



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES JANUARY 17, 1987

The first meeting of the working weekend of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:AM at the Strawberry Squares Hall by President, Jean Fultz.

The invocation was given by Mary Richardson. President Jean Fultz welcomed guests and visitors: George Deschambeau, co-editor of Bow & Swing, and president of Florida Callers Association; Jack Pierson, co-editor of West Coast Dancer; Winnie and Al Subatch; Hazel & Carl Smith; Jack & Liz Warren. There was no representative from the round dance council.

Roll call was taken with 56 voting members present - The President declared that a quorum was present.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes for the November 1986 meeting be dispensed with - There were two corrections noted - Page 1 para 5 "Audit was performed by Frank Smith, Virgil Green, and Ron Knowlton instead of Dave Nihart, Virgil Green, and Ron Knowlton; Page 11 para 2a " General liability has been increased to \$1,000,000.00 instead of \$2,000,000.00..

TREASURERS REPORT - By Frank & Nan Habersberger showed a checking account balance of \$7,693.85, plus \$3,000.00 contingency Fund for a total worth of \$10,693.85 (see Atch. 1)

CORRESPONDENCE - A letter from the American Liver Foundation thanking Norm & Joyce Farrell for the 1986 "President's Charity Donation.

AREA REPORTS

Central - By Donna Hendricks - Well our November Holiday Dance started out poorly. By Saturday evening things seemed to pick up. Since this is a holiday weekend we have decided not to have any more unless it falls on a 5th Saturday, then it will only be a Saturday evening dance.

On January 31 we will be having a 5th Saturday dance at Travis Recreation center in Cocoa, with Frank Bedell calling and Phyllis Williams on rounds.

Next month we will be celebrating our Association's 30th Anniversary with a dance on February 15th, at Loch Haven Recreation center in Orlando, with Joe Prystupa calling and Ivan Hill on rounds. We would be glad to have visitors from other Associations help us celebrate on Sunday afternoon from 1:30PM - 5:00PM.

In April we will be having our working camping weekend on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th. This is the weekend we try to solve our problems, and any problems the clubs in our association are having.

Right now we are concentrating on helping the convention chairman, Howard & Vivian Wilson with the Kick-off program.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION - By Aaron & Erna Fry - Our Learner's Hoedown was held December 6th with a large turnout of students, angels, and several callers.

The New Year's Eve dance was held at Sandalwood High School with two halls for dancing. One hall had the students and Mainstream and the other hall had Plus, Advance and Rounds. There were seven callers and cuers rotating between halls. At 11:PM we all joined together to celebrate 50 years of square dancing. Again at midnight we were together to greet the New Year.

Our insurance program, with Norm Farrell as our representative, is in full swing with a large number of dancers participating.

We are looking forward to the sophomore dance in February and the graduation dance in April.

Roger Chapman will be calling our Fifth Saturday Dance in January with Wayne & Barbara Blackford cueing the rounds.

NORTHWEST REPORT - By Conrad & Belle Bishop - Our last meeting was held in the National Guard Armory in Chipley, Florida on October 25, 1986 in conjunction with our Fall Round Up.

Our next meeting will be in Panama City Florida on January 31, 1987 in conjunction with the Annual Panama City Square and Round Dance Association Festival. Belle and I visited the Perry Promenaders at their Christmas Dance. The Perry Promenaders are one of the newest clubs to join the Northwest Association. Other clubs to join the Northwest are Dance Arounds of Panama City, Holmes Valley Squares of Sunny Hill, and Eastpoint Radiant Evergreen Square Dance Club giving Northwest a total of 31 clubs, two local associations and 326 individual members.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION - By Jim & Rosemary Davis - The Southeast Association sponsored its annual Christmas dinner at the Holiday Inn following the December Clinic hosted by the Castoffs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. At this clinic the Association presented a clock to Clyde and Evelyn Kirk who had been the Association Cuer for seven years. The Kirks have moved to Houston, Texas. The Association Cuer now is Laura and Larry Kinstlich.

On New Year's Eve, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of western style square dancing at a dance at Tree Tops auditorium in Davie. Dancers enjoyed a hot buffet before the 11:00 candle ceremony marking the anniversary. Father Time and the New Year's baby helped usher in 1987.

January is the month for our Association picnic which was blessed with sunny weather. Dancers enjoyed games, square dancing and a pot luck.

The February clinic will be at Trinity Methodist Church in Light-house Point.

