



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, in the hospitality room of the Best Western Tivoli Inn Motel, Bonifay, Florida by President Jean Fultz.

The invocation was given by Mary Richardson.

President Jean Fultz welcomed guests and visitors, George & Bettie Pilcher from Alabama, Marvin & Olena Taylor, 1981 Florida State Convention Chairman, and new delegates, Jim & Pat Peardon, West Coast, and Ed & Lori Pumfrey, Northwest president.

Roll call was taken, with 39 voting members present - the president declared that a quorum was present.

MINUTES for the May meeting - Approved as written.

TREASURERS REPORT - By Nan Habersberger - Checking account balance is \$7,989.38 plus \$3,000.00 in the contingency fund for a total net worth of \$10,989.38. Report was approved subject to audit (See attachment 1.)

CORRESPONDENCE - A letter from the Pensacola Special Steppers, Inc. (The Florida Federation Ambassadors of Square Dancing) thanking the Federation for their generous donation. The letter also included a color snapshot of the Pensacola Special Steppers exhibition group. (We will insert this photo in our scrapbook as part of the Federation history.)

AREA REPORTS

CENTRAL - By Dewey & Donna Hendricks - During Square Dance Month, Central Association did a Celebration in the Park at Winter Park. We had a great showing of Square Dancers, Round Dancers and Clogging groups. It rained and not as many spectators showed up as we would have liked. We had celebrities.

We have been promoting the 1988 Florida State Convention. Howard Wilson has several groups helping to promote in Florida as well as in Georgia.

In November we had our annual picnic and camping weekend at River Forest Campgrounds in Deland. All present had a good time.

The clubs in Central Florida area have started their new classes. We did several demonstrations in our nine county area and the clubs we have heard from have benefited with new class members.

NORTHEAST - By Aaron & Erma Fry - The clubs in the Northeast have been busy this summer:

The Kountry Korner had a dance for the benefit of Muscular Dystrophy. They raised \$300.00. This does not seem like a lot of money, but this is a very small club with many hard workers.

The Red Fez held their annual Christmas in July dance and they raised \$3,400.00 to benefit crippled children.

Our blood bank account has been very active. Several of our dancers or their families have received blood and our donating dancers keep our account around the 100 pint mark.

Classes started in September and we are looking forward to having some real good graduates next spring. In the meantime they will be able to attend several dances planned for them at their level.

Several special dances have been planned in our area this fall including Northeast's Fall Round Up, November 20th and 21st at Sandalwood High School. Tony DiGeorge and Damon Coe will be doing the calling, and George & Mady D'Aloisa will be cuing the rounds. There will be two halls for dancing, one for Mainstream and one for Plus and rounds.

We had our election of officers in September and they will take office December 1st.

NORTHWEST - By Conrad & Belle Bishop - Northwest was pleased and honored to have been selected by our State President, Jean Fultz to host the state meeting during the 13th Annual Roundup. The Roundup was outstanding and the calling by Elmer Sheffield, Jr. and Darryl McMillan; and the cuing by Bob & Kathy Dammert had to be heard to be fully appreciated.

Northwest has been making plans for hosting the 1991 State Convention. Cliff & Jean Allen, and Ron & Cupie Knowlton have been selected to serve as Chairman and Co-chairman respectively. They are setting up their organization and hope to have it completed soon.

A plan to honor club couples who have contributed the most to their clubs during the past year was initiated recently. Participating clubs' nominees were presented awards during the Roundup on Friday night. A committee of past presidents selected the couple who they thought had been most helpful to their square dance program. This couple will be the Northwest "Dancer of the Year". A plaque and a letter of commendation was presented to that couple on Saturday night.

The outgoing and incoming slate of officers were introduced at the dance. The incoming officers are: Ed & Lori Pumphrey - President, Annieta Gilbourn - 1st Vice President, Tom & Jean Hancock - 2nd Vice President, Linda & Mark Kears - Recording Secretary, Belle & Conrad Bishop - Corresponding Secretary, Judy and Skip Platt - Treasurer, Joy Vaccari - Editor for Panhandle Press, Joe Vaccari - Panhandle Press Printer.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION - By Paul & Marie McClain - The Southeast Association continues to conduct a clinic dance as usual, for all members and visitors, on the second Sunday of each month. These have been very well attended.

New association officers were installed at the August clinic. The September clinic was the time for renewing memberships again for another year. There were 25 squares at this dance. All the past presidents of the Southeast Association were honored at the October clinic. They were given special recognition and a small gift in appreciation of their past service.

