Long's report, it was noted that Florida will be well represented in the exhibitions. Out of the thirty (30) groups performing at the convention, Florida will have two; The Reflection's from Jacksonville and Suzie's Best from Orlando.

Howard Wilson made a motion to present each of the Florida groups with a token of our appreciation by giving each of them \$100.00 to help offset some of the expenses of costumes, etc. Motion was seconded, but did not carry.

A second motion was made by Walter Stoltz, Florida Federation of Square Dancers, presented a plaque to The Reflection's and Suzie's Best in appreciation of their appearance at the National Convention. Motion was seconded and carried. President Farrell will make the arrangements.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - presented by Frank & Nan Habersberger

The new mural, showing the changes in the Florida landscape from east to west, is completed along with a wooden frame for mounting. It is 4½ feet high and 18 feet wide. The artist who painted the mural is Nan's sister, Betty. She is registered with Artist Colony in Broward County and we are sure everyone will appreciate her handiwork.

We have collected a good amount of "Stick-on" labels and small pins with the shape of Florida, for hand-outs. Please remind your dancers to bring small sea shells to our booth at Indianapolis for hand-outs. And please have your Association "Showcase of Ideas" delivered to the Florida Federation booth at the White River Ballroom as early as possible.

We have with us, the sign-up sheet for duty hours for the "Showcase" at the National Convention. Will those of you who have signed up, please now indicate the day and hour you prefer?

The new Contact Brochures are ready and we ask each Association to pick up 1,500 copies for their use at the end of the meeting.

FLORIDA STATE AFTER-PARTY - reported by Celeste Crawford

The Florida State After-Party will be held on Friday, June 27, 1986 in Convention Center hall E starting at 11:00 P.M. Frank Bedell is Master of Ceremonies. We have invitations which we would like all delegates to have - also Presidents of Associations will please pick up their packages of invitations to give to their members. Hope to see you all there.

SQUARE DANCE PRESERVATION - presented by Chet Vetter

As of now, no great strides have been made, but it is being brought to the attention of those in a position to take action and there is progress. By editorials, discussions, and loss of income, it is beginning to sink in that we may have a problem or two in some sections of the country.

Not so surprisingly, most of the feedback we have received parallels the committees report. We have gotten some positive action from several different sources. A few callers are at least making the Mainstream program more available to the new dancer and others. Some of the Associations are doing a better job of promoting and advertising Mainstream programs. The various publications are also receiving more letters and editorials.

The National Convention will have a two (2) hour panel on "Preservation" and a two (2) hour panel on "Fun" both of which are being presented by LEGACY. LEGACY will continue its biennial survey this fall and to supplement this they will be having six (6) months reports from selected groups around the activity, on the state of square and round dancing in each area as to classes, clubs, number of dancers in the various programs and the general feelings in the area. It is hoped that this, along with the survey, will alert us to apparent problems before they develop into more serious ones.

Along this line, I would like to suggest each Association prepare a brief (2 to 3 minute) report to the Preservation Committee before each meeting. The reports could then be combined into one report giving a better picture, state-wide, then be included in their regular report. This would also keep the Committee better informed and more active.

An input from one letter, the writer says, "We need to ask ourselves, why are we dancing? To show off or help our ego! Aren't we at the dance to have a good time, meet and talk with friends and make new ones?"

"Dancing is the reason we meet, but friendship is the fine spirit of square dancing. If we would ALWAYS remember what we felt like when we left our class and went out on our own - - we would have a lot more fun and have a better dance."

HALL OF FAME - presented by Chet Vetter

Over in the Arena at 1:00 P.M. this afternoon, we will be making our presentations to the Hall of Fame. Area Associations will be making their awards presentations also.

A special announcement will be made at that time. We invite you to come to the Arena, as I know you will all want to hear the announcement.

Ken Ford returned from attending the Florida Callers Association meeting. The only report he made, in addition to that made by Earl Steele was, the Florida Federation of Square Dancers requested the callers send a representative to the Federation meetings in November and the Working Weekend, the first of next year.

