

FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES, SUNDAY NOV 4, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M. in the meeting room of the Days Inn at 6651 Darter Court, Ft. Pierce, Fl.

The invocation was given by Nan Habersberger.

The roll call was taken with 49 voting Delegates and Alternates present. The President declared a quorum was present.

President Habersberger welcomed guests and visitors. Those introduced were; Fran and Gene Miret from Fort St. Lucie, new delegates and Paul Walker editor of the Grapevine. Also recognized was Loren Long of the National Executive Committee.

President Habersberger gave a special vote of thanks to the Sandy Shoe Steppers for a very nice evening of dancing and a thanks to the Southeast Association for the Sunday refreshments.

MINUTES: Motion made and seconded for approval of the minutes as published. Donna Hendricks noted that the minutes did not include the Treasurers report. The Secretary indicated they would be with the next set of minutes. (see the enclosed May 27 report)

TREASURERS REPORT: by Dewey and Donna Hendricks -showing a balance in the checking account of \$6,411.65, \$3,000.00 in the contingency fund and \$5,644.10 in the first union C.D. for a net worth of \$15,055.75. Motion to approve the treasurer report as read and file for audit was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary read parts of two Cards. Mae Ford thanked the Federation for their expression of sympathy and the beautiful plant. Ron Knowlton thanked the Federation for the floral arrangement, cards, phone calls and prayers during his surgery and recovery which he reports is coming along very well.

AREA REPORTS

CENTRAL: by Howard Wilson for Chuck and Annabell Johnson

Since taking office in July, the Executive Board has had only one meeting. However it was a very productive meeting. At that time all offices were filled, except for an area representative from Seminole County. As in the past, several of our areas have two representatives.

One of the goals of the CFA is to involve more people in square dancing. Since many of our friends are round dancers only, it behoves each of us to put our best foot forward and include them in our square dancing activities.

On Sept. 15, 1990, a benefit dance was held at the DeBary Community Center, with the proceeds going to the Habitat for Humanity program. This program helps provide homes for the needy. The committee, callers, cuers, and all who attended deserve big thanks for their part in this worthy program.

We are happy to report that all of the Ken and Barbie dolls have been returned to their home clubs.

The 1993 Convention committee is making great progress in their plans for the State Convention in Lakeland.

Vice President Howard Wilson has made arrangements with the Ramada Inn on I-4 in Lakeland for room reservations for Central Florida dancers at the 1991 State Convention.

Keepin Posted Editors Lou and Muriel Chabot continue to provide Central Florida area with a fine publication.

Central Florida area mourns the loss of caller George Deschambeau, who passed away on Aug. 14, 1990. George was well known and liked as a caller and teacher and previous Editor of Bow and Swing.

Central Florida Area will also miss the calling of Oscar Erwin. Oscar has retired, calling his last dance for the Starlight Promenaders on September 26, 1990. They will both be missed.

Central Florida looks forward to the new year with more special dances and activities.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION: by Don and Bonnye Bell

We are so proud of our Association and how it has come to answer the call when we ask for their cooperation! In January we had 23 clubs belonging to the association with 10 to 12 clubs attending meetings. At our September meeting we had 28 clubs belonging to the association and 23 clubs attending. Isn't that great! The Federation lit a spark with the showcase of ideas for the National Convention. Bonnye and the board got the fire going and you have seen the results. It's been a great year for Bonnye and me to see the association come together and communicate with each other. The board's idea for banner stealing with the most dancers from each club at our 5th Saturday Dances has been quite successful. We used to have 10 to 12 Squares at a dance. At our September 5th Saturday Dance we had 30 squares. Like old times!

We are hoping for a big crowd for our Fall Festival. I extend to you an invitation to come and join us. We are going to honor one of our outstanding dance couples. We also are having a honor guard of 3 Navy Retired Chiefs who belong to the square dance community. On behalf of the NEFSARDA we want to introduce our president elect, Hollis and Mary Fowler. We wish them well in the up coming year.

We also wish to thank everyone for their support this past year, and we hope to see you in a square!

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION: by Cliff and Jean Allen for Tom and Jean Hancock, Presidents

This past summer was a busy time and a sad time. The busy times were the many things happening to get ready for the State Convention and the sad time was the death of a two time president, Ed Pumphery. We also had a scare with the serious operation of Ron Knowlton who you know through his various offices in the Fla. Federation. But more on the preparatiion for the convention. Betty Williams had a great idea to raise money for our traveling couples to advertise the State Convention. She organized a cook book camaign. The profits will be used for a good cause.

We also received the 1991 insurance package from Randy and Carol Poole and had it ready for our Fall Round-up last week.

Highlights of our Fall Round-up was the installation of the 1991 officers and selection of the Dancing Couple of the year based on the contribution to square dancing during the year and selected couple was Cliff and Jean Allen.