Worley and Nan Carrier of Indiantown, President of the Sandy Shoes Steppers, will be the Chairman of the 1990 State Square and Round Dance Convention hosted by the Southeast Association. The Sandy Shoes Steppers hosted a very enjoyable, and successful St. Lucie County Festival featuring the Red Boot Boys in November.

The Swingin' Singles Square Dance club hosted the State Singles Convention in November at the Colannades Beach Hotel on Singer Island. It was successful in every way.

The Association has 38 Lifetime Members, 78 Honorary Members and 479 Paid Members at this time.

The Sand Dollar Club which formed a year ago has arranged a bus trip via New Orleans to the National Convention in Houston. They are located in West Palm Beach.

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - *By Elvin & Dolores Mahan* - November 29, 1986 we had a Membership Dance at Colony Cove in Ellenton, with 28 squares.

No dancing in December by the association - we took a break to help Santa.

The West Coast had several dancers at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando on New Years Day to help put on the show at the half time of the football game.

January 11, 1987 we had a membership dance in Ft Myers with several callers from that area. We had 22 Squares.

On February 5th we will have square dancing at the State Fair and we hope to have a large crowd. We will dance from 11:AM til 4:PM. This will be a good time to show the public just what square dancing is all about.

There are three clubs in the West Coast Association that have signed up for the insurance program which means we will have insurance for the State Convention and the Fall Fun Fest.

This is not an association function but we the dancers are having a benefit dance in Manatee County for Jim Ford, a long time caller who has cancer.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

GRAPEVINE - *By Erna Fry for Shad & Clarice Shadwell* - We regret we are unable to attend and will miss this opportunity to be active participants in the decision making process of this organization.

Shad is involved in a special project at work and it requires him to work Saturday and his typist (that's me, Clarice) is working on a "deadline" for the Grapevine.

The Grapevine is now holding its own and we will be computerizing our next issue. Had plans to compute this issue but, a much bigger job than realized.

We have offered the callers from Gateway Callers Association a special yearly rate, to be paid in advance, for advertising. We have had several takers.

We also did a subscription mailing to all square dancers who have let their subscriptions expire in the past two years. The first week after the mailing we received 18 new subscribers.

"We wish everyone well and much success".

PANHANDLE PRESS REPORT - *By Joe Vaccari for Joy Vaccari* - We are printing 500 copies six times per year. This is our 13th year. Distribution is mailed to individual members. Club copies are picked up by club delegates at NW meetings (NW is organized by individual members and clubs).

Clubs are helping with collating & mailing which is very much appreciated. It is estimated that we are reaching at least 1000 dancers in NW Florida.

Calendar of Events has been divided into Northwest functions and other functions.

Copies of newsletter are on the table for those interested in obtaining one.

WEST COAST DANCER - *By Jack Pierson* - Printing 5000 Copies. We have three editors: Chris & Trudy Nissen, Al & Winnie Subatch, and Jack & Marie Pierson.

We started a new system of correction slips to correct the directory - it is working.

We have been using computers to enhance publication of the magazine.

Thanks to all publications for their cooperation in News Releases and Ads of the 34th Convention. Thanks to all who help publish this magazine as it cannot be done without you.

KEEPIN' POSTED - *By Mary Richardson* - Keepin' Posted continues to be published on a quarterly basis. The number of copies per issue has been reduced to about 500.

For our December issue, the cost of printing was partially underwritten by taking "Patron Ads". Square dancers throughout Central Florida contributed \$1.00 for the privilege of signing their name to a Christmas Greeting page.

It was agreed by the Central Florida Square & Round Dancers Association to send copies to members only for three issues and increase the number printed to 2,000 for the June issue. This June issue will be made available to clubs with classes graduating from mainstream.

We will again seek "Patron Ads" for the June issue, asking dancers to send their best wishes to the new dancers.

4W's - *By George & Boots Oglesby* - We are still here. As I mentioned before, we are now moving our "put together" to four different clubs. The dancers are really enjoying it. They now feel the publication belongs to them. We are still printing 5,000 copies but with adding the new area, next season we might have to go to 6,000. Our helping hand has also helped.

BOW & SWING - *By George Deschambeau* - In the March issue of Bow & Swing there will be a small article & specific form to invite the clubs to get their usual free copies for graduates. However, this year the form has to be used. Due to our kind of postage the U.S. Postal Service requires a written request for every single magazine we distribute. Once or possibly twice a year they will come out & ask for a computer printout of our mailing list. From there they will draw from 100 to 250 names by random and ask to see the written request, which is the subscription form. In the past we would get a letter or postcard "send me 60 magazines". WE were lucky if we had a signature or mailing address. The postal service took one look at it and said "do you like your postal rates. We said, "we do", so this year we will have the form in advance. It will be in the March, April, and May issue. Fill this form out - it will meet the postal requirements.

