

MINUTES JANUARY 18, 1987

The second session of the Federation working weekend was called to order by President Jean Fultz at 9:AM Sunday January 18, 1987.

The invocation was given by Nan Habersberger. President Fultz welcomed all visitors, guests, and new delegates. The following new delegates were introduced by their association president:

Northwest - Cliff & Jean Allen
Northeast - Ed & Majorie Powe
Southeast - Paul & Marie McClain
Westcoast - Ray & Joan Corcoran
Mario & Lena Gatto

President Fultz also thanked Marty & Byrdie Martin for the use of the hall for our working weekend.

A roll call was taken and President Fultz declared that a quorum of voting members were present.

Belle Bishop announced that a group of square dance clubs from Eastpoint, Perry, and Port St. Joe had a float in the Governor's Inaugural Parade. She will check and find out if pictures of this float were taken and if we can obtain copies for the Federation history scrapbook.

The following committee reports from yesterday's workshops were given as follows:

FINANCE: By Ron Knowlton, Chairman-Committee members were Frank Habersberger, Recording Secretary, Ray Corcoran, Roland Hamel, Marie McClain, Ed Powe, Carol Poole and Fred Dunn.

The following budget for the year of 1987 is submitted for approval:

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

President Expenses	\$
Vice President Expense	
Secretary Expenses	
Treasurer Expenses	
Parliamentarian Expenses	
Flowers & Remembrances	
Meeting Expenses	
Promotional Handouts	
U.S.D.A. Dues	
National After Party	
Bank Service Charge	
Unforeseen Expenses	
TOTAL -	\$

ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

U.S.D.A.	\$
State Convention	
Association Dues	
Interest from bank account	
TOTAL -	\$ _____

We recommend that we all try to stay within the anticipated budget. We recommend that the Committee on Revision of the Constitution & By-Laws re-examine the need for the brochure titled; "Are You a Viewer or Are You A Doer". Approximately \$300.00 is spent by the secretary for the purchase of these brochures. This is a large part of the Promotional Expenses. We recommend that these brochures be discontinued and thereby effect a cost savings of \$300.00 (This would require deletion of item 6., under "Secretary", in article VIII, of the By Laws).

We concur with the recommendation shown in item 1, page 11, of the January 19, 1986 minutes, which is as follows:

" Any request for expenses not allocated in the budget 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.

All information collected to date indicates that it is best for the Florida Federation to continue to pay the State Sales Tax on the State Square Dance Convention admissions. We do however, recommend that U.S.D.A. investigate the State Sales Tax issue as a National problem.

SQUARE DANCER PRESERVATION: *By Leo Richardson, Chairman-committee members; Frances Smith, Elvin Mahan, Celeste Crawford, Joan Corcoran, Belle Bishop, Eunice Durr, and Al Subatch -*

Leo reviewed last years Federation minutes concerning Square Dance Preservation and opened the meeting for discussion.

Problems discussed were: Pressure on the new dancer to advance to a higher level still exists. Costs of callers, halls and outfits continue to undermine interest in square dancing. Callers and clubs resist participating in consolidated classes, preferring to conduct their own small classes.

The committee would like to obtain information on how the "short" 25 week basic training course will be implemented in your areas, and what provisions will be made for dancers who complete the course.

Area association presidents are reminded to submit a written report on classes and number of students to the preservation committee. (Contact point is Leo Richardson).

Suggestions for improving our square dancer program are as follows:

- A. Having light refreshments
- B. Greeting and dancing with visitors
- C. Awarding visitors badges, certificates, souvenir pens, etc.
- D. Bring children into the program and work with the schools.
- E. Consult with the new dancers to find out their opinion.
- F. Use various forms of publicity.

It is the committee's recommendation that the attachment #2 of the 1986 working weekend minutes be republicized in Bow & Swing, and area publications. In addition, a copy should be sent to Legacy, and to Callerlab for their consideration.

We can meet and report, but, unless we all put forth our efforts to follow through on recommendations, nothing will have been accomplished. We further recommend a caller & cuer representative be invited to attend the committee meeting on square dancer preservation.

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE: *By Mary Richardson, Chairman-Committee members Donna Hendricks, Walter & Ester Stoltz, Pee Wee Stewart, Shirley Nihart, Ron VanValkenberg, Winnie Subach, and Dolores Mahan.*

The committee recommends the roster of officers, delegates, and permanent delegates be brought up to date by eliminating the inactive members off the active list and inserting the missing names of past presidents, who are no longer active - putting this list at the bottom of the page under inactive members. By doing this, only active members will make our quorum. We further recommend that the By-Laws committee consider a provision to reinstate members when they become active again.