AMERICAN FOLK DANCE - presented by Frank and Nan Habersberger

Actions by both the State House of Representatives and the State Senate have taken place faster than we could anticipate and plan for. We sent out a "First Alert" to all organizations advising them that there might only be time to contact them by telephone or decisions being made.

We received a telephone call from Pat Ernst, Administrative Assistant for Representative Walter C. Young the principal sponsor, informing us that the House passed our Resolution on May 13th with a large majority and no dissenting votes. He asked that we try to get some of our people up to Tallahassee for the Tuesday morning session of the Senate, as Senator Kenneth Jenne was to place the approved House Resolution before them for their consideration.

Joining us at the Senate session was Bob Bland, representing the Florida Callers' Association and Rex Akridge, President of the Florida Clogging Council to represent FCC. We entered the Senate Chamber ten minutes before it was called to order, to do a little lobbying and managed to meet Senator Jenne. He informed us that our Resolution was not received by the Senate President and was not on the Agenda. He urged us to check immediately with Representative Young's office. We did and investigation revealed that our Resolution was in the Senate President's follow-up file where it should be. It was hand delivered to the President by his Aide and Senator Jenne requested that the House rules be waived and then presented the House Resolution for a vote. There was no discussion or opposition and our Resolution was passed with a large majority vote and no dissensions. This happened so fast that it was hard for us to believe that we had won.

Nan and I stayed over for another day and through our Representative, extended an invitation to Governor Graham to sign our Resolution into law at our State Convention. We received word back that the Governor regretted that he could not join us as he had previous commitments that he could not change.

We have been advised to keep close contact with Representative Young's office. The present plan is for the Governor to sign our Resolution at the Capitol during the first week in June. As soon as we learn of the exact day and hour, we shall contact the Presidents of all organizations in Florida to ask them to ask all available square and round dancers, cloggers, and some callers, cuers and clogging instructors to come to the Capitol and put on the largest possible exhibition. We ask that you alert all dancers during the next week to be ready. We are now working with some key leaders from the State organizations to prepare an interesting program at the Capitol.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - reported by Ron Knowlton

In order to avoid another mistake such as the failure to pay Florida State Sales Tax, the Finance Committee has decided to come up with a procedure for reporting income from State Conventions. Schedule A, which is a breakdown of income and expenses from the convention, is filed with the Income Tax return form 990. This procedure will be presented to the Florida Federation at the November meeting.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - (cont'd)

We are tax exempt as far as income tax is concerned, but have no exemption from state sales tax. These guidelines will be given to each Convention General Chairman for their information.

When we talk about special donations to various functions and other unbudgeted items, it must be taken into consideration that our only income to meet the budget is the State Convention and the dues from Area Associations.

Our over-all net worth went down last year and any unforeseen expense will eat up our funds. It was recommended that we investigate further into the possibility of getting an exemption from the state sales tax.

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA - reported by Fred Crawford

At the National Convention in Indianapolis, the United Square Dancers of America will have an annual meeting on Friday, June 27, 1986 at 1:00 P.M. in the Atkinson Hotel, La Petit Room. All dancers are encouraged to attend the meeting and become familiar with U.S.D.A.

Many committees are working on various projects and will be making reports at this meeting, including the committee dealing with the handicapped dancer.

The U.S.D.A. will host an After-party at the National Convention. Information will be available as to time and place at the Convention.

We have decals on the table which are 50¢ each. We hope you will support us by purchasing one.

SQUARE DANCER INSURANCE - reported by Joe Vaccari

It is good to report that every Association in the State of Florida is now a participant in the Florida Federation of Square Dancers insurance program.

Please note, I chose to call this a Florida Federation insurance program rather than United Square Dancers of America Insurance Program as it has been referred to in the past. The financial report shows a beginning balance of \$611.41 on January 1, 1986 with receipts of \$2,829.62. After disbursements have been taken off, the ending balance May 15, 1986 is \$388.39. (See attachment #2)

The report shows West Coast with no enrollments, but today I received two (2) applications which means they are now active in the insurance program.

