



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1992

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 A.M. at the Strawberry Squares, Plant City, Florida by President Murl and Sally Herbert.

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS: President Murl Herbert

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Loren and Florence Long - Update on the Cincinnati National Convention. Registration as of December 31, 1991 - 10,048 and 379 of those were from Florida. Cancellations are running about 1%. Last year in Salt Lake City they got as high as 6-7% because of the war and the economic situation partially to blame. Projected attendance about 20,500. They are going to have a Texas Two-Step Room, Singles Room, Live Music Room, Clogging Room, and of course there will be a Contra Room. They will also have Hoe Down calling in some of the rooms. I understand that this will be rotated between various rooms. The Hoe Down will be between 1-5 P.M. and 8-10 P.M. and they have 29 Hoe Down callers registered. The campground does not have hook-ups. There is safe drinking water. Thirty private stall warm water showers at headquarters building. Arrangements can be made to have holding tanks emptied for a fee. I don't know the cost is. The campground has a kitchen and they will sell food during posted times. They also have fire wood and ice. Emergency number is (513) 784-6010 which will be manned during June 24, 25, 26, and 27. The Red Boot Boys will be performing during the fashion show in Cincinnati. Potential dance area in Cincinnati: Square Dance 153,000 square feet, Round Dance 110,000 square feet, Clogging 5,800 square feet, and contra 4,400 square feet. That adds up to a total dance area of 270,200 square feet. Since Florida is bidding with a total area of around 300,000 square feet, you can see that it will be plenty of room. There is some tours that have been advertised. They start on June 23 and run through Saturday June 27. City tour \$20 a piece, cruises on the river \$36 a piece, Kentucky high-lights \$38 a piece, Cincinnati Zoo tour \$16 a piece, Kentucky horse park tour \$25 a piece, and a Kings Island tour \$32 a piece.

Questions: Boots Oglesby - Last couple of year there's been a lot of trouble with spectators. Most dancers bring there children in under spectator ribbon. Do you know anything about it?

Answer: Loren Long - I haven't heard anything about it. Normally a child and family have to have a registration badge.

Question: Boots Oglesby - They demanded it in Salt Lake City. A woman had four children and she had to pay \$20 a piece for them and they don't dance. Is there anyway you can get this information and let the state people know.

Answer: Loren Long - I'll find out when we go to the pre-convention meeting in March. Worley will have the information. I won't be able to attend the state convention like I normally do. We have a granddaughter that's graduation from high school back in Iowa.

Question: Boots Oglesby - Let us know because a lot of dancers don't want to sign up unless they can get their kid in under spectator ribbons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Paul McClain, Chairman - The Committee workshop members were: Chuck Johnson, Annabell Johnson, Hollis Fowler, and Bonnye Bell. The books for 1991 were reviewed and found to be in proper order.

Proposed Budget for 1992

Income:

State Convention
Association Dues
Interest Checking
Total

Disbursements:

President's Expenses
Secretary's Expenses
Treasurer's Expenses
Parliamentarian Expenses
Flowers & Remembrances
Meeting Rooms & Refreshments
Promotional Expenses
USDA Dues
Unforeseen Expenses
Total

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLICITY: Al Boltze, Chairman - Committee Workshop members were: Sally Hayes, Aaron Frye, Ken Brasfield, Nan Habersberger, and Bill Wheatley.

Our first assignment was to review the use of the Federation Logo and make recommendations for the use of the Logo. Possible uses:

- a. Jacket Imprint - full size
- b. Embroided Patches - 8" & 4"
- c. T-Shirts
- d. Towels
- e. Coffee Mugs
- f. Decals (self adhesive) all sizes
- g. Magnetic signs
- h. Bumper stickers
- i. Buckles

Second assignment was to recommend ways to achieve favorable media coverage.

a. Have each of the five associations establish a Publicity committee. The committee would encourage each club to assign someone to contact the local radio, T.V., and newspaper for a coordinated campaign prior to the starting of classes in September. To my knowledge we haven't acted as a group in doing this, in other words, there have been some clubs who have accomplished this. But to go out and put the effort forth on this at a given time. We have to discuss this and find out what would be an appropriate time for everyone. Try to coordinate this with all the classes starting up in September, I think we would have a lot more of an impact with it.

b. Check into the possibility of using a TV tape available from National to set up a manned booth in the malls to supplement or to complement demonstrations. The fact that we can now provide insurance certificates should make this easier to get into the malls. One of the big objections we've had in the past for demonstrations was the fact that they didn't want to take on any additional liability. Now that we can get them certificates, I think we should pursue this a lot more than we have in the past.