We also recommend a letter be sent to all past Federation presidents and past convention chairman asking for any photographs that could be considered for our scrapbook.

As the Federation will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this fall, this committee recommends an anniversary dance be planned this fall in conjunction with the working weekend in 1988.

PUBLICITY: *By Boots Oglesby, Chairman - Committee members included Mario Gatto, Dewey Hendricks, Paul McClain, Jack Pierson, and Rosemary Davis, Secretary.*

The following points were discussed: 1) Cooperation should be encouraged between area publications. Advertising Guidelines have to be available for each publication: 2) A way needs to be found to store valuable information that could be lost or unavailable in the future. Consider the possibility of a questionnaire that could be filled out by all chairmen of special events in each area and publications that would help future chairmen. Information may have to be stored in a computer: 3)

The following possibilities should be investigated in each area to make use of free media publicity. (a.) Educational Channels on TV (b.) Public Service Announcements on radio and TV. (c.) Flyers and publications placed in Chamber of Commerce. (d.) Contacts that managers of recreational centers have with local newspapers. (e.) Mall managers' publicity contacts when putting on demonstrations. (f.) Placement of information in the Florida Calender of Events. (g.) Reciprocal advertising between association publications. (h.) A reminder that personal contact with media representatives and/or association members is the best way to promote advertising for an event.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - *By Dave Nihart, chairman-committee members were Nan Habersberger, Marcy Hamel, Lena Gatto, and Jean Allen*

A decision was made by the committee to continue with the previous years theme, which was a 5 foot high, 20 foot wide hand painted mural of various Florida highlites. We owe many thanks to Nan & Frank Habersberger for this mural.

SOUVENIRS:

1. Seashells - We need seashells again from all clubs. These were a big hit last year. We gave away approximately 300 pounds.

If you don't have a way to get these to the National Convention, contact Dave or Shirley Nihart and we will try to make arrangements for you.

2. Packets of sand to give out as Florida Property, hopefully from the Northwest Association.
3. Orange stick-ons to be purchased from Florida Citrus Commission at 7 cents a piece (1986 price).
4. State of Florida pins from State Department of Tourism.
5. We will also request handouts from various other sources (space center, etc.).
6. It was decided to leave the badge board as is and when the board is full, discontinued clubs' badges will be taken off as new club badges are received.
7. The bulletin board will be used again as a message center. we ask that all association inform their members of the message center.
8. Sign in books will be set up for all visitors to sign.

9. We will utilize aprons that were used last two years. Discussion was held on the use of Video tape as suggested by Chet Vetter at the November meeting. After consulting with Jean Fultz, President, it was learned she had talked to Chet and the tape could not be ready by convention time and it was tabled til next year.

In preparing the Showcase of Ideas for the National Square Dance Convention 1987, the following help, from the area presidents, would be appreciated by Dave & Shirley Nihart, Parliamentarian.

1. If you want your club badge on badge board, please send or bring to next Federation meeting.

2. Please alert clubs at your next meeting to furnish you with volunteers for Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention. We will need names, addresses and times preferred. A sign up sheet is being circulated at today's meeting. You will also be contacted by letter at a later date.

Association presidents are asked to please upgrade the Dancer Contact Brochure. There are copies available at this meeting for easy reference. If you have any changes to be made, please get them to me by March 1, 1987.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE - By Joe Vaccari, Chairman-Committee members were Norm Farrell, Randy Poole, Cris Nissen, and Jim Davis.

The purpose of the Committee was to review procedures used to administer the USDA Square Dancers Insurance Program within Florida. The program was discussed in detail and numerous problems and questions were resolved to everyone's satisfaction. The most serious problem was club & dancer education. It was agreed that an insurance Seminar at this years State Convention would be most helpful. All association insurance chairman agreed to help publicize the seminar in their respective areas.

Several areas of concern were expressed for which the Federation Insurance Chairman agreed to obtain further information.

The Committee reviewed the Federation Insurance checking account and list of enrollments to date in 1987. Attached is a copy for the record.