Ninety-five dancers met to put our association paper, the 4 W's, together. This was done in record time. Over 5,000 papers were put together in 64 minutes. After all this effort, workers squared up for a fun filled evening of dancing.

Our Southeast October Spectacular was held at the Pompano Recreation Center, on October 17th. This dance is held each year during the time that most of the callers are at the callers meeting. Eddie Millan did an excellent job calling for us, as did Laura Kinstlich, who was the round dance cuer. Skits were presented by Worley & Nan Carrier, and friends. There were 20 squares present.

Future plans include a Christmas dinner dance in December and a family picnic in January. Board members are participating in visitations to the clubs in our area to promote the association and what it stands for. We are encouraging registration for the 1988 State Convention.

We are sorry we could not be at the Federation Meeting, but are looking forward to attending the next one.

WEST COAST - By Len & Jean Eaton - We held our Installation of Officers, and Presidents Ball September 27 at Tampa Recreation Center. Our new officers are: Len & Jean Eaton - President, Jim & Pat Peardon - Secretary, Al & Winnie Subatch - Treasurer. We had a lovely dance with Buz Nocera calling, and Frank Tokanos doing the rounds for 20 squares.

October 18 we had a dance at Strawberry Squares, Plant City with Bob Barnes calling & cuing for 36 squares.

Our new Blood Bank account is growing very fast. As of 23 September we had 31 units.

For the first time our Fall Funfest to be held at the Lakeland Civic Center on November 13 & 14 will include a program for mainstream dancers. We are going to have the Blood Mobile present on Saturday from 3:PM to 7:PM and we are hoping for many donors. Also we hope many of you will come and support us.

We now have five clubs with insurance and are expecting several more soon.

The West Coast had 2,702 members as of September 23, 1987. We are putting out 5,000 Square Dance Magazines every month.

We have been asked again this year to put on a demonstration dance at the State Fair Grounds on February 4. We are looking forward to showing many people just how much fun square dancing can be

Thanks to the Federation for your support.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

BOW & SWING - No Report

GRAPEVINE - No Report

4 W's - By Frank Habersberger for Boots & George Oglesby - The Oglesbys could not attend this meeting as Boots had something she must do for her mother at this time.

Boots said all is well with the 4 W's and they are finishing up the Fall Season with the customary Season's Greetings from individual Square Dancers, Callers, Cuers, and Suppliers.

KEPPIN' POSTED - No Report

PANHANDLE PRESS - No Report

WEST COAST DANCER - By Jack Pierson - Magazine has present circulation of approximately 5,250 almost totally delivered by dancers. We only mail about 30 magazines. Thanks to all who helped put the magazine together. The majority of the magazine is on computers - Radio Shack, 2 Commodore, and 1 Apple Computers. Our cover is done by a lady who lives in California.

We have copies of our magazine here for your use if you would like to pick up one. We have submitted guide lines of magazine - this lets you know how to use our magazine.

We invite you to see how we operate - as many as 40 dancers help us.

CONVENTION REPORTS

1987 STATE CONVENTION "Final Report" - By Murl & Sally Herbert - The location at the Lakeland Civic Center continues to be tight, even with the new set up in the Conference Hall. If the complex is again used I recommend the same or similar arrangement in the Conference Hall, with a complete wall being extended for better sound proofing. This could be done with a wood & fabric panel constructed to extend the wall and enclose the entire section.

The sound continues to be a problem; however, I believe we came close to solving the problem. With further refinement of the overhead sound, and proper connection to a monitor speaker on stage, the sound would be easier to control and give the caller, and round dance leader a better feed back of the sound on the dance floor. In spite of the difficulties the dancers were able to dance, as the major problem was too much sound.

The programing of the Conference Hall should take into consideration that it is difficult to round dance in the smaller hall while square dancing is being conducted in the larger hall due to the sound carrying through to the smaller hall. The bottom line solution is to find a better location with adequate hall space. hopefully, Orlando will solve this problem.

The continuous open hall concept for the most part was well received by the dancers. It is recommended that future conventions continue a similar format.

The all-singing call segment also was well received, however it was too long. It is recommended that the all-singing call portion of the program be continued but shortened to half an hour.

(For the Convention Financial Statement see attachment #3.)

1988 CONVENTION REPORT - By Howard & Vivian Wilson - Things are proceeding in a normal fashion, at least compared to '83. Some headaches and some heartaches have developed like showers in a hot and humid Florida summer.