We would encourage all callers who have dances in the West Coast area to provide us tentative dates of their beginner classes for the fall. A flyer listing all available classes could be passed out at demonstrations. The incentive for this cooperation would be for more and larger beginning classes and new blood for all clubs.

President Herbert - Any Motions?

A Suggestion: Al Boltze - We ought to think about a coordinated effort at a specific time. At this point I don't know what time to recommend. We are going to have some cooperation from the callers as to when they are going to start the classes. There is as much as a month and half to two months sometimes in the dates that they use. I think that giving out a list at demonstrations of all the classes that are starting, no matter what area that they are in, would encourage people to come to the class and become a dancer.

President Herbert - asked Al's committee to meet again at the state convention and determine how your going to proceed with some of these suggestions. Come back to the Federation in May with those recommendations and how your going to proceed so we can accomplish some of these things. Excellent ideas were presented and should be pursued.

Recommendation: Dick Stevens - I would like to make a motion that each association appoint a publicity chairman to do what Al was talking about.

President Herbert: I'm not sure we can make a motion that would obligate the associations. (Verified that Federation cannot). Would like the associations to pursue some of these recommendations. So when you get your minutes, the president's of the associations, contact Al Boltze and his committee and amplify those and see what you can do in your area and help the committee pursue some of these excellent recommendations.

USDA SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE REPORT: Randy and Carol Poole, FFSD Insurance Chairman -

1. Checking Account
Balance of 3 November 1991
Receipts
 Central
 FCC
 Northeast
 Northwest
 Southeast
 West Coast
Void check, returned to acct.

Total Receipts
TOTAL

Disbursements
 USDA Insurance Fund
 Administrative Expenses
 Total Disbursements

Ending Balance 1 February 1992
 (This balance includes that is still owed the insurance company for membership we haven't sent forward yet.)

2. Enrollments 1991

	Associations	Clubs	Dancers
Central	1	28	1702
FCC	1	8	344
Northeast	1	12	503
Northwest	3	24	908
Southeast	1	5	211
West Coast	1	14	985

(We have another 400 from Southeast)

Totals 8 91 4653
 (Running about normal for this time of year.)

3. Other Information

Additional Named Insured Certificates Issued. 26
 Claims this year 0
 Included in the bank balance is for clubs not yet sent to USDA.

USDA INSURANCE: Randy Poole, Chairman - The Committee Workshop members were: Carol Poole, Joe Hardcastle, Bill & Marie Patterson, Chris & Trudie Nissen, and Bill Jenner.

We covered USDA insurance policies and procedures and went into detail on administrative procedure to include timely actions, completeness of forms, accuracy and claim filing procedures. We discussed the importance of keeping complete, accurate records of all transactions for future use in case of a claim investigation. We discussed the duties of the Association Insurance Chairman.

We discussed ways to get insurance information out to all clubs. i.e., displays and announcements at association dances and articles in area square dance publications.

Recommendations:

- We recommended not for this body here but for individual club members and association members that you try to get your insurance fees put into your annual dues so you don't have to

make a separate collection and then when it comes time to pay it you can go down the roster. It makes it a lot easier and a lot quicker.

- We recommended that each association insurance chairman have his own insurance bank account. A lot of people want insurance tomorrow and it takes three days to get a letter to the finance committee just to get a check.

The FFSD insurance checking account was audited and found to be correct.

Question: Frank Habersberger - Randy are you a delegate at present. (Randy Poole responded - No). I think this should be corrected. Regardless of which association the insurance chairman comes from, I'd like to think that the insurance chairman should be a delegate at large. Because of all the work that they do throughout the year to provide insurance for all these associations I think that they should have voting rights and they have to be at every meeting. Chet do you see any violation of the constitutional rights. (Answer was no). I would like to make a motion that Randy & Carol be appointed by the chairman as delegates at large with full voting rights. (President asks - Is that permitted by the constitution)? (No - What it's going to require is a governing document change to cover that) (President - the by-laws are being reviewed and we have a committee working and I would ask that be taken under consideration and brought back in May).

Question: Jack Lascola - How much is the individual charged for insurance. (\$2.05 per year).