The committee reviewed a proposal to make the insurance program available to three other state level organizations, namely, (1) Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers (2) Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers (3) Florida Clogging Council. These organizations would administer the program through the Federation Insurance Chairman in a manner identical to our regional associations. The Committee recommends approval of this proposal. It was moved that the insurance program be made available to these three organizations. The motion was carried.

1. Checking Account:

Beginning Balance - Nov 16, 1986 \$ _____

RECEIPTS:

Northwest \$
 Northeast
 Central
 Westcoast
 Southeast
 Interest

TOTAL RECEIPTS: _____

TOTAL ASSETS _____

DISBURSEMENTS:

USDA Insurance Fund \$
 Administrative expense

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ _____

ENDING BALANCE - January 15, 1987 \$ _____

ENROLLMENTS TO DATE - 1987

	<u>Assoc.</u>	<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Dancers</u>
Northwest	5	28	1,068
Northeast	1	11	593
Central	1	4	405
Westcoast	1	3	310
<u>Southeast</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS:	8	46	2,376

NOTE: Southeast turned in almost 500 dancers enrollments at this meeting

EDUCATION & SERVICE: - By Cupie Knowlton, Chairman- Committee members were Joyce Farrell, Mary Stewart, Marylee VanValkenburg, and Cliff Allen.

Purpose of meeting was to select & develop guidelines for one or more of the following projects: (a) A consolidated class, (b) Mixer ideas for clubs, (c) Ways to interest unattached men. (d) Youth participation.

1. (a) Cliff Allen from Northwest gave a brief account of the consolidated class in the Playground Area Square & Round Dance Association -

Cliff & Jean were the main organizers of the class and served, very successfully, as student coordinators for the first two classes. They had learned to square dance with this method in Dayton, Ohio. Following is some key points brought out:

A. Students get more time to learn, and experienced dancers don't have to continuously help teach left allemande on their regular dance night which they have paid to dance.

B. Make it fun for the students. Select a caller who is a good teacher with an out-going personality.

C. It's best to select a caller/instructor from outside your area and have an understanding that he will not start a new club, or become a full time caller for an existing club, in your area for a specified period of time (1 year, etc.). The reason for this is; the new graduates would tend to gravitate to their teacher, and not your local clubs that need building up.

D. Use just enough "angels", with all clubs sharing this responsibility, to fill your squares, or help the slow learners. Don't have a one on one student to dancer ratio. Let the students learn to dance together and depend on listening to caller instead of having experienced dancers pulling them through.

E. Split the total class session into semesters, 10 or 12 weeks, and collect the instruction fees "up front" for each semester. Students will be less likely to skip classes and it cuts down on the book keeping.

D. Cliff pointed out that the students have more fun learning and are much better dancers when they graduate, mainly, because they have had more practice by not having to share the dance time with the club members. The clubs are having more fun because they don't have to spend their dance time with student classes.

2. (b) For mixer ideas the committee suggests the following ideas:

(1) Give dancers a number as they enter the hall that will correspond with squares marked on the floor (have numbers on floor designating square 1, 2, 3, 4., etc. and at announced tips dancers will just go to their designated square to dance. (2) Have caller mix the squares up by scatter promenade calls. (3) Suggest all clubs send in ideas you have to Bow & Swing, or any other publication that would reach dancers all over the state. (Lets share our success stories with one another).

3. (c) Ways to interest unattached men (this need exists due to the larger number of unattached women than men showing up for square dance classes) (1) Publicize on radio, in newspaper, put up posters in churches, military bases and other places of business. Ask our attached men dancers to look around their work associates and encourage unattached men to attend classes.

4. (d) For Youth participation the committee recommends that a letter signed by the Federation President be sent to our State Education Commissioner expressing our desire for the Western Square Dance be added to the school curriculum. Suggest we ask them to start in the 4th or 5th grades and go through high school, and that it be taught IAW the Callerlab guidelines. Ask for her guidance or recommendation on how to go about getting this. We also suggest that adult classes in square dancing be taught so that citizens out of school can have opportunities to attend classes.

The school system is already trying to get a system called "Latch Key" started whereby children of families where both parents work can pay a small fee for their youngsters to be "baby set" so to speak after school (this hasn't worked out in the Fort Walton Beach area schools and they are trying to get the YMCA to do it) Try to find a caller—even a young amateur practicing caller could entertain these young people and make a "funtime" while learning the Florida Folk Dance, and the exercise would be great for the children.

