

FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES JANUARY 16, 1988

The first Meeting of the Working Weekend of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was called to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn, Orlando, by President, Leo Richardson.

The invocation was given by Cupie Knowlton.

President Leo Richardson welcomed guests and visitors: Dick Hulbert President, Florida Callers Association; George & Rita Deschambeau, Callers and Co-Editors of Bow & Swing; Jack Pierson, Co-Editor of West Coast Dancer; Carl & Carol Rod, Caller Chairman, 1988 State Convention. Donna Hendricks introduced Jack & Zonie Taylor and Lou & Muriel Chabot. There was no Representative from the Round Dance Council.

The following new Delegates were introduced and welcomed.

NORTHWEST - Ed & Lori Pumphrey & Anneita Gilbourn
NORTHEAST - George & Nancy Wolfert
SOUTHEAST - Bill & Joanne Wheatley & Bill & Merle Alexander
WEST COAST - Al & Winnie Subatch & Jim & Pat Peardon and
Lou & Dottie Vogel

Roll Call was taken with 61 voting members present. A revised list of active and inactive Permanent Delegates will be compiled for the next Meeting.

MINUTES - A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. The Motion was carried.

TREASURERS REPORT - By Dave & Shirley Nihart, showed a checking account balance of \$8050.11 plus \$3000.00 contingency Fund for a total of \$11,050.11. (See attachment #1).

CORRESPONDENCE - Letters of appreciation were received from Joy Vaccari and Fred & Celeste Crawford. President Mary Richardson wished a speedy recovery for Fred and asked everyone to keep him in their prayers. An invitation was received from Northwest Assoc. to have the fall Meeting in Chipley at their Roundup in October 28 & 29, 1988.

AREA REPORTS

CENTRAL - Reported by Dewey & Donna Hendricks, President

Central's Membership has dropped and hopefully with our new Dance this month we will get some new members and members to renew. We have been working hard to promote the '88 Convention in Orlando. The Committee had a Benefit Dance at the Expo Center to help raise money for the handicap dancers to come to the Convention.

After our dance at the end of this month we will be working on the Annual President's Ball in April at the Travis Recreation Center.

We hope everyone in the different Associations are gearing up to the Convention in May. The Convention Committee has been working hard to promote and make the event a great success. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

NORTHEAST - Reported by George & Nancy Wolfert, President

Our Fall Roundup was held the third weekend in November with Callers Tony DiGeorge and Damon Coe. George D'Aliso cued the Rounds.

Learner's Hoedown was held the first Saturday in December and was well attended by students and angels.

Kountry Korner's held their 4th Annual Christmas Dance to benefit needy children. Callers donated their services. All proceeds went to purchase toys. (Callers: George Wolfert & Ken Perez). Many Clubs held Christmas Parties.

A New Year's Dance was held with 6 Callers and a Round Dance Cuer participating.

Fifth Saturday dance will be held on January 30, with 4 local Callers and a Round Dance Cuer. (Callers: Bobby Keefe, Eddie Millan, Paul Walker & Ernie Rollen. Cuer: Barbara Blackford). Callers and Cuer will be donating their services and all proceeds will go to Northeast.

Our Sophomore Dance will be held on February 20 and the Graduation Dance will be the 5th Saturday in April - sponsored by Northeast and Gateway Callers associations. Our Blood Bank Dance will be held on February 28th.

NORTHWEST - Reported by Ed & Lori Pumphrey, President

The Northwest Area wishes to thank again Jean Fultz and the Florida Federation Officers for having their Meeting in conjunction with our Fall Round Up Dance in October in Chipley.

Reports from the Tallahassee and Panama City areas show a good attendance and donation to the Foundation Fund for the Promotion and preservation of square dancing as administered by Callerlab.

The Tallahassee area Clubs along with visiting dancers from Georgia and Alabama put on Round and square Dance Exhibition tips at the "Worlds Largest Pizza" in Havana before a very large crowd. Donations for Pizza were given to the American Red Cross.

Clubs of the Northwest area have started new classes and the graduation dates should start showing up in May and continue thru August. Round dance classes and clinics have been producing a good number of new dancers to the Round Dance Clubs.

The 1991 State Convention plans are progressing under the leadership of Cliff and Jean Allen and Ron & Rupie Knowlton. Details on who will head various Committees are forthcoming.

The four areas of the Northwest Association, Pensacola, Ft. Walton Beach, Panama City and Tallahassee, each have special dances and clinics coming up in the next few months. This makes it possible for closer connections between clubs and areas and it gives all our square dancers the opportunity to dance to top Callers and Cuers.

SOUTHEAST - Reported by Paul & Marie McClain, President

The Southeast Assoc. conducts a clinic each month, the second Sunday, for Members and guests.

At present we have 411 Paid Members, 13 active Lifetime Members, 22 inactive Lifetime Members and 58 Honorary Members. This is a total of 504 Members in the Southeast Association.

The December Clinic & Christmas Dinner was held at Pompano Rec. Center. The Dinner was catered & the Officers served the Dancers. It worked out very well. 94 Dancers attended. At the Clinic, the Dancers brought toys for the needy children.

January the Picnic was held at Tree Tops Park in Davie. The attendance and weather could have been better. Marcia Stewart was the Caller for the day.

February Clinic will be the Sweetheart Dance with all Ladies getting a Red Carnation. On March 26th we are going on a Mystery Trip.

We hope to have a good group at the State Convention. We are staying at the Days Inn Lee Road. Our After-Party will be Saturday Night.

Some of our Southeast Members are also looking forward to representing our Association and the State of Florida at the National Convention in Anaheim.

WEST COAST - Reported by Len & Jean Eaton, President

On November 29, 1987 we had a Membership Dance at Inverness which was attended by 17 squares.

On December 13, 1987 we had a Membership Dance at Colony Cove in Ellenton with 20 Squares.

January 10, 1988 we had a Membership Dance at Ft. Myers. We had 27 Squares although the weather was not very cooperative.

On February 4, 1988 we will be putting on a demonstration of square dancing at the Tampa State Fair Grounds. We hope to attract many new people to square dancing.

Our Insurance program is going well. All Clubs renewed for this year, and several others are signing up.

We plan to revamp our committee for continuous improvement of our Fall Fun Fest.

Both of our Blood Banks are doing very well. Our newest one in Lakeland, now has 59 units. Strawberry Squares donated 26 pints and plans to have another visit by the blood mobile on February 22nd.

We have approximately 45 Members meeting on the third Wednesday every month to collate our West Coast Dancer Magazine.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

Bow & Swing - Reported by Rita Deschambeau

The good news is that the advertisers in the Magazine will no longer have to pay Sales tax as of January 1, 1988. The bad news is that subscriptions are still taxable and the rate goes up to 6% on February 1st. A year's subscription will be \$6.50 plus 39 cents tax for a total of \$6.89. We hope the local publications will take note of this and change the Ads they carry for us. Some subscriptions are still coming in with payments of only \$5.50 or \$6.50. Because we are on a tight budget, we first deduct the sales tax from these amounts, and pro-rate the balance for a number of months less than one year.

You may not be aware that Bow & Swing receives no subsidy of any

kind, and operate strictly from monies received from advertisers and subscriptions. Subscription Dances coming up are in Longwood in February, Gainesville & Pompano Beach in March, and at the Ox Bow in Pinellas Park in early April. We hope you will help promote them. After all its YOUR State Magazine.

As time will allow, we plan to go through our Archives and will assemble 2 complete sets of Bow & Swing for the Federation, and one set for the Round Dance Council.

Grapevine - No Report

Panhandle Press - No Report

West Coast Dancer - Reported by Jack Pierson

We print 5000 plus magazines. We have 3 Computers helping to Publish this Magazine. The following three couples do the Directories with their Computers as shown:

Gerald & Dolores Ault	Amigo Computer
Carl & Hazel Smith	Commodore Computer
Jack & Marie Pierson	RADio Shack Computer

We have 3 Editors for West Coast to better service our people.

Cris & Trudy Nissen
Al & Winnie Subatch
Jack & Marie Pierson

We meet every 4th Wednesday at North Blvd Rec. Center, Tampa with approximately 33 people from all over our area to help put the Magazine together and distribute the books. I have left Magazines on the table and Guidelines as to how you can use our Magazine.

Keepin' Posted - Reported by Mary Richardson

Our December issue was delayed and reached our Members around the first of the year.

We wish to thank the Hendricks, Hamels and Pooles for their assistance. A night of typing, cutting and pasting was held at our home in mid-December to prepare for printing. A second night at the Hamels was held to colate and prepare the publication for mailing.

It is hoped that in the future similar work groups can be held to avoid all the work being placed on just a few people.

4W - Report from Boots & George Oglesby, read by Frank Habersberger

We regret we cannot attend the January Meeting due to family illness.

We still distribute 5,000 copies of the 4W every quarter. We express our thanks to the several Southeast area Clubs that volunteer a Club Dance night, and their Dancers for putting together the 4W and for helping distribute them to all area Clubs.

We asked that the Flyer-Registration forms for the 1988 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention be made to fit the size of the 4W. If the wrong size was made, we recommend that they be given to Southeast Association for distribution at all regular monthly Assoc. Dances. The President, Paul McClain has offered to handle this distribution.

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS -

1988 Convention Report - Presented by Howard & Vivian Wilson

The 1988 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention has only four months before its baptism of fire, then the Fry's '89 version can start cooking!

The Mainstream Hall will have continuous dancing during the Convention. Plus; A-1; A-2; Handicapable and Round Dancing will have Open Halls. There will be Contra Dancing and Exhibition. Since the Cloggers will be having their own Convention in Tampa on the same weekend there will be no clogging but we will try to have some Clogging Demonstrations.

We are planning Entertainment Programs including the Awards and Fashion Show. We anticipate a full interesting program on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the Bob Carr Auditorium which will seat 2500. We also expect to have some Panel Discussions on relative topics, as well as a Sewing Clinic in Expo Centre. All Federation, Caller and Cues Meetings will be at Expo Centre.

There will be a Live Band--The Fontana Ramblers--on Saturday evening. Rooms #200 and #300 will be joined for Saturday night only so we can have the Grand March and Official Welcome before the dancing program starts. There will be a Big After-Party in the Grand Ballroom of the Harley Hotel after Expo Centre closes at 11:00 P.M. on Saturday. All are invited and the Live Band will be there. This Ballroom can handle 800 to 1000 dancers.

We are hoping for a Good Convention in '88 with the emphasis on FUN and FRIENDSHIP.

If you all help us Promote for the next 3 months we should have enough dancers to fill the Halls. There is No Charge for parking unless you use the Highrise Parking Garage.

Best Wishes to all for a Happy--Healthy--Wealthy--1988!

From the Entire '88 Convention Committee.

1989 Convention Report - Presented by Aaron & Erma Fry

The Committee for the 36th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, to be held at the Orlando Expo Center on Memorial Day weekend in 1989 has been busy.

We came to Orlando to tour the Bob Carr Auditorium with our kick-off Chairman.

Our people are getting busy making their Convention outfits. We are visiting the Square Dance Classes trying to inspire the students who will be graduates by the time of the '88 Convention to attend this event.

We are working on badges, tickets, and getting our Registration blanks printed.

We have met with the people at the Expo Center trying to finalize our plans with them.

Our Committee spots are being filled.

We feel we are about where we should be at this point in time.

1990 Convention Report - No Report at this time

1991 Convention Report - Presented by Cliff & Jean Allen

Activities have been limited to advanced planning, getting organized and identifying volunteers to assist in carrying out the Committee functions for Convention '91.

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA - Presented by Frank & Nan Habersberger

Approval was obtained for Incorporation as a non-profit Organization in the State of California, with Tax exempt status following. Officers and Members of USDA attending USDA Meetings in 1988 will be able to deduct expenses related to those Meetings on their Federal Income Tax. The next USDA Meeting will be next weekend in Atlanta, Georgia.

NATIONAL FOLK DANCE CAMPAIGN - Presented by Frank & Nan Habersberger, Chairman

Our Committee reports just 103 Cosponsors at this time and we need a lot more to show a good support base before we attend the Hearing. Our strength for the first time in 23 years of Campaigning lies in the support base of the 232,000 Dancer Members of USDA. All four Regional Vice Presidents of USDA are now directly involved and are contacting the Presidents of all major Square Dance Organizations in the 50 states, urging them to get their Dancers to write their Congressmen to Cosponsor the Bill, H.R. 2067. The current listing of Cosponsors will be distributed to avoid duplication of effort.

The opposition is well organized and is composed of Officers of 16 Folk Dance Institutes located in and around Washington, D.C. and Officers of 22 State run Cultural affairs Bureaus. These people are Public Employees, or are employees of Institutes that are receiving Government Grants or Appropriations from Congress. To offset this type of opposition, we are engaged in a special effort with Frank & Helen Cavanaugh, Legacy Chairman for the "States" Campaign in which we are asking for a statement of support from the Secretary of State of the seven states that have designated the Square Dance and its five related Cultural Dance forms as the American Folk Dance of their States.

The date selected for the Hearing in Washington, D.C. is June 28, 1988 and was chosen by the Subcommittee Chairman, Rep. Mervyn Dymally of California to coincide with the dates for the American Folklife Festival, June 28, 29 & 30th. We have written to the Chairman of each event and asked for full details.

Florida has provided the largest number of Cosponsors, with California campaigning hard and running a close second. We thank everybody for their continuing support in this Campaign.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Presented by Murl & Sally Herbert

The Coordinating Committee Report is basically the same as the last Secretary's Report except for a Committee headed by Murl Herbert for drawing up and expanding duties of the Coordinating Committee. The Subcommittee will be composed of 6 Members of the Coordinating Committee to draft up a more viable purpose for the Coordinating Committee. The Committee is composed of: Herberts, Wilsons, Steeles,

Rods, Dubois' and Jenkins.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3575.56 with an interest income of \$123.56 since May. Also there is a question about Lakeland Civic Center as to their having \$500.00 which they claim they never had, so the Committee felt that an Audit may be needed as nothing can be found in any records that we have about it.

Discussion was also held on picking a Caller coordinator, and a Round Dance coordinator and submitting the names to the corresponding Organizations and ask for a 30 day limit on their acceptance or rejection of said persons after their general Meetings.

HALL OF FAME - Presented by George Deschambeau

There are no Candidates at present, but the Committee expects one shortly, and will then vote on acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

Space is allocated at Strawberry Square for a Plaque on which all past State Convention Chairmen are to be listed. It will show the General Chairman and Caller and R/D Cuer Chairmen. Chet Vetter has prepared a list, but it shows no Caller or Cuer Chairmen for the earlier Conventions. Bow & Swing Archives are being investigated for some of this information and all Members are asked to reach into their memories to help fill in the gaps in this list. They are to pass this information on to George.

VIDEO TAPE - Presented by Chet Vetter

The plan is for a 20 minute Video Tape made up from tapes that are contributed by all Associations. If the consolidated tape was done professionally, it would cost between \$1500.00 and \$2000.00, however no budget was asked for at present as everything is being done now by volunteers. Those with Video Tapes are asked to get them in by the end of January.

There is no electricity available at Anaheim, so the Video cannot be shown there unless there is a battery operated TV. The Tape could also be used for Schools and Clubs.

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION - Presented by Norman Farrell

This Committee is Chaired by Norman & Joyce Farrell, with the Committee Members being: Joe & Joy Vaccari & Leo & Mary Richardson.

Motions were made to change Articles I and VIII of the Constitution. The Motions carried. Norman recommended that the revisions be shown on corrected copies of the Constitution.

A Motion was made to eliminate that section in the Delegates Handbook relating to duties, as this was a duplication of the same subject already covered in the Standing Rules. It was carried.

CONTACT BROCHURES - Presented by Murl Herbert

The Brochures have been sent to the Welcome stations. Delegates are asked to take some to their Clubs and give to Visitors. Each Association is asked to update their listing. Two Associations, Northeast & West Coast have responded. March 1st is the deadline.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Knowlton inquired about a letter that was sent to the Commissioner of Education, Co-signed by the then President of the Florida Federation, Jean Fultz and the President of the Florida Callers' Association, George Deschambeau, requesting that Square Dancing be taught in the Schools. As no reply was received, further investigation will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

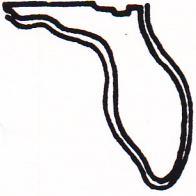
Joe Vaccari reported on the following Nation-wide Project. A National effort is underway to identify Archives, Halls of Fame Museums, Historical Records, concerning the Square Dance Activity. It is jointly sponsored by the Lloyd Shaw Foundation, United Square Dancers of America, and the Country Song & Dance Society, and functions as the National Dance Archives Coordinating Committee. USDA will be asked to sponsor a Survey. As a first step, Gordon Goss will list these Archives, etc., in the National S/D Directory. The National Dance Archives Coordinating Committee is recognized by the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress as the Archives Resource Center for all data concerning the History of the Square and Round Dance and related Cultural Dance forms. Joe expressed the hope that the Florida Federation and its five Member Associations will take part in this Survey because of its own strong interest in Archives and the Hall of Fame.

Muriel Chabot stated a possible reason for the decline in the numbers of Square dancers in the last few years. She expressed the feeling that at Exhibitions, some simple explanations of Calls to the non-dancers before the Square Dancing takes place, would make it less confusing to them and turn it into something they could cope with. She pointed out that some Callers do this, but many do not, and she recommends that some simple guidelines would be helpful, and could some action be taken on this. Dick Hulbert, President of the Florida Callers Association agrees and he and President Leo & Mary Richardson will get together and give a report on progress at a future date.

The President, Leo & Mary Richardson stated they wish to visit each Association Special Dance. They ask each Association President to notify them of the Date and Location of their Special Dances, well in advance, so they can plan their visit. This information will also help them to schedule the Fall Federation Meeting on a date and location that will not conflict with any major association Special Dance.

Assignments to the various working Committees were resolved, with alternates being assigned in place of absent Committee Members. The Coordinating Committee and the Convention Committee were combined. All Committees will meet in their assigned rooms at 1:00 P.M.

The Meeting ended at 12:10 P.M. with instructions from President Leo Richardson to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 17, 1988.



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January 15, 1988

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of November 1, 1987 \$7,989.38

RECEIPTS:

Association Dues	\$ 150.00	
Northeast, Northwest, Central		
Interest for October	31.11	181.11
		\$8,170.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

Account #	Check #			
717	615	Belle Bishop, Refreshments	\$ 20.56	
709	616	Shirley Nihart, Parliamentarian	41.98	
705	617	Ron Knowlton, Secretary	23.69	
703	618	Mary Richardson, Vice President	28.34	
705	619	Nan Habersberger, Secretary	5.75	120.32
				\$8,050.17

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets:	Checking Account	\$8,050.17
	Contingency Fund	3,000.00
		\$11,050.17
Liabilities:		.00
	Total Worth	\$11,050.17

Submitted by:

Dave & Shirley Nihart

Dave & Shirley Nihart
Treasurer



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE REPORT January 15, 1988

1. Checking Account

Balance - November 1, 1987 \$

Receipts

Northwest \$
Northeast
Central
West Coast
Southeast
FCC
Interest

Total Receipts \$-----

Total Assets \$

Disbursements

USDA Insurance Fund \$
Printing/Reproduction
Office Supplies
Postage
Telephone

Total Disbursements \$-----

Ending Balance - January 15, 1988 \$

2. Enrollments to Date

<u>Ass'n</u>	<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Dancers</u>
Northwest	31	1024
Northeast	5	220
Central	10	867
West Coast	6	526
Southeast	5	878
FCC	0	0
Totals	57	3515

3. Other Information

a. Requests for additional insured received - 1988 to date: 25

b. 1987 Claims: (3 paid, 1 withdrawn, 1 pending): 5

c. Insurance is available at a nominal fee for clubs when traveling as a club function to a dance with another club. The rate will be different for different areas and must be calculated by location. Interested clubs should complete the 'Non Owned, Hired Vehicle Data Sheet' that has been provided to each Association Chairman. Forms should be returned to me for processing.

d. My sincere thanks to the Association Insurance Chairmen for their great work in making our insurance program a success.

Joe Vaccari
FFSD Insurance Chairman