Fall finds us gearing up for a drive to get participation, not only of the dancers, but equally important that of the callers and cuers. Hopefully all Federation delegates, as well as associations leaders from all five areas, will encourage callers and cuers from throughout the state to come to convention and at the same time request all clubs stop scheduling dances in competition with our convention.

One problem we are all going to face in the immediate future is charges for parking at convention sites. They all seem to be getting together to increase their revenue. One advantage could be controlled restricted parking. If centers charge for parking they should be held responsible for vandalism or any related problems. Certainly improved parking lot security should be offered.

Negotiations should be started soon for package deals. Perhaps a single charge per auto for the week-end, or a lump sum for weekend lease of parking included with package for leasing the facilities. We are trying to resolve the problem for the 1988 Convention.

The Frys are to be commended for their interest and efforts for the 1989 event. We are working with them as best we can. Complimentary ribbons for all Federation delegates will be issued at the Working Week-end. "Hope to see you all there!"

We wish to thank the Northwest Association for allowing us to promote the convention this weekend at your Fall Round-up.

Donna Hendricks announced that she has fashion show applications - ten for each association. Association officers please see her and pick them up for those wishing to participate in the fashion show. If you need more let her know.

1989 STATE CONVENTION REPORT - By Aaron & Erma Fry - The Florida Caller's Association (FCA) turned down our first choice for a caller chairman so we submitted another caller's name in August. Having heard nothing from the FCA we have decided to proceed with the caller we have chosen.

The Round Dance cuer we had was unable to continue so we submitted another name and have not heard from the Round Dance Council so we have just decided to go ahead with the ones we have chosen.

We had one general meeting with our committee and have had several meetings with individual committee members.

November 7th we are holding a sewing clinic to help our dancers with their outfits.

Central has been very helpful to us in letting us attend their meetings - Thanks Howard & Vivian.

We and our committee hope to make the 1989 Florida State Convention one of the best and exciting conventions ever.

1990 STATE CONVENTION - By Worley & Nan Carrier - As of now we are still undecided as to where the convention will be held. Lakeland Civic Center is holding open dates in 1990 until after this upcoming convention.

1991 STATE CONVENTION - By Cliff & Jean Allen - We have had an initial meeting with the Northwest Past Chairman for 1986, Frank McCallister, and Betty McCallister, and Joe & Joy Vaccari to hear some of the goods and bads of their experience, suggestions and recommendations.

We will be continuing our planning phase for the next year and be ready to implement our plans at the appropriate times.

1992 STATE CONVENTION - No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - By Frank & Nan Habersberger - Report of the annual Financial Statement by Nan Habersberger (see attachment #2). President Jean Fultz appointed an audit committee to perform the annual audit of the Treasurer's books during the break. Committee members were Conrad Bishop- Chairman; Dewey Hendricks, and Ron VanValkenberg. Conrad reported after break that audit was accomplished with Treasurer Books certified to be in order.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE - By Murl & Sally Herbert - A meeting of the coordinating committee was held in Orlando on October 17th. The callers association was holding a workshop, a regular meeting and the programing of the callers for the 1988 State Convention, and arranged a room for the coordinating committee.

There were only five members present therefore no official action was taken. For the benefit of the 1988 caller Vice Chairman and Round Dance Vice Chairman the final report of the 1987 State Convention was presented and discussed.

Further discussion followed on the role of the coordinating committee, in the formulation and presentation of the state convention. It was agreed by all present that the meeting and discussion was beneficial and the entire committee should meet at the Florida Federation working week-end for further review of the role the coordinating committee should play in the presentation of the State Convention.

A motion was made by Murl Herbert on the expansion of the coordinating committee, which was recommended in the previous coordinating committee report (FFSD Minutes May 24, 1987). The motion, "I move that we expand the coordinating committee to include representatives from all five (5) state convention committees by the addition of the 2nd past convention chairman, Caller Vice Chairman, and Round Dance Vice Chairman as voting members." The motion carried. The Florida Caller's Association, and the Round Dance Council of Florida have already voted in the affirmative on this motion.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - By Norm & Joyce Farrell - The committee consisted of Norm & Joyce Farrell as Chairman; members Joe & Joy Vaccari, and Leo & Mary Richardson. The committee met and put together new proposed changes to the Constitution, By-laws, and

Standing Rules. These changes were mailed to each delegate in April 1987.

Each article of the By-laws and each Standing Rule was read by Norm Farrell, with discussion of the changes, and motions for other minor additional changes made as we moved through the By-laws, and Standing Rules. A motion was made to accept the By-laws as revised at this meeting. The motion carried. A motion was made to accept the Standing rules as revised at this meeting. The motion carried. Copies of the new By-laws and Standing Rules will be mailed to each delegate with these minutes.