SHOW CASE OF IDEAS: Don Bell, NE Chairman - The Committee Workshop members were: Barbara & Dick Van Dette SE,; Gerald Ault, WC; Bob & Ann Sorenson, SE; Mary Boltze, WC; Marie McClain, SE; Sandy Brasfield, WC; Joyce Johnson, EC; Erma Fry, NE; Mary Fowler, NE; and George Oglesby, SE.

[President Herbert: Before Don Bell gives his Showcase of Ideas report the Chairman of the Federation or the President of the Federation was remissed when he formed this committee. There was two associations that were not represented on the committee. Don has seen that and contacted both of the associations with the results. If you were not represented on that committee, please look at the minutes when they come out because that is important. We apologize for that.]

We've had the Barbie Doll in our display for the past two years and it worked well. I think that we ought to give everyone who had anything to do with those a big hand. We're asking all the Associations to adopt the Teddy Bear to use in the showcase. There are so many ways to display them. We ask that you keep the size of the Teddy Bears under 12 inches tall. This will keep the showcase display more uniform. We ask each Association President to get in touch with their local Tourist Bureau and we will contact the Florida Citrus Commission to see what items are available as give aways. Items such as pins, tapes, pens, etc. all make good giveaways. Please don't take any paper brochures from the tourist people. We will also order 6000 orange sticks and 6000 orange slices. You all came through with such great displays and we are looking forward to yet another good way to show off the wonderful state of Florida. We would also like to thank the finance committee for the \$950! We will see that we spend every penny of it!

HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION REPORT: Jack and Zonie Taylor, Chairman - The History Committee was lucky and was contacted by Bill Beattie. He had a box of 78 RPM Records that dated a long time back. In fact, I looked at some of the cue sheets and I know I couldn't dance those records. We have cataloged the twenty records that was presented to the Federation and added them to the Archives. Bill and Betty deserve a big thank you. The Archive of Area Publications is building nicely. Thanks to the editors of the publications. Please continue to send them.

We have reproduced the President Messages that were passed to us and inserted them in the President Message Binder. We have the binder here for display. It is not complete, but with Zonie's help it will be.

Zonie has added quite a few articles out of some publications that we think are of interest to Dancers. As time goes on it will be more complete. She has also added photos to the Album with more to come.

We have a Book for the 1992 ready to be filled. It will take the help of the 1992 Convention Chairman to accomplish this task. More information, pictures, badges, ribbons, or anything of interest about the convention will certainly be appreciated.

I am still writing on the History and hope to have it completed in 1997 by the time of the Florida National Convention.

HISTORY OF FEDERATION: Jack Taylor, Chairman - The Committee Workshop members were: Zonie Taylor, Dewey Hendricks, Mary Lee Van Valkenberg, and Jeanne Wheatley. I described to the committee what I've been doing and what I've been trying to accomplish. We are trying to create an archive for the Federation that we can be proud to display. An historical history of the Federation of Florida. Once we get it fairly well in mind I can catalog this and send it to Dr. Bill Lickeman of the Bayshore Foundation and have it registered as an official archive. This is a couple years down the road but it's coming. We talked quit a bit about the publications or the binders that we are creating and it seems like the committee says keeps on going.

Recommendation:

- With the size and the number of publications that we are creating, we need a dedicated table strictly for the history at the state and the national convention. This way we can spread these publications out so the dancers can see them. (Table to be provided at State Convention by Lou Vogel and a table will be requested for the National Convention by Don Belle).

EDUCATION AND SERVICES AND SQUARE DANCE PRESERVATION: Donna Hendricks and Howard Hayes, Chairmen - That Committee Workshop members were: Nancy Wolfert, Helen Williams, Jean Allen, Nina Lascola, Vivian Wilson, Winnie Subatch, Dolores Ault, Joann Lewis, Al Subatch, George Wolfert, Pee Wee Stewart, Ron Van Valkenberg, Nan Carrier, Annabell Johnson, and Merle Lewis.

The two committees met separately to review their separate agendas. The Square Dancer Preservation Committee began the meeting with review of various definitions applicable to the word "Preservation" followed by a recap and discussion of the past two years. A brainstorming session was conducted to develop positive recommendations and solutions to the purpose of the committee.

The Education and Services/Square Dance Preservation Committee began their discussion on what the two separate committees had been doing and discussed whether the two could be merged. The consensus of the group was that they could be one committee since education was the key word used by both committees. However, Education in Public Schools should continue as a separate committee.