SOUTHEAST: by Worley & Nan Carrier-- President

The Southeast Florida Square & Round Dance Association held their August 12 Clinic Dance at Greenacres Rec. Center. Frank and Nan Habersberger installed the new officers. Serving on the Executive Board of 1990 will be:

President- Worley & Nan Carrier
Vice Pres.- Bill & Merle Alexander
Treasurer- Bob & Ann Sorenson
Secretary- Ray & Darlene Slack
Registration- Fran & Gene Miret

Sept. 9, we held our renewal dance at Holy Name Church in West Palm Beach. Our Past Presidents Ball was held on Oct. 14, in Hollywood. We had 8 Past Presidents present & presented them with a small gift.

Then on Oct. 20 we had our annual S. O. S. Dance, held at Holy Name Church in West Palm Beach. We enjoyed the calling by Big John K. from Penn. Cueing was done by Laura Kinstlich of Southeast. Everyone had a greattime.

We have two more dances planned for this year- one being our Christmas Cookie Dance in December.

Southeast is working hard on promotion of new members.

Southeast lost a great friend & caller, Jack Lasry. He will be missed by all.

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION: by Al and Winnie Subatch, President

Our new officers took office on Oct. 1, 1990. They are: President, Al and Winnie Subatch; Vice President, Al and Mary Boltze; Secretary, Dick and Betty Stevens; Treasurer, Howard and Sally Hayes.

The annual V.I.P. Dance, honoring all our area Vice Presidents from the 16 counties, was held in August at Strawberry Square in Plant City. We had a great turnout of dancers to help honor these hard workers.

November 9th and 10th are the dates for this year's Fall Fun Fest to be held in Lakeland. General Chairman Al & Mary Boltze have done a great job organizing this dance with their committee. Callers will be Dick Bayer and John Saunders. Cuers Marty Martin and Jimmy & Carol Griffin will provide the Rounds.

Our October membership dance in Port Richey was attended by 27 Squares. Bob Barnes called and cued a super dance.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

GRAPEVINE: by Paul and Nita Walker, Editors

The GRAPEVINE is published on even months and dancers subscribe to the GRAPEVINE at a cost of \$6.45 per year.

Subscriptions have grown from 264 in October of 1989 to 376. GRAPEVINE provides articles of interest on local events, and supports the State and National Conventions.

Standard advertising rates are offered to Northeast Association members and quotes for advertising rates are provided to non-association advertisers.

Our goal is to enhance Square and Round Dancing efforts in the Northeast Florida area.

4 W's: by Boots Oglesby, editor

We are ending our 25th year. Thanks to the Southeast Association they made it perfect. We are still printing 5000 copies.

Although this is not a part of this report, this is the last time to buy the advance ribbons for Cincinnati which are \$16.

KEEPIN' POSTED: by Muriel and Lou Chabot, Editors

The past issue of KEEPIN' POSTED, Sept/Oct/Nov, was our biggest to date-- 44 pages plus 3 inserts. In addition to the regular articles and features supplied by the Central Florida Association's members, it contained information that the Florida Federation supplied on --Tips and Guidelines for Class Angels, Florida Federation Dancers Survey and the Directions for making the Florida State Outfit. Also, there were articles from the USDA NEWS regarding the Single Dancer, Dancing Not Being Cheap and the USDA Master Card.

We can still report (as we reported to you last may) that KEEPIN' POSTED is holding its own by the use of advertising. We are at about a break-even point so far this year, but the December issue promises to be well on the plus side of the ledger. For that issue, in order to increase revenue, we have been soliciting Holiday Greetings in the form of \$5 & \$10 cards and a Holiday Greeting Page at \$1 per signature. We have taken in about \$350 for Holiday Greetings -- a terrific response by Central Florida Association members.

KEEPIN' POSTED is published four times a year, the 1st of March, May, September and December. We budget the printing of 900 copies for the May issue and 550 copies for each of the others.

We have several extra copies of the last two issues for those who are interested.

WEST COAST DANCER: by Winnie Subatch for Jack Pierson, Editor

We are still printing over 5000 copies of the magazine. Our computers have printed out lists of members by county which have been given to our officers and to our county V. P.'s. This will make it easier for them to contact anyone as well as assist in this year's telephone drive for membership renewals.

We thank all our dancemblers, reporters and staff for their efforts in putting the magazine together.

CONVENTION REPORTS

1990 STATE CONVENTION: by Worley and Nan Carrier

Before I start my report, which is going to be very short, I wish to present to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers a plack for a job well done at the National Convention on the show case of idea's. This is from the General Chairman of the National Convention and is for the work of all the dancers in the State of Florida.

I am not going to read all of the report as it will be in the minutes,

I am going to give you the bottom figure that each group earned.