Proposed changes to the Constitution were discussed: Article I: Name - change address to read: 201 Fletcher Lane, Plant City, Florida 33566; Article VIII Quorum - Section i.a. - change statement to read: "Those regular and permanent (past president) Delegates in attendance at an officially announced regular or special meeting shall constitute a legal quorum."

After much discussion it was decided that proposed change to Article VIII of the Constitution, being a new proposed change, should not be voted on until our next meeting.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - By Dave & Shirley Nihart - We want to thank each of the association for their nice displays - without them the showcase would not have been such a huge success. A lot of attention was given to the mural again this year. The mural displays the various activities in the state of Florida.

We were very fortunate to have the Florida Showcase set up at the number one spot in the hall. The dancers had to pass our showcase to get to the next hall and we heard many nice comments.

Once again the message board, and the visitor sign-in board was a highlight, with 25 messages left for other dancers, and 213 couples and 73 singles signing our guest roster.

Our stick-on oranges were a big hit and the 1000 were all gone on the first day, but we had many shells left over.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave of their time to man the Showcase; those who helped us set it up and take it down, Frank & Nan Habersberger for their nice display, set up for dancers who wished to sign up to make square dancing the American Folk Dance of the United States. We understand that Frank had many signatures. Also, Howard & Vivian Wilson for furnishing the ferns and logs which added so much to our display. We all had a good time at Houston and trust that those of you who went did also.

We have mailed 7,300 "Where to Dance" brochures to the welcome stations so far this year, and 500 to Chet Vetter for Strawberry Squares. If any association members need any we have plenty. See me after the meeting.

FLORIDA NATIONAL AFTER-PARTY - By Norm & Joyce Farrell - The pros and cons of having a Florida after-party each year at the National Convention were discussed. The main purpose of putting on these after-parties is to promote having the National Convention in our state. At the present we do not have a suitable facility in the state of Florida and we do not intend to bid for a National Convention. A motion was made and carried that we cancel our after-parties at National for a period of at least two years.

BADGES - By Ron & Cupie Knowlton - We were unable to contact the next to lowest bidder. We contacted the lowest bidder by telephone and confirmed the bid, postage fee, and discussed the problem of the green and red paint coming off easily.

After reporting our findings to the executive board we were directed to select the lowest bidder, Grand Square Enterprises of Sebring Florida and commence to order badges.

HALL OF FAME - By Leo Richardson - Nominees for the hall of fame are to be submitted not later than January 1988.

VIDEO TAPE - By Jack Pierson - Jack is taping as many major events as possible. He has quite a lot of footage on the State Convention and is itemizing and putting everything on the main tape. Hopefully we will have a video for the next showcase. All area associations - "If you have video tapes of your special dances that we can use, please contact your delegate".

LEGACY - No Report

USDA - By Frank & Nan Habersberger - The new President of USDA are Jim Peggy Segraves of Huntsville, Alabama. USDA is still growing at a healthy rate and there are now 30 Member Associations and Federations in 28 states, with over 200,000 members.

A new insurance Chairman has been appointed, and they are Howard & Loraine Backus, immediate Past President of USDA. This program has grown tremendously and with the cost of all insurance skyrocketing, the lower cost of the USDA Insurance, which protects both the individual dancers as well as their clubs, Associations, and Federations, has been a great asset to all of these organizations.

USDA is now an affiliate member of Legacy; and also a Patron of the Lloyd Shaw Foundation.

USDA has prepared educational material for the Square Dance Community and it is available upon request.

AMERICAN FOLK DANCE - By Frank & Nan Habersberger - The latest count on the number of co-sponsors nationwide is 100. The initial Sponsor, Leon Panetta of California is satisfied that this is a respectable number for just five months of campaigning. He has also pointed out that unlike a Resolution which requires 218 Co-sponsors, a Bill can go into a Public Hearing with a lesser number.

We are, nevertheless continuing to campaign for as many more as we can get, as the more we have the stronger is our position when the vote is finally taken. We should really have 100% Co-sponsorship for Florida, as the Square Dance had become the Official American Folk Dance of our State last year.

We ask your help in getting the last five uncommitted Florida Representatives. These are: Charles Bennett, Bill McCollum, Sam Gibbons, Dan Mica, and Claude Pepper. We have just sent a second series of Petitions to these representatives to Co-sponsor H.R. 2067.