The combined committees discussed the following items and recommend the Florida Federation of Square Dancers consider and approve:

1. Combining of the two committees to be named "Education and Preservation of Square Dancers" with the exception of leaving Education in Public Schools as a separate committee.
2. Recommend the Educational Booklet previously approved by the Florida Federation be enlarged to include the following:
 - a. Association information - Generic
 - b. State information, i.e., Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Florida Callers, Callerlab, Legacy, Square Dancer Publications, Insurance Programs, Blood Program, Roundalab.
 - c. Dancer information: Ten commandments, Do's & Don'ts, New Dancer, Square Dance Courtesy, "Why Do We", and Callerlab programs.

The booklet could be used by all of the Associations and distributed to new members upon graduation of class and existing dancers minimum of 5000 would be needed.

What was previously approved was the making of the yellow ones. The Northeast Association has an excellent book which they have made. What we would be proposing would be to utilize the Northeast information which has a lot of state information: insurance, callerlab, legacy, things like that, coupled with a couple of other items that they have in the Federation.

Recommendation: Combine the two booklets into one which could be utilized throughout the state.

3. Recommend each association establish better communications with the callers in their respective area and suggest minimum of 28 weeks of lessons before graduating the class with emphasis on styling, etiquette, Do's and Don'ts, and angeling, etc.

Reviewing the recap of the past two years which Al Subatch's committee did just kept coming up and doing it. They did have some contact with the callers and there was a minimum of problems with the dancer run clubs and their callers but the caller run clubs it came out that they have more problems. Regardless of whatever the Federation or the Associations do, we felt that we need a lot more cooperation with the callers and work toward a common goal.

4. Recommend having a educational seminar at the 1992 Florida State Convention sponsored by USDA, conducted by Jim and Peggy Seagraves. Request Joe Vaccari make arrangements for Jim & Peggy Seagraves to conduct the seminar and Lou Vogel to arrange for a room. The seminar needs to be publicized in the magazines and convention programs.

Let me take a minute to explain this booklet. We had some of these made which I have a copy of and its excellent. I'm told they put on an excellent program. If we have a room we could try this here and possibly a lot of square dancers would subscribe. It's putting the fun back in square dancing. I'm sure that we have a room that could be made available. Fun things to do, what your officers should be doing, and things of that nature. It is a booklet that would be available and we could have a seminar.

5. Recommend a booth which would have Florida Federation, USDA, Insurance, and Association information to be manned during peak hours.
6. Establish a Base number of Florida Association's dues paying member to be used as a criteria to determine if number of members increases during the next two years. Use average of 1990-91 as the base and use moving average of two years thereafter. Request each Association to send the number of members they had during 1990-91 to committee.

The committee realizes that there are more dancers in Florida than those hat belong to the Associations. However, there is not a real good way to get a handle on them and so we thought that this might be the right criteria to use so we can have it. Year after year you would be able to get your report from the Associations and be able to compare it.

7. Recommend the Florida Federation develop a booklet which can be used by local club officers to run their clubs. Majority of the clubs have constitution, bylaws, duties, and responsibilities of the officers. Need positive ways to run a successful club. The United Square Dancers of America and Legacy have a wealth of information which can be used. The Federation needs to be a clearing house, assemble the information, and distribute to the associations and local clubs. Just helpful hints, sometimes when you ask a individual to be an officer of the club you really don't tell them their duties. They assume the office and then find out it's a lot more then what they thought.

8. Regarding the recruitment of new dancers/classes - all associations and clubs must continue to promote square dancing utilizing all means available to include demonstrations at Malls and other public places, putting out flyers, company billboards, condos, mobile home parks, and subdivision halls, doctor's offices and any place you can get access. Adopt the motto of the Three E's - Educate - Educate - Educate. If we educate the present dancers and especially the new and beginner dancers, we will have a solid base to build upon.

In summary, we would request that all present committee members be permitted to remain on the combined committee until items # 1, 2, and 7 are completed. At this point I would like to back to item #1.

Motion was made by Howard Hayes to combine the Education and Services Committee with the Square Dancer Preservation Committee in accordance with the Standing Rules of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers Section 1 and Items D & F of Section 15.

Motion was Seconded by George Wolfert.

Discussion: Nan Habersberger - I would like to see in the handbook United Square Dancers of America being listed among the other organizations we've just got Callerlab Roundalab and Legacy.

President Herbert: Discussion should pertain to the motion of combining the two committees.