Southeast Square and Round Dance Assn.	\$3362.91
Florida Callers Association	3112.90
Florida Round Dance Council	3112.91
Leo Richarson- Florida Hall of Fame	<u>750.00</u>
	<u>\$10338.72</u>
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	3112.91

At this time I would like to talk a little bit about the convention and the Chairman that puts the convention on. When you go to the Fla. Hall of Fame at Strawberry Square you see all the Presidents of the Callers Assn., the Round Dance Council and the Fla. Federation of Square Dancers but nowhere do you see the Chairman of the State Conventions. The Chairman of the convention spends five years of hard work. For a small picture of the Chairman with their name on it, in there outfit, I see no reason we can't have this displayed at Strawberry Square, not as a member of the Hall of Fame, but to recognize their efforts as a Convention Chairman. I wish to make a motion to that effect.

The President asked Leo Richarson to Respond.

Leo R.--Something is now being worked in that respect, but the end result is not known.

Lou Vogel-- This had been brought up at the coordinating committee and had been refered to the Federation a few years ago and a motion was made and approved at that time.

Chet Vetter-- 4 1/2 years ago the Federation approached the Hall of Fame Committee on this subject. The plans were drawn up nad passed on and nothing further was heard. Someone has this information. This was not to be funded by the Hall of Fame.

Secretaries Note--The above motion was not seconded, and therefore no vote was taken.

1991 STATE CONVENTION: by Cliff and Jean Allen, Chairman

We have been busy promoting the 1991 Convention and everything is going very well. We had a meeting with all the Chairman at our Northwest Round-up in Chipley and all aspects seem to be progressing well and somewhat under control.

Two squares of N. W. dancers attended the Georgia State Convention in September and were well received by the dancers and callers. They gave us a table for our Scoot N Run display and we were in the Grand Parade with our Banner. We are also establishing an interchange with the Alabama dancers and we are hopefull they will join us in May. One square attended the Central Florida Dance in Leesburg on October 3rd. Some of our advanced dancers attended an advanced dance in Jacksonville on Oct. 10th.. N. W. dancers also attended dances in Ocala and Leesburg on Oct. 20th and 22nd in conjunction with the Fla. State Callers meeting and programming for the convention. Last week was the North West Round-up at Chipley. We put on our Scoot N Run 91

kick off Black Lite Demo for the N. W. Dancers which was well received. Next week we plan on being at the West Coast Fun Fest in Lakeland and the following week we will have dancers at the Northeast Dance in Jacksonville and the Southeast Dance here in Ft. Pierce. Needless to say, the scenery on I-10, I-75 and the Turnpike is becoming a familiar site during our 1000 mile round trip journey's to the real Florida.

The Florida Callers Association and Ben Williams, our Caller Chairman got the callers programmed after their FCA meeting in Ocala a couple of weeks ago. We have 84 callers participating in the Convention. The programming turned out to be about a 6 hour ordeal. We gave all the callers their convention ribbons at the FCA meeting with the promise that they would wear them once in a while and help us advertise.

Kit Waldorf, our Round Dance Chairman plans to program the cuers in January/February time period.

The dancing schedule at the 91 Convention will be very similar to the 1990 Convention. The only major change will be that the plus dancing will be in the Arena and the Mainstream in the East Hall of the Convention Center. There will be a full Challenge Dance schedule on Saturday and Sunday. We will also continue the Basic Dancing that the 90 Convention initiated last year. We ask your help in getting the word to the new and graduating dancers. We are looking forward to another fun time Convention next may 91. Complimentary ribbons will be given to the Federation in January.

1992 STATE CONVENTION: by Lou and Dottie Vogel, Chairman

The committees are all working on their jobs. The main concern right now is the kick-off on May 26th 1991. We have a group headed by Ken & Sandy Brasfield on Kick-off. They have a large group of dancers working with them and their enthusiasm is infectious. The Kick-off is shaping up to be something unusual, so all should attend. This group is really stirring excitement up. Many of the woman have dresses all made.

All committees are set and in motion. We are temporarily on hold until after the holidays. Then we will be going full swing.

The following is not a part of my report but I was asked to read it to you.

"To Whom It Might Concern:

This is not a request for payment only for the information of the State Convention Personnel. At our State Convention last May we had a booth in the hall where the Plus and Advanced dancing was. Our booth was to display our flyers on the cruise we offer and we took with us a Emerson 18" color tv with a built in VCR so that we could show travel films. On Saturday night my wife was the last to leave the building and put the TV below the table with the security guard there and watching. On Sunday we returned to find the TV missing. We informed the guards at that time and they made a report. Because of the time frame it had to be taken by their clean-up people or their guards.

I was informed they would look into this and get back to me. No word in June, no word in July or August. Upon my return in Sept. I again contacted them for the 6th time. Finally they sent me a letter the last of September stating that the group renting the facility was responsible for any loss that might occur during their rental period. I thought that perhaps the convention committee should be aware of this.