The Declaration of 1987 which is a social declaration of support by all National and State Chairmen, has been signed by 80% of the Chairmen of the National Organizations - the most recent being

Legacy, the International Service Organization. The signatures of the State Chairmen are coming in in good style. We will use these statements of support at the Public Hearing.

We learned just this past week that the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Census and Population, Mr. Mervyn Dymally, has chosen a date in late June of 1988 for the Public Hearing. He has chosen this date as it would coincide with the American Folklife Festival to be held at that time in Washington, D.C. It is very important that we have a good representation of Square, Round dancers, and cloggers in exhibition groups, to participate at that Festival.

We ask that all Associations and Clubs that have established exhibition groups to please let us know if you can participate at this Festival. We will give you more specific details as soon as we get them.

FFSD INSURANCE ACCOUNT REPORT - By Joe Vaccari - (See Attachment #4)

FLORIDA SERVICE TAX - By Frank & Nan Habersberger - The responsibility as to who should be paying this tax has been clarified by a CPA used by the Florida Federation. The following understanding was arrived at:

(1) The Service Tax is to be paid by the Callers & Round Dance Cuers with both Caller run and membership run clubs. Callers and Cuers are to decide if they wish to pass this 5% Service Tax on in their Calling & Cueing Fees.

(2) Membership run clubs are expected to pay a 5% Sales Tax on guest attendance only. Dancers visiting from other clubs should be asked to sign a guest attendance sheet so that an accurate record of the Sales Tax to be paid can be maintained.

This information is offered at this time as there may be a penalty for non-payment of these taxes. This is a changing situation and when the Florida Taxing Agencies make up their minds as to what they want, we shall pass that decision on to all Florida State Associations.

OLD BUSINESS

President Jean Fultz thanked the Northwest Association and particularly Northwest President Conrad & Belle Bishop for setting up the meeting arrangements, motel accomodations, and refreshments for the meeting. Also thanks to all individual Northwest members who helped set up the after-party.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - By Ken Ford, Chairman (Other members of the nominating committee are Joyce Farrell, and Jack Lascola.) The slate of officers recommended for the year 1987 - 1988 are:

President - Leo & Mary Richardson
Vice President - Rowland & Cupadine Knowlton
Secretary - Frank & Nan Habersberger
Treasurer - Dave & Shirley Nihart
Parliamentarian - Murl & Sally Herbert

November 1, 1987

TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK BALANCE as of May 24, 1987

\$

RECEIPTS:

State Convention
 Insurance
 Southeast Assoc. Dues
 Refund
 Bank Interest: April
 May
 June
 July
 August
 September

\$

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DISBURSEMENTS:

Account # Check #

717	604	ARA Services Refreshments	\$
705	605	Rowland Knowlton, Secretary	
709	606	Norman Farrell, By-Lays	
701	607	Jean Fultz, President	
723	608	S/D Enterprises, Nat'l Convention	
711	609	S/D Enterprises, Contact Brochures	
719	611	Pensacola Special Steppers, Donation	
713	612	U.S.D.A. Dues	
705	613	Panhandle Press. Secretary	
707	614	Nan Habersberger, Treasurer	
725		Bank Service Charges, April	
725		" " " May	
725		" " " June	
725		" " " July	
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725		" " " September	

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets: Checking Account
 Contingency Fund

\$

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Liabilities:

TOTAL WORTH

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Submitted by:

Frank & Nan Habersberger
 Frank & Nan Habersberger,
 Treasurer



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

FFSD INSURANCE ACCOUNT REPORT November 1, 1987

1. Checking Account

Balance - May 23, 1987		\$
Receipts:		
Enrollment Fees	\$	
Interest		
Total Receipts		\$ _____
Disbursements:		
USDA Insurance Fund	\$	
FFSD		
Admin. Expenses		
Total Disbursements		\$ _____
Balance - Nov. 1, 1987		\$ _____

2. 1987 Enrollments

	NW	CEN	NE	SE	WC	FCC	TOT
Assn's	5	1	1	1	1	1	10
Clubs	31	17	18	4	5	2	77
Dancers	1165	1038	864	721	429	275	4492

3. Other Information - 1987

Assn/Club Certificates issued:	87
Additional Insured Certificates Issued	43
Claims	4

4. 1988 Insurance Program - will be identical to the 1987 program - ie. \$ 1.85 per dancer - \$ 1,000,000 general club liability and \$10,000 accident medical coverage. Association insurance chairmen are urged to start enrollments immediately. Packets for 1988 distributed on 1 Nov., 1988.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Vaccari
Insurance Chairman