Motion is Passed.

Item #2: Howard Hayes - Motion was made that the Florida Federation approve the enlargement of the booklet which would be published and we would combine the individual items that we discussed plus any other items that you would send to us. We would have a committee to do this and USDA would certainly be included in that. We almost have it completed here. The motion is for the approval of the Federation to combine the two books.

Motion was Seconded.

Discussion: Howard Hayes - We would take the two books plus other information and hopefully by May we could have the booklet put together with some prices for them.

George Oglesby - I would like to see the book put together before we put our name on it.

Howard Hayes - All we are asking is that they approve the enlargement of it.

George Oglesby - I would like to see the book complete before we put our name on it. We don't know what your going to put in the book or how your going to put it together. We're liable for what you put in the book and put out to the general public. I would like to see the book complete, not something that is just going to happen.

Chet Vetter - All he's asking is that they have permission to go ahead and combine the book. They're not asking for any money to publish or anything. They just want to combine the book. By May they would have the book combined and we could have a presentation on it and at that time vote to fund it or not to fund it.

Howard Hayes - That is correct for what we are asking.

Motion is Carried.

Item #7: Howard Hayes - Motion was made that the Florida Federation develop a booklet which could be used by local club officers and give the combined Committee the opportunity to put a booklet together which could then be brought back to the Florida Federation for approval.

Motion Seconded by Ron Knowlton.

Motion is Carried.

Question: Joe Vaccari - Concerning inviting Jim and Peggy Seagraves for this fun seminar, we invited Jim and Peggy here for a leadership seminar in 1986 and it was not very well attended. They were somewhat disappointed. Is the committee or the Federation and Associations prepared to promote this seminar and try to get their dancers to attend.

Howard Hayes - The committee would be willing to work on getting them out and that was one of the points that I brought out. If it is approved then we would start publicizing in the Association newsletters and the convention program. I think there's a lot of officers out there who should attend and may be willing to attend and I think that if we do our job and publicized it properly I think we'll get the attendance.

Joe Vaccari - Is the Federation prepared to offer any inducements like a motel room or something. We mentioned this to Jim last weekend in Myrtle Beach and he was noncommittal and of course

I'll call him and invite him again. He's run this same seminar in several other states with good success. Are we prepared to offer him anything.

Chet Vetter - This should come under the Association that is sponsoring as part of the expense.

President Herbert - Would the convention be willing to offer free room to the Seagraves?

Lou Vogel - Yea, we can probably work it out. There is no free rooms this year at the convention so it will have to be an expense.

Nan Habersberger - Jim and Peggy Seagraves do a marvelous job, they're fun people and really encourage dancers. They don't make it boring, they make it fun.

Joe Vaccari - I will advise you within the next week or so if they can come. After I advise someone that they are coming, I'm through with my job, right?

Howard Hayes - Yes.

Ron Knowlton - I would like to back up what Nan said, I attended one of their seminars before and they put out a wealth of information. The seminar is well worth attending.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Joe Vaccari, Chairman -
[Correction to Agenda Item J: President Herbert - Coordinating Committee - I was told there was no coordinating committee meetings. The meeting that was held was really a State Convention procedures committee meeting.]

The Committee Workshop members were: Betty Stevens, Doris McCleskey, Joy Vaccari, Mary Stewart served as recorder, Nita Walker, Boots Oglesby, Jack Pierson, Paul Walker, Ed Williams, and Whit Brown, FCA, Editor Bow & Swing, attended for a portion of the meeting.

The purpose of the committee was to share information between association publications and to make recommendations to the Federation for action relating to the area publications, when needed.

We felt our meeting was highly successful. There was a excellent exchange of ideas and we recommend that the publication committee continue to meet at each working weekend and at the State Convention.

We request that a meeting room be assigned for about 1 hour for Editors to meet during the State Convention. We request that this be included in the Convention procedures guidelines. (This will be an action item later).

Since copies of Publication reports will no longer be included in the minutes, we agreed that each Editor bring 5 copies of their report to exchange on an internal basis at the working weekend. I might add that some of these suggestions or recommendations were made last year and we are repeating them for various reasons including some that were not implemented.

We again request that all Editors be included on the State Federation roster and so designated even if their names appear elsewhere on the roster.