My home owners insurance would not cover it because I have a \$500.00 deductible. The units cost was \$479.95. My only thought is if we had a big loss from a vendor, what would be the position of the State Convention as to liability?

I believe it is something we need to address so that we don't get caught without some idea of what to do or who is liable.

Thank you for your time. Bob Barnes"

Pres. Habersberger commented that this should be referred to the working week-end.

1993 STATE CONVENTION: by Leo and Mary Richardson, Chairman

Since last report the contract has been signed sealed and delivered for Lakeland Civic Center in "93".

The convention dress design is no longer up in the air, it has been brought into place. In other words it has been agreed on and is now finalized. Material has been ordered and will be ready for distribution after the first of the year.

A logo was decided upon with some modifications to be voted on at the next meeting.

The "Kick-Off" committee is well into making their plans for a "SPECTACULAR EVENT".

Some committee chairman are needed to round out the slate.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 1, in Ormond Beach, Fl.

1994 STATE CONVENTION: by Dave and Shirley Nihart, Chairman

Plans have been started for the 1994 state convention. We feel that we are moving in the right direction with the following accomplished so far:

The convention will be held in Lakeland.

We have a co-chairman, kick-off chairman, vendor chairman, treasurer and fashion show coordinator. Also someone to take care of the housing arrangements, singles and grand march.

Our caller coordinator has been chosen pending approval of the Florida Callers Association. Names will be announced later.

Right now we are working on a slogan which is proving to be a tough job, trying to rhyme something with 1994. Hope that we can come up with something interesting.

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE REPORT: by Loren and Florence Long, Member
National Square Dance Convention
Executive Committee

MEMPHIS--The final attendance was roughly 23,800. The Florida show case was outstanding and there were many complimentary comments and the Florida Federation should be complimented for this display.

SALT LAKE CITY--As of 10-17-90 there were 7850 registered for the Convention. Wed. night before the convention there will be a POPS concert by the Mormon Choir. The camping will be at the Fairgrounds. There are a few registration forms on the back table.

Now I am ready to get into what I am primarily here for and that is to review packets that we have from Jacksonville, Tampa, and Orlando.

JACKSONVILLE--This one was handed to me this morning. I have reviewed it and need to find out how much floor space there is in the 16,000 seat coliseum. There must be at least 50,000 square feet and with the other space that would be 150,000 sq. ft. which is not sufficient dancing space and this would require a split convention and this is a kind of negative as far as our committee is concerned.

TAMPA--Tampa sent me this presentation of their facilities, (Loren held up a binder which was a total recap of the facilities in a binder with his name on it), and this convention would also have to be split up. How far is the University of Tampa from the Convention center? Chet V. indicated it was about a half mile. Loren displayed a copy of the convention center floor plan showing approximately 236,000 sq. ft., and part of which may be carpeted. This leaves Tampa with a minimum of facilities as far as I am concerned.

Orlando--This is the Orlando Orange County Facility. I will hold up this Hall Floor plan. They have four Halls, one additional hall which can be divided into five halls. I was in there on Sunday and there was other activities in there so I couldn't get into all the rooms but those that I was in were concrete. The rest is carpeted. In these rooms there is 340,700 sq. ft. so you will have plenty of space. There should have plenty of motels. The cost is another thing. Normally you can negotiate the cost. We are dealing with Orange county and we may have a problem in getting the price knocked down. It seems like facilities that do not belong to the city are a lot harder to get any cooperation out of. The price that I come with including one move in day and one move out day (which cost \$4,000. and is normally free) is \$76,200. A lot of the cities that we deal with, will give us the facilities for free. So if you want to put on a National, select a committee and one thing they will have to work on is to get the price down as I am sure our committee will not approve a bid with that kind of price tag on it. If you do want to make a bid select 2 or 3 couples and let Harry Moore know and he will contact me and we will go over and talk to these people. The best thing is go to the convention bureau first and see if they have any pull. Thats the only possibility that I see. I know you people will want to work on this in January at

your working week-end. I cannot commit myself to be there in January as January is a terrible month for me. If you want to bid it will require two visits from two members of the NEC at a cost to you of 22 1/2 cents per mile. If you are awarded the convention the NEC will cover the ensuing trip expense. I am not sure which year you want to bid on, 1996 or 1997, but you want to check where the preceding convention is held as the committee will not likely put another convention in the same area as the prior year. With Birmingham bidding you may want to wait until the next convention is awarded, as the committee will not award two conventions down here in the S. E. one year following the other. Also if you are going to bid, and select a Chairman consider the age as the NEC expects fifteen years service from the Chairman. Also you need to select someone who has the time. Also you need to select a Chairman from the area of the Convention site. If the Chairman is not from that area then the Co-Chairman must be. They must be available to the convention site to take care of business. Any questions?