Bow & Swing Subscription Dances:

Sunday Feb 1, 1987 - Pompano Beach, Florida
Sunday Feb 15, 1987 - Sebring, Florida
Saturday, Mar 7, 1987 - Top of World (95 W, Ocala, FL)
Saturday Mar 14, 1987 - Gainesville, Florida
Date ??? April ??? - St Petersburg, Florida

1987 CONVENTION REPORT - *By Muri & Sally Herbert, Gen'l Chairman 34th State Square & Round Dance Convention* - The committee of 64 dancers is hard at work placing the pieces of the convention puzzle together. The most important part of the puzzle at this point is the sales and promotion effort and this takes everyone throughout the whole state in all associations.

The next meeting of the total committee will be Saturday afternoon February 28 at Strawberry Squares.

The round dance leaders are being contacted by Frank Dubois and we ask that you encourage your local cues to attend the convention as they will need a good response to handle the extended dance time.

The report in your November 86 minutes contains the basic information on the convention and this has not changed. A fun dance for the total enjoyment of the dancer, no work shops, fun type segments, continuous open halls, "87" musical highlights, and special Sunday afternoon entertainment in the theatre, etc.

Registrations are starting to come in and we only have 3,789 more to go.!!!

1988 CONVENTION REPORT - *By Howard & Vivian Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, 35th State Square & Round Dance Convention* - We have been filling all our committee assignments, and at present we are concentrating on finalizing the KICK-OFF plans for the 35th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention which will be held in Orlando in 1988.

Our Kick-off, as usual, will be Sunday evening at the 1987 Convention in Lakeland. See you there!

1989 STATE CONVENTION REPORT (NORTHEAST) - *By Aaron & Erma Fry* - We have had one meeting with chairman & co-chairman to compile a list of things that have to be done and possible chairman for the various jobs.

1990 STATE CONVENTION - *By Jim Davis* - We have two new people who are going to be our chairman for our 1990 convention - Worley and Nan Carrier. We have already selected Frank & Connie Bedell for the Caller Co-ordinator, Fred and Louise Hornung as the round dance Co-ordinator.

NOTE: At this point the chair recognized the arrival of Marilyn Weaver, President of the Florida Square Round Dance & Clogger Retailers Association, and Barbara Holt, Florida Federation State Convention Vendor Chairperson.

USDA REPORT - *By Howard & Vivian Wilson, Ways & Means Chairman, USDA*
The winter mid-year meeting of USDA will be held next week in Rochester, New York. All square dancers are welcome to attend as all meetings are open. The next regular meeting will be held at the National Convention at Houston, Texas in June.

We are going to distribute USDA decals to each Association President so that each area will have at least 500 decals to give to the clubs in their area who will sell them at \$.50 each to members. Each Association will be responsible for their decals and return proceeds (\$250.) to us at State Convention meeting in May 1987. We will turn in proceeds at the National Convention in June.

Every Association in Florida is taking advantage of USDA Insurance. Therefore we feel that each Association should be responsible for the

control and sale of decals as the primary means of raising money for USDA expenses. We also have on hand member badges and museum danglers. Also, available for dancers are banners and jackets. We will be glad to give anyone the address where these can be purchased.

ADDITIONAL INFO : *By Joe Vaccari* - Membership is increasing nationwide by leaps and bounds. We have passed the 50% mark as far as states being represented in USDA - 28 now. So, it is very successful, especially with the services that are being provided, mainly, Insurance Programs, the handicapped committee efforts nationwide, helping the handicapped get into the dance programs, and other previously reported programs.

HALL OF FAME - *By Leo Richardson* - Two candidates for the Hall of Fame are under consideration at this time.

A Hall of Fame dance has been planned for Sunday March 29, 1987 at Winter Garden, Tanner Auditorium Recreation Center with John Sounders calling, and Dick Nordine cueing. Time will be from 2:PM - 5PM. Look for future advertising.