One of the reasons we have this insurance, is to provide certificates for additionally named insurers. This additionally named insurer would be the owner of a facility where a dancing function is to take place, such as a Mall or Civic Center. Many owners are demanding expensive insurance before allowing the dancers to participate. A club or association may request a certificate for additionally insured on the master policy. (rider)

SQUARE DANCER INSURANCE - (Cont'd)

We have issued nineteen (19) so far this year and forty-nine (49) certificates to clubs and associations. No claims have been disbursed as of this date. A list of Association Insurance Chairmen is on the front desk. The insurance program has resulted in increased association membership.

I would like your concurrence on an approach I am taking. As Insurance Chairman for the Florida Federation, I have taken the position that, enrollment in the insurance program shall be open to only those clubs who are members or are affiliated with an area association.

No application will be accepted unless it comes through one of the five (5) area association insurance chairmen.

FLORIDA CLOGGING COUNCIL - presented by Norm Farrell

Through my telephone call to Rex Akridge, I find the cloggers are willing to work with us. Their organization will continue to provide a limited clogging program at the State Convention. It is felt that such a program will benefit all concerned. They do ask that the Convention chairman provide complimentary admission for two (2) couples, plus \$10.00 gas money from Tampa. (could be more for gas when the Convention is held in Orando)

Relations appear to be very good at the present time between our organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

Cris Nissen stated he wished to thank Joe and Joy Vaccari for their assistance in helping many clubs and associations in obtaining tax free status.

NEW BUSINESS

Pee Wee Stewart questioned the need for the Federation to provide the brochure "Are you a Viewer or are You a Doer?" This brochure has been a part of our education and support of the association for many years. A suggestion was made to place this question on the agenda for the Working Weekend. The supply for 1986 has been purchased and are available today. Each Association President is urged to take their copies with them at the end of this meeting.

The Secretary has received the annual Proclamation from Governor Graham, proclaiming September "Square Dance Month". Copies are available for each publication and Association President.

President Farrell announced his appointment of the nominating committee: Chairman, Celeste Crawford - Joe Vaccari - Arron Fry and Bunny Whiteman.

He also reminded all Association Presidents to please send their list of delegates for 1986 - 1987 to the Secretary no later than October 15th.

NEW BUSINESS - (cont'd)

Ron Knowlton brought a suggestion from the Association President's meeting; The Federation should set up a committee to coordinate "special" dances to avoid scheduling these dances on top of each other. This item will be considered at the Working Weekend.

Another item coming from this meeting was the exchange of dance admission prices. Such as, someone from the Southeast Association visits a function in the Northeast, they would get in at a reduced price. As the Federation can not control association matters, this will be left up to each area association.

Pee Wee and Mary Stewart visited John and Esther Layne in Texas and brought back their greeting. They miss Florida and everyone so much.

The next Florida Federation meeting will be held November 16, 1986 at 10:00 A.M. at the Hilton Hotel in Jacksonville.

President Farrell announced all Federation delegates will receive complimentary tickets to the Fall Roundup to be held in Jacksonville the weekend of November 14 - 15th. Information will be mailed with agenda. See Norm today if you wish him to make your hotel reservation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo + Mary

Leo & Mary Richardson
Secretary

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

25 May 1986

Treasurers Report

Bank balance as of January 19, 1986

\$

Receipts:

Refund 1985 Convention Sales Tax
 Southeast Association 1/4 = \$
 Refund of 1985 Convention Sales
 Tax Round Dance Council of FL $\frac{1}{4}$ \$

January Interest

\$

February Interest

March Interest

April Interest

\$

Disbursements:

#567 Central Assoc.(Promotional Exp.) \$
 #568 Norm Farrell (~~PRESIDENT~~ EXP.) \$
 #569 Hugh Fultz (Vice Pres. Exp)
 #570 Mary Richardson(Sec. Expense) \$
 #571 Adam Walsh Resource Center
 (Presidant Charity) \$
 #573 Florida Dept of Revenue
 #574 Mary Richardson (Sec Exp.)
 #575 Secretary of State (Corporation
 Annual Report)
 #576 Square Dance Enterprises
 (Where to dance flyers)

Bank Service Charges:

January

February

March

April

\$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets:

Checking Account

Contengency Fund

\$

Liabilities

TOTAL WORTH:

\$

SUBMITTED:

Don Knowlton
Treasurer