Worley C. -- You mentioned \$76,000 was more that the committee would accept. What figure do you think they would accept?

Loren L. -- I don't have a figure in mind but any figure under \$50,000 they would consider.

Frank H. -- What guidelines would you give the federation between now and the working week-end to help us to determine if we should go ahead.

Loren L. -- What you need to do is to decide if you want to make a bid. Have a committee get with Harry Moore and myself and check these facilities out and see if we could work on the price.

Murl H. -- Loren what is an approximate figure for the cost of preparing a bid.

Loren L.-- The convention bureau will prepare the bid. The cost to you is minimal.

Murl L.-- During your visit to Orlando did the county give any indication they would be willing to prepare such a bid.

Loren L.-- I did not talk to anyone I just toured the facility on my own and got the cost factors.

Howard Hayes -- Howard sited a case of a local chapter of a business association using the facility and the county reneged on a prior commitment regarding the facility and it cost the local chapter \$20,000. You have to be very carefull in working with them.

Loren L. -- That is what I say, it is real hard to work with a county run facility.

Pres. Frank H. -- We cannot do anything at this meeting and the entire matter should be referred to the working week-end.

Pres. Frank H.-- The audit committee will be chaired by Don Bell and Bill Wheatley will join him on that committee.

CONTACT BROCHURES: by Cliff Allen, Parliamentarian

The Square-Up Brochure was updated in October 1990 and 16,000 copies printed, and distributed to:

9000-- to welcome stations

5000-- 1000 to each Association President

1000-- to the incoming Parliamentarian

The updated Brochure includes:

A reformatted listing with the Association Presidents shown at the top of each Association area.

A new map on the back with the new boundaries.

A re-write of the verbage.

Brochure now in the Florida Dress Colors.

Cover pretty much same as old Brochure.

Recommendation:

1. Brochure be published in September/October time period each year for three reasons;

a. Most of the Associations change officers in the fall--the beginning of a new Square dance year.

b. The fall is the beginning of a new tourist season--snowbirds begin migrating south.

c. A more accurate brochure will be available to visitors.

2. Each Association President up-date their contact list and provide to Parliamentarian at the State Convention meeting in May.

3. Parliamentarians duties be updated to reflect procedures for up-dating the Square-up Brochure.

4. Print 20,000 Brochures each year.

WORKING WEEK-END COMMITTEE'S:--Dave Nihart asked that those who have a preference on the committee they wish to work on to sign the sheet at the head table during the break.

Break--10:50 A.M. to 11:05

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE:by Don Bell, Chairman--The Audit committee has checked the Treasurers records and they were found to be in good order. Pres. Frank H. clarified that this was an interim audit and the audit of the complete year will be conducted at the working week-end by the budget committee.

SHOW CASE OF IDEAS: by Cliff and Jean Allen, Parliamentarian

Thanks to all the Association Presidents for their cooperation and support in regards to the preparation and showing of the "Showcase of Ideas" at the State and National Convention.

A big thanks go to the following.

BOB AND BETTY PADDEN for undertaking the task of getting the showcase "Cases" built in timely and economical manner. The results were professional and an attractive case for the Florida Showcase of Ideas. The Florida Federation is sending a letter of thanks to the Paddens. GALE AND LAURA BOAK for painting the beautiful backdrop mural for the Federation Showcase display. The painting was really appropriate and added significantly to the Federations Showcase. The Florida Federation is sending a letter of thanks also to the Boaks.

An article titled "Outstanding Showcase Displays Don't Just Happen" Was written and sent to the National Square Magazine for publication. The Article was written at the suggestion of several NEC members as maybe some of the innovative ideas of the Florida Showcase Activities could be of interest and help to other states. The Lively's, Editors of the National Squares, intend to publish the article in the November 1990 issue.

3,000 Orange stick-ons have been purchased at a cost of \$210.00 (7 cents each) for use at the 1991 National Convention. Another 3,000 can be purchased later in the spring of 1991.

A letter has been sent to the 1991 Salt Lake City National Convention asking for six (6) tables together for the Florida Federation and the five (5) Associations. This will be passed on to the 1991 Parliamentarian for further action.

SQUARE DANCER PRESERVATION COMM.: by Al and Winnie Subatch Chairman

We have tabulated the results of the recent statewide survey. Although we only received a grand total of 373 responses from around the state, all five areas are represented.

On the positive side, 96% of the dancers responding stated that friendliness is why they square dance; 91% like the exercise; 78% approve of the no drinking/no smoking feature, although several smokers had some comments about that; 59% of the dancers like the low cost of dancing. Interesting comments received mentioned the good mental exercise, fun and relaxing as reasons they enjoy square dancing.