The Publication Committee would like to encourage all Editors to include items and articles of interest to Square and Round Dancers in their publications. Suggestions include but not limited to: President's Message, Editor's Message, Press Releases on insurance program, and information from Legacy, Callerlab, Roundalab, USDA and National S/D Convention. It is through the printed word that we get important information out to the Square Dancers and keep them aware of what is going on.

We suggest that each association encourage their member clubs to list their club in our State Magazine Bow & Swing, "Where to Dance" Section. We suggest each association encourage their member clubs to utilize "Bow & Swing" for Club News, Association Presidents Messages, and to advertise club dances.

The Publication Committee recommends that the following be included in the State Convention guidelines. This has been coordinated with and concurred in by the State Convention Procedures Committee - Duke McCleskey, Chairman.

Recommendation:

Historically, the funds given to area publications have been viewed as a donation to help area publications and to promote the State Convention. The area publications will promote the Florida State Convention with as much space as available in each association publication plus inserting twice yearly the convention

registration form. Copies of each issue will be provided to the Convention Treasurer. An invoice in the amount of \$200.00 will be sent to the Convention Treasurer by June 1 of each year for services rendered. This procedure will be subject to review at the next working weekend in 1993.

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History of Area Publications State Convention Advertising "Debate and Motions"

1. Minutes of Federation, Sunday January 20, 1991 - Publications Committee report - Motion.

Item 9. We request consideration for an increase of compensation for state convention advertising. We ask for Federation approval and that our request be placed before the Coordinating Committee. We are requesting an increase from the current \$150.00 to \$200.00 for state convention advertising. Costs in printing publications continue to escalate. Postage will be going up again and there has been no increase in over 10 years to the publication.

Motion made by Frank Habersberger to increase newsletter publication of convention advertising to \$200.00. Seconded by Boots Oglesby, Motion Carried.

2. Minutes of Coordinating Committee Meeting May 25, 1991
(Excerpts from New Business section of Minutes)

New Business

Publication Committee wants to raise the promotion fees for the State Convention from \$150 to \$200. Some of these publications do not promote the State Convention and do not send out the copies, so do not need the increase for postage. The Federation has approved this, so it is now up to us to approve raising the fee.

Proposal made by Dave Nihart that we establish minimum guidelines for the publications to follow and to show proof of performance before they are paid. Seconded by Jeri Hockman.

Merle Herbert: The publication requirements for State Convention as passed by the Florida Federation, January 21, 1990: "The Association's publications will advertise the State Convention

throughout the convention year for a flat fee of \$150.00. The publications will print and publish: advertising, letters, logos, registrations, etc., using all space possible."

Dave Nihart: I make a motion that all publications must furnish proof of follow-through on the advertising for the State Convention as stated in the minutes of the January meeting of 1990, Florida Federation. They must show proof of performance before they are paid.

Motion seconded and passed.

Shirley Nihart: I make a motion that the publications give the State Conventions a minimum of four full pages a year plus two registration inserts and submit proof to the State Convention Treasurer.

Seconded and passed.

Leo Richardson: I move that we increase the amount to \$200 as requested as costs are going up.

Seconded and passed.

Point of Order: Anything voted on and passed in this body must be taken to the other three organizations to be voted up.

3. Minutes of Federation Sunday, May 26, 1991 - Publication Reports:

Mary Richardson read report of Coordinating Committee to be discussed later. In January at the working weekend 21, 1990. This body passed a recommendation that the Association publications will advertise the State Convention throughout the year for a flat fee of \$150.00. The publications will print or publish letters, logos, registrations and so forth using all space possible. This motion was made by Dave Nihart. The motion was that all publications were to furnish proof that follow through for advertising for the State Convention as stated in the minutes of the January meeting of 1990 Florida Federation. The publication must show proof of performance before being paid. This motion was seconded and passed. Yesterday a motion was made by Shirley Nihart and seconded by Leo Richardson that the minimum performance would be four full pages per year per publication. Publication would need to be mailed to the treasurer in order to be paid. That motion was changed. This is the final motion as stated: To give the State Convention promotion a minimum of four full pages per year plus two registration inserts per year.

Proof of the publication must be presented to the convention treasurer. A separate motion was made by Leo Richardson and seconded by Dave Nihart. That the price be raised from \$150.00 to \$200.00 per publication so long as they comply with the requirement set forth in the previous motion. This motion was passed.