NATIONAL FOLK DANCE CAMPAIGN - *By Frank & Nan Habersberger, Gen. Chairman, National Folk Dance Campaign* - We learned from George and Ann Holser, Outgoing Vice Chairman, that the Campaign was lost because Congressman Thomas DeLay of Houston, Texas said he understood there was testimony against our Bill. He was not challenged by any of the 220 Co-sponsors. We learned that there was no Public Hearing on our Bill in the 99th Congress and therefore no recorded testimony against it. The Bill was defeated in just 47 seconds. We have written to Congressman DeLay and asked for an explanation of his objection and are awaiting his reply. (Copies of this letter were sent to; President, Texas Square Dance Association, President, National Square Dance Convention, and letters to Practically every dancer and caller association in the state of Texas.)

We have developed a new strategy which we are presenting to the Executive Board of the United Square Dancers of American for its approval on January 23, and 24, 1987 in Rochester, New York. If approved we will send the details to President Jean Fultz.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Norm Farrell questioned whether the \$500.00 allotted to each association (ref. FFSD minutes 2-16-85; old business - last paragraph) was intended for educational or promotional purposes. Also, did the associations have to show expenditures of matching funds to receive this money?

After much discussion Pee Wee Stewart moved that this item be researched and the findings presented at the next meeting the following day.

2. Howard Wilson read a letter of complaint against a vendor at the 1986 State Convention by a dancer in his association who had made a purchase and did not receive satisfactory service. This problem was referred to the vendor chairperson, Barbara Holt.

3. **VENDOR REPORT** - *By Barbara Holt* - We are happy to be a part of this working week-end. We also wish to be on the mailing list of your Federation so we may attend and report. We will therefore be able to cooperate with your Federation and you with our association.-Thank you!

We have lost several shops in the state of Florida but have a few new shops opening. Please let us know about any new shops opening in your area.

We wish to thank the past convention vendor chairman, Vern Olberding for a great job done. Also, thanks to Chet Vetter for his cooperation thus far. We do not anticipate any major problems. Our basic goal is to coordinate with all convention and festival committees within the state of Florida to promote honest and quality sales to you, our dancing public.

Our organization frowns on "in-home" sales, which is a problem we constantly work on. Dancers are cautioned to beware of persons selling at their local dances, out of the back of their cars or vans, passing out leaflets, whispering across the floor "I can get it cheaper for you, etc.". These may be fly-by-night salesmen without license, no insurance, inferior materials and no warranty on the merchandise.

4. **FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION** - *By George Deschanbeau, (FCA President)*

There will be a Caller College in Orlando, Florida, August 21, 22, and 23, 1987 by Caller-Coach, Al Brundage who is Callerlab certified. Dennis Humphreys, and Dick Hulbert will be assisting.

The fall Clinic in Orlando will be October 16, 17, and 18, 1987 by John Saunders, and Colin Walton - TAWs, Linda Saunders.

The Northwest Callers Association has been reactivated and the officers are: President- Darryl McMillan, Vice President-Hoss Waldorf, Secretary-Kit Waldorf, Treasurer-Ron Ray.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Jean Fultz appointed a bylaws committee consisting of Norm & Joyce Farrell as chairpersons; members - Leo & Mary Richardson, Joe & Joy Vaccari. Norm Farrell requested that anyone having any suggested changes to the bylaws to mail them to him as soon as possible.

2. Assignments to the working committees were verified with alternates assigned in lieu of absent primary members. Committee members were instructed to meet in their assigned rooms at the various specified times after lunch.

3. The meeting was adjourned with instructions from President Jean Fultz to reconvene at 9:AM on Sunday January 18, 1987.



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January 17, 1987

TREASURERS REPORT

BANK BALANCE as of November 16, 1986 \$

RECEIPTS: Northeast Assoc. Dues \$
 West Coast Assoc. "
 Central Assoc. "
 Bank Interest: November
 December

DISBURSEMENTS:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Check #</u>		
719	585	Hilton Hotel, Pres. Meeting Exp.	\$
703	586	Jean Fultz, Vice Presidents Exp.	
705	587	Mary Richardson, Secretary Exp.	
701	588	Norm Farrell, Presidents Exp.	
719	589	Central Assoc. Balloon Release Prom.	
719	590	National Liver Foundation Donation	
709	591	Frank Habersberger, Parliamentarion	
719		and American Folk Dance Expense	
707	592	Ron Knowlton, Treasurer's Expense	
709	593	Nan Habersberger, Showcase of Ideas	
725	NOV	Bank Service Charge	
725	DEC	Bank Service Charge	
			\$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets: Checking Account \$
 Contingency Fund \$

Liabilities:

TOTAL WORTH \$

Submitted by:

Frank & Nan Habersberger
 Frank & Nan Habersberger,
 Treasurer