The negative responses showed few surprises; 60% of the dancers said they were very unhappy with the cliques in some clubs; 23% did not like the pressure to move to higher levels by other dancers and callers; 22% objected to the cost of the outfits; 14% stated that unfriendliness was their pet peeve; 5% were unhappy with the cost of dances. There were some very interesting comments from some dancers. Dancers objected to: nasty remarks and rudeness to beginner dancers by other dancers and callers; surprisingly, a number of square dancers wanted to see round dancing separated from squares; there were a number of complaints about advance and challenge level dancers "looking down" on plus and mainstream dancers; some were not happy that callers did not emphasize square dance etiquette; lack of good grooming and improper attire were mentioned. There were many other comments, too numerous to mention, but along the same lines.

We must remember that these responses come from a small percentage of dancers in the state. We only wish that more dancers had participated. We will submit a copy of these results to the Callers' Association and then, hopefully, meet with them to analyze what the dancers had to say and determine what direction to take from this point.

In closing we would like to voice our thanks and appreciation to each and every one of the area publications. They willingly and freely donated the space in their publications to print the survey forms. A special thanks to Bow'N Swing and Danny Robinson for donating space in those magazines for the survey forms.

HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION: BY Jack and Zoni Taylor

Time flies when you are having fun--this phrase is really true. Zoni and I since the last meetin at the State Convention have been busy updating the Photo Album. We have it with us for you to see. Especially some of the pictures of the wonderful exhibit for the "Showcase of Ideas" both at the State Convention and the National.

We are compiling an archive of the State's Association publications and we thank the editors of these very informative documents. We hope that you will continue to send them to us so that we can build a collection. Right now it is just started but in years to come this will be a valuable source of information to our followers.

We are now in the process of putting together a notebook for each of the State Square and Round Dance Conventions. This is just started and we will try to have it on display at the next State Convention. We do ask that the Chairman of the Convention supply us with a picture of themselves and one of each of their committees to be included in the book. Some of the things we would like to include would be: Flyers, Registration Forms, Ribbons, Buttons and anything pertinent to the Convention. We are hopeful this will be a valuable source of information for convention chairman in the future.

Shirley Nihart--Jack and Zoni are doing a excellent job and I thank them for it. They are now permanent members of the History Committee. We are presently trying to assemble all the Presidents Messages starting from Sept. 1983 for the historical record however we are missing May of 1986. Chet Vetter-- I have all the Bow and Swings back to 1952 and these are being turned over to Jack and Zoni and this will complete the Pres. message collection which started with my message in Oct. 1971.

HALL OF FAME: by Leo and Mary Richardson

Our committee and the Square Dancers of Florida were saddened with the death of George Deschambeau, but we are moving on.

The treasurer has received a check in the amount of \$750.00 from the 1990 State Convention in compliance with new rules and regulations regarding funding for the Florida Square and Round Dancing Hall of Fame.

We have received a bill in the amount of \$101.76 for the purchase of new medalions. Now is the time for you to be thinking who you would like to nominate for the Hall of Fame in 1991. Please get your resume's in by Dec. 31, 1990.

P.S. - We will have a report on Convention Chairman Section in the Hall Of Fame by the working week-end.

LEGACY REPORT: by Chet Vetter

There is no report .

USDA REPORT: by Paul and Marie McClain

United Square Dancers of America have added another service for square and round dancers. It is called revenue sharing long distance telephone program. Those who use the service will achieve a savings of between 3% and 15% on their long distance telephone calls. 4% of such telepone bills will be donated to the U.S.D.A., except for adminstrative costs such as mailing, postage, and phone calls. All of the balance of the 4% will be returned to the organization to which the dancer belongs. This program is U.S. Sprint. They are so certain

with the quality of their service that they will transfer the user back to their original long distance carrier at no cost, if they so desire. Those currently using U.S. Sprint can transfer to the U.S.D.A. system, by simply completing the form and mailing to the Cost International, Inc. The cost savings would be the same however the royalties would be paid to the U.S.D.A. which in turn would be returned to the affiliates each year. This program would bring much needed income to your association, where it eventually is returned to the dancer in the form of additional services. General information sheets and application forms are available at the table for each association.

The U.S.D.A. chairman of the credit card program has learned that the Signet Bank through which the current Master Card program is maintained for the U.S.D.A. has expressed the desire to get out of the "Affinity Card Business" and may terminate the contract with the U.S.D.A. in August of 1993. As the U.S.D.A. is determined to continue the credit card program for its affiliates, Joe and Joy Vaccari have successfully established another parallel program to supplement the Master Card program with an equally reliable program with the Visa Card. Flyers and applications will be available in January 1991 for those interested. The original Master Card program will continue to function until August 1993, the royalties will continue to be paid to the U.S.D.A.. As soon as the new Visa card program is in effect in January 1991, all new applicants will be applied to that system.

SQUARE DANCER INSURANCE: by Randy and Carole Poole, Chairman

1. Checking Account

Balance on 23 May 1990 \$

Receipts

Central
Fcc
Northeast
Northwest
Southeast
West Coast
Interest

Total Receipts \$
Total \$

Disbursements

USDA Ins. Fund \$
FFSD dues for USDA
Admin. Expense

Total Distribution _____

BALANCE 04 NOV. 1990

2. Enrollments - 1990

Association	Assoc.	Clubs	Dancers
Central	1	33	1822
FCC	1	5	396
Northeast	1	18	843
Northwest	5	29	1000
Southeast	1	7	733
Westcoast	1	13	895
TOTALS	10	105	5689

3. Other Information

Certificates Issued 86
Claims 10

4. The 1991 Insurance packets are in and have been distributed to the Association's Insurance Chairman. Even though there were more costly claims this year the low premium remained the same because of increased membership in the program.

USDA NATIONAL FOLK DANCE: by Duke and Doris McCleskey

Since there could be those among us who may not have knowledge of the interworkings of The Folk Dance Committee, may I take a moment to briefly sketch a background.

Some years ago The United Square Dancers of America conceived a plan.....The proclaiming of a National Folk Dance for these United States. After much work, a small battle was won when on June 1, 1982, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States designated The Square Dance as The National Folk Dance for the years of 1982 abd 1983. USDA was disappointed, but not discouraged!

Several years of dedicated work and many meetings later, The National Folk Dance Committee of USDA in conjunction with the American Folk Dance Committee of Legacy, International, joined together building a stronger support base to gain the goal of a National Folk Dance.

The Plan....Legacy would appoint a National Chairman of the American Folk Dance Committee of the States. Their goal is to promote within each State the proclamation of "Square Dance, The American Folk Dance of that particular State". With the cooperation and support of USDA, when forty States have passed legislation, then the mantle of responsibility passes to the National Committee on Folk Dance of the United Square Dancers of America. This Committee will lobby the Congress into proclaiming "The Square Dance as the National Folk Dance of the United States of America".

I should clarify the usage of the phrase "Square Dancing" in this instance....,Square Dance, with its six cultural dance forms is defined to encompass all Square, Round, Clogging, Line, Contra and Heritage Dancing.

With this background may I report.....Twelve legislative bodies have already proclaimed - Square Dance, The American Folk Dance of their State, namely Oregon, Washington, Tennessee, Alabama, New Jersey, Florida, West Virginia, Oklahoma, California, Idaho, Massachusetts, and Illinois. This is 24% of our goal. Fifteen States are approaching proclamation by early spring, which will bring the total States declaring at 54%. Frank and Helen Cavanaugh the Chairman of Legacy American Folk Dance Committee have dedicated themselves to a successful campaign. The commencement of USDA's National Folk Dance campaign in the nations capitol is not far from now!

"Square Dancing, The National Folk Dance of the USA"!

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: by Lou Vogel

Worley Carrier, will present a procedure for handling sales tax at the next meeting.

Dennis Humphreys, President of Florida Callers Association proposed that a designated area be set aside for parking for callers and cuers who are working at the convention. Callers would monitor the parking so there would be no cost to the convention. It was agreed this should be done. Reserved parking will be set aside only for callers and cuers who are actually working at the convention. This should be added to the Procedure Guidelines for the Convention Chairman. All reserved parking will be in one area so it will be easier to monitor. Logistics will be worked out ahead of the convention; the Chairman for the Square and Round Dancing would each turn in how many spaces needed to be set aside to the Convention Chairman. (Secretary note--The callers did not approve this procedure)

Suggestion was made that a reminder be put in the Convention Guidelines for the Convention Chairman that insurance must be applied for each convention. It is free; however, it is not automatic, and must be applied for in writing at least six months before the convention. It is required at all conventions.

A report of expenses and when money is needed for conventions will be made at the next meeting. This will serve as a guideline for the Convention Chairman as to when they will need money and how much.

STATE CONVENTION SECURITY:-- Pres. Frank H. asked Boots Oglesby to comment. Boots O.--In the 1985 State convention we were in charge of security and it was determined at that time any items of an electronic nature had to be locked up or removed from the premises in order to prevent theft loss. The place that was, and should be used for this security is the ticket booth in the arena as this is a totally secured room. Future conventions should make this known to all vendors. (this was in reponse to the problem that Bob Barnes experienced above)

SQUARE DANCE TEACHING IN THE PUBLIC SHOOOLS: by Donna Hendricks

No Report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: by Leo Richarson

Report postponed until the working week-end in January.

COPYRIGHTS INFRINGEMENT: by Hollis Fowler for George Wolfert

(The following report includes excerpts from the written report)

Callerlab and USDA both join with this committee in strongly advising that no individual reply to any correspondence received from either BMI or ASCAP. Personally I have received over 150 letters ranging from mere informational prose to threats of fines and/or court proceedings against me and/or the Northeast Association. If only one person were to reply to a threatening letter it would open the door to all dancers being subject to fine, as seems to be the desired effect of those thousands of letters sent out by BMI.