4. A motion was made that a letter be sent to the Florida Commissioner of Education and the Secretary of State signed by the President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers in coordination with the Florida Callers Association. This letter will recommend that the teachers who teach square dancing in the Florida public school system be trained by qualified square dance callers, or that qualified callers be hired by the school system to teach square dancing to the students. Also recommend that square dance classes be taught by qualified instructors/callers in the adult education system, and the state colleges.

STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES - *By George Oglesby, Chairman—committee members were Fred Cranford, Sally Herbert, Aaron Fry, Frank Smith, Barbara Holt, and Vivian Wilson.*

The committee suggested the following changes to State Convention Procedures: Item B#1 shall be listed as new section (E). The General Chairman will invite his board - Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer to attend the working weekend of the Federation no less than two (2) years prior to his convention and they should attend all working weekends til their convention is over. It was moved that this suggested change be approved and amended to include "and invited to attend a Florida Federation meeting at the state convention prior to their hosted convention". The amendment and motion carried.

Section E - Vendors - #1 will be changed to read #1 - contracts will be mailed to the vendors during the first part of the month of September prior to the convention.

In Section E Add #3 Attachments 2, 3, 4. and 5 will become part of Vendor Procedures (Voted Jan 1985).

The committee recommended that all convention Procedures be rewritten and brought up to date in full, and distributed to all members of the Federation. It was moved that section E - Vendors, in the state convention procedures, subparagraph #1, be changed as indicated, add new subparagraph 3, as indicated, and the entire convention procedure be updated, rewritten and distributed as suggested. The motion was carried.

STATE CONVENTION CALLERS - *By Conrad Bishop, Chairman - Committee members were Mae Ford, Muri Herbert, Howard Wilson, Betty McCallister, George Deschambeau, and Erma Fry.*

After discussing the pros and cons of scheduling the better callers for the prime time in the Arena and Plus halls we came up with the following recommendations, and resolutions:

1. Recommend to the Florida Callers Association that they program the prime callers in prime time at all State Conventions. The programming of the Mainstream and Plus Halls should be accomplished prior to the

Advance Halls, and the Advance Callers should be programmed in the Mainstream and Plus Halls.

2. Be it resolved that the Coordinating committee meet twice a year, once in conjunction with the working weekend, and once at the State Convention.

3. Be it resolved by the Florida Federation of Square Dancers that at all future Florida National Convention after parties only those callers who actively supported recent Florida State Conventions will be asked to call.

It was moved that the coordinating committee meet twice a year as suggested. This motion was tabled until the May 1987 meeting. An amendment to this motion was made stating that "a letter should be sent to the other organizations involved (Florida Callers Association, and Florida Round Dancer Association) appraising them of our position on this motion and ask that they consider it at the May 1987 meeting. The amendment carried.

No action was taken on item #1. & 3. of this report; however it was proposed that a letter be sent to the Florida Callers Association and Florida Round Dance Council, requesting their assistance and advice on these matters.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made requesting the by-laws committee "delete" under article VIII, #6, under Secretary, which reads "Shall order annually Beginners Square Dance leaflets and make distribution to associations at the State Convention meeting". This item was discussed and tabled during the Florida Federation meeting May 25, 1986 (First item under new business). The motion carried. The Secretary will order Sample copies of the new type of promotional form (1 set for each association). President Fultz asked that each association take copies of the new dancer handbooks and we will have more printed if we need them.

Parliamentarian, *Dave Nihart* - reported on the item discussed under old business yesterday:

After reviewing the section under Old Business, page 20, minutes of February 16, 1985, concerning the payment of matching funds to the (5) five association members for Promotional purposes of square dancing, I find that it clearly states that each association is entitled up to \$500.00 from the federation after receipts of expenditures from that particular association are forwarded to the treasurer for payment. It also states that this be a one time expenditure for the Florida Federation and once each association has used this amount for advertising and printing material to promote square dancing there should be no more expenditures due from the Florida Federation. There was no further discussion on this matter.

A motion was made to request the Hall of Fame committee to put up a plaque listing past state convention; location, dates, General Chairman, Caller Chairman, and Cues Chairman. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: By *President Jean Fultz* - The next meeting of the Florida Federation will be Sunday May 25, 1987 at the State Convention in Lakeland, Florida. Meeting place will be arranged by the General Chairman of the Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

Respectfully submitted by: *Ron & Cupie Knowlton*
Secretary