Report from coordinating Committee meeting regarding publications was read by president Dave Nihart. Motion was made to accept guidelines set by Coordinating Committee. Motion made by Leo Richardson, seconded by Lou Vogel. Motion passed then a question was asked as to why no discussion was allowed. Due to parliamentary procedure the motion was rescinded. Jean Fultz moved to rescind existing motion seconded by Al Subatch and carried. Pee Wee Stewart made the motion again to accept the Coordinating Committee guidelines for publications. Seconded by Murl Herbert. Discussion on the Motion: It was suggested that the motion be changed to read that if a publication can't financially be able to put in the 4 pages of advertising for State Conventions, Boots Oglesby, stated that the Coordinating Committee doesn't have the right to dictate to an area publication. An area publication does what it has to do to keep the dancers in it's area happy. As you know each area publication has it's own format and it does this because it works for that area. Boots stated that the past minutes read that we the publication will do as much as we can for promotion of State Conventions as long as it does to put us in the red. Boots stated that your asking the publications to supply 4 full pages a year. Boots stated that, that was over \$500.00 dollars of 4 W's money a year. 4 W's run \$125.00 per full page. Boots states that 4 W's can't afford this and would not be able to publish 4 full pages per year for the current rate in the report. Chet Vetter made a motion to table this discussion on the convention procedures recommendation that publications publish 4 full pages per year. Seconded by Hollis Fowler. Motion tables till November meeting. Dave Nihart ask all publications to mail comments to him before the next meeting.

4. Minutes of Federation - Sunday, November 3, 1991 - Old Business

Motion to open stipend to publications was made by Jack Lascola and seconded by Virgil Green. President Dave Nihart stated since our meeting in May we have received correspondence from some of the publications but not all of them. There are various reasons for not wanting to follow the Coordination Committee request and they were very valid reasons. He said he had discussed it with Lou Vogel and also the incoming president and Lou was going to have a Coordinating Committee Meeting as well as a publishers meeting. It has been suggested that we hold a meeting for the publishers in one hour and also a meeting for the Coordinating

Committee in the second hour, and in the third hour the two groups get together and see if we can iron out this problem so that it would suit the both of them. He asked for a motion from the floor to do this or more discussion. Joe Vaccari commented that the Coordinating Committee had been given too much authority, reducing the authority of the Federation in this regard. Frank Habersberger commented that he thought they were trying to put the cart before the horse. The only ones who really know the true source of income as far as the publications go are the publishers. As what has been read in the minutes at the last meeting, he said he didn't see a statement or a recommendation by the publishers as to what they prefer. As he sees it, the issue at present is a matter between the Publications Committee and the Coordinating Committee. The Florida Federation should not be involved until the matter is resolved and redefined between both committees. He stated that this should belong back at the working weekend and the publishers decide between themselves what they would consider and uniform and get flexible program and turn around and send that program to the Coordinating Committee which is paying the bill. The Coordinating Committee is involved in subsidized or putting up seed money and expenses that are involved in running the State Convention. Then after those two committees meet with the Florida Federation for its ratification of what ever agreement was made. After much more discussion Frank Habersberger made a motion, we respectfully request that this subject be moved forward to the working weekend where there is more time and when the Publication Committee can arrive at decision as to what is acceptable to them as regards to advertising fees and the degree of coverage for those fees. Such decision to be placed with the Coordinating Committee for approval of each of the three sponsors, seconded by Doris McCleskey, tabled to the working weekend.

END OF INSERT

Motion: Chet Vetter - Move that we take the tabled motion on publications in regard to the state convention off of the table and discuss it at this time.

Motion: Original motion was made by Leo Richardson and seconded by Lou Vogel. The motion as was tabled stated to give the State Convention promotion a minimal of 4 full pages per year plus 2 registration inserts per year. Proof of publications must be presented to the Convention Treasurer. This motion was tabled on a motion by Leo Richardson and seconded by Lou Vogel.

Vote to take this motion off the table: Approved

The motion that will be made relative to an agreeable motion between the Publication Committee and the Convention Procedure Committee that was in the report of Joe Vaccari. We'll only make that motion if the current motion that was just taken off the table is defeated. We must vote on the one taken off the table and if this is defeated we will proceed with the recommended motion. We will now call the question and those in favor of the motion just taken off the table say I. Motion is defeated and now referred back to the committee for a proper motion.

Motion: Joe Vaccari - Repeated the present Publication Committees recommendation as a motion.

Motion was Seconded by Ron Knowlton.

Discussion: Chet Vetter - Could you clarify that \$200.00 to the Convention Chairman. Your motion is that somebody send \$200.00 to the Convention Chairman.

Joe Vaccari - It said that an invoice in the amount of \$200.00 will be sent to the Convention Treasurer.

Duke McCleskey - As a matter of clarification, both the President of the Florida Caller's Association and the Round Dance Cuers were there and concurred with this \$200.00 and have cleared this already with their bodies so that we are ready to put this off the activity. They have approved it in other words.

Motion was Carried.

Joe Vaccari - One other item you may want to act upon and that is the committee request that a meeting room be assigned for one hour at the State Convention for the Editors to get together and we request that this be included in the Convention Procedures Guideline so that this happens every year.

President Herbert - Is this a motion.

Joe Vaccari - Yes.

President Herbert - I don't think that this needs to be a motion unless it is changed to a Procedure and included in the guideline.

STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES COMMITTEE: Duke McCleskey, Chairman - The Committee Workshop members (16) were: Mary Richardson, Barbara VanDette, Lou Vogel, Dottie Vogel, David Nihart, Vicki Stevens, Ron Knowlton, Cliff Allen, Virgil Green, Frank Habersberger, Stan Hackman, Jerry Hackman, Worley Carrier, Jack Lascola, Howard Wilson, and there were about 4 or 5 other visitors. The Coordinating Committee did meet as a separate entity and also in conjunction with the Procedures Committee yesterday. We combined the Convention Procedure and the Coordination Committees activities with the principle of trying to hammer out the motion you just received as we went into the meeting with the Publications Committee. I might say that things were rather cordial.

State Procedures and Coordination Committee, provided input and coordination with the Publication's Committee, relative to the publication of State Convention promotional materials in the area association's newsletters (you just heard this report from the Publications Committee Chairman). In addition, we suggested the Convention Guidelines be reviewed and updated as required. The latest date that we have on guidelines is 1987 and playing with the 1993 Convention there are some things that need updated. Cliff Allen stated he was at work on this matter and would make the needed recommendations concerning updating the guideline at the May 1992 meeting of the Federation with adoption slated during the working weekend next year. Ron Knowlton will assist in the convention guideline update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Frank Habersberger - (Square Dance License Plate) - I presented the possibility of having a state license plate made and we encountered some problems with the motor vehicle department. The licensing bureau insisted on having 8,500 signatures to buy these plates. That of course shot this down fast. Their current agenda has 40 similar applications made it difficult to do anything. I propose that we would review this at the May Convention meeting. Since a few days ago I received a copy of a letter from Al and Winnie Subatch who were the square dancing preservation chairman and it sheds a little more light on it. They talked about modifying there demand and bringing it down to 5,000 signatures for this plate. I since discussed this situation with a lot of the delegates who are here. What we are trying to do is to have something that would publicize square dancing. The license plate was one good way to do it. For those of you who may not remember, we had this plate put together and designed. What I'm thinking about now and I would like to have your views

on it, forget about the legal license plate for the back, how about a license plate for the front of the car. On negative side of having a license plate in back is that we have about 10 people who would like to have #1. If we put it in the front and leave it as #1 every square dancer would be #1. What I would like to do is to go back to the drawing board and put the square and round dance symbols on the license plate. Get together with a license plate manufacturer and strike off one plate and then present that plate to this group at the May meeting and see if we can use that as a promotion scheme just for the front of the car. Not abandoning a legal license plate but keeping that on hold until the situation improves.

Comments: Al Boltze - Thinking in terms of the new Florida Logo, would it be possible to incorporate that in the license plate.

President Herbert - Frank, would you confer with the Public Awareness and Publicity Committee to see if they can assist you and take this on as a project.

Frank Habersberger - I would be glad to do that

Duke McClesky - (New Taxes Information) - This is a newspaper article that appeared in the newspaper January 15. It's head-lined Governor Childes details a 1.4 billion dollars in new taxes. Organizations which will be subject to this new taxes includes dancing lessons. They are going to be putting a tax if they get this thing passed on all our square dancing lessons so that you'll be paying 6% in addition to whatever the admission fees are. This was in the Today Newspaper, January 15, 1992. Please be aware of this so whenever you see your people - do you want your dancing taxed.

Jack Lascola - I think that might help the schools and hospitals and all like that with a tax. I think that was a little out of order.

George Oglesby - That tax your talking about is a double tax, in case you don't know what it is. The instructor that's teaching the class has to pay a 6% tax on all admissions