Therefore as Chairman of the Committee on ASCAP, BMI and SESAC, we want to state that CALLERLAB/ROUNDLAB do all negotiating for the square/round dance community and urge that no club or association attempt to negotiate a separate agreement with these agencies.

(Quote from the report of John Kaltenthaler, Executive Sec. Callerlab)
"Licenses will be issued to the callers and cuers not the clubs.
When completed, it is to the advantage of the clubs to hire only callers and cuers who are licensed to use BMI and ASCAP music. The risk of not doing this is a jeopardy to the future well being of the clubs and the activity"

Frank and Nan have distributed copies of the Callerlab report and advisory report from USDA, to all Association Presidents. We strongly urge that the Presidents have copies made for distribution to all clubs in their areas.

Pres. Frank H. (USDA Committee Chairman on this subject)--Comments--

The Callerlab and Roundlab have determined this problem is the sole responsibility of the callers and cuers and they are meeting with BMI to negotiate a National contract which will, among other things, absolve the dancer organizations of any responsibility. They will also accomplish the same with ASCAP. The proposed effective date will be January 1991. The Dancer organizations are not to contact the Copyright owners or attempt a separate negotiation. The fact that all callers and cuers are not members of their National organization and therefore not included in any negotiations or contract is the problem of Callerlab and Roundlab and not one that the dancer organizations should become involved with. We will see that all Association Presidents receive the latest information as time goes on.

NEW STATE DRESS DESIGN: by Boots Oglesby

For their outstanding efforts the following people are recognized: Mary Van Valkenburg, Zoni Taylor, Shirley Nihart, Cupie Knowlton, Marie McClain, and a special thanks to Nan Carrier.

We are now turning the State Dress over to the Association Presidents to encourage all dancers to make and wear this State Dress. If you need us we will still be available.

We recommend to the Federation that we again look at the State Outfit in five years to determine if a change should be made.

OLD BUSINESS

SPECIAL STEPPERS:

Pres. Frank H. advised the Special Steppers were unable to make the Trip to Dijon, France, and therefore the \$1,000 that was given to them with the provision that it be returned if they were unable to attend needed to be addressed. Chet Vetter indicated it was in the minutes that it would be returned to the Federation and therefore we should ask that it be returned. Pres. Frank indicated this would be turned over to the treasurer and incoming President for their action.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: by the Secretary, Murl Herbert
for Fred & Celeste Crawford, Chairman

The following Members have accepted nomination to the positions shown,
in the Florida Federation of Square Dancers:

President: Dave & Shirley Nihart
Vice President: Murl & Sally Herbert
Secretary: Dewey & Donna Hendricks
Treasurer: Cliff & Jean Allen
Parliamentarian: Paul & Marie McClain

Pres. Frank H. asked that the slate be accepted as nominated as a group unless there were objections. No objections. Leo Richardson so moved and Hollis Fowler seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.

Effective 12-1-90 the above officers will take office.

Pres. Frank and Nan Habersberger thanked the members of the Federation for their support, "It has been a great year and great experience and I ask that you give the same support to the incoming Presidents Dave and Shirley Nihart."

Pres. Elect Dave and Shirley Nihart presented Frank and Nan with a plack and gift from the Federation.

The next meeting will be held January 19th and 20th at:
ECONO LODGE
3300 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, Fl. 32808
Ph. 407 293-7221

A block of rooms has been reserved for the Federation for Jan. 18 and 19th. The Rate is \$25. plus tax, and the deadline is Dec. 18, 1990. It is suggested you make your reservation early, as they have two other groups for this date.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

TREASURERS REPORT
November 4, 1990
May 27, 1990 to November 4, 1990

BANK BALANCE AS OF 05-27-90 \$

RECEIPTS:

ACCT.

521 INTEREST (CHECKING)
501 STATE CONVENTION \$
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$

DISBURSEMENTS:

ACCT.

725 SERVICE CHARGE
719 POSTAGE (AL SUBATCH)
719 PRINTING (AL SUBATCH)
703 VICE-PRESIDENT EXPENSES
9 NOV. MEETING ROOM
9 PARLIAMENTARIAN EXPENSES
719 MASTER CARD PROGRAM EACH 5
ASSOCIATIONS
707 TREASURERS EXPENSES
719 MISC. EXPENSES (PRESIDENTS PLAQUE
713 U.S.D.A. MEMBERSHIP DUES
705 SECRETARY EXPENSES
715 FLOWERS (KEN FORD)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT \$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHECKING ACCOUNT \$
CONTINGENCY FUND
C.D. FIRST UNION NAT'L. (7.50 INT)
NET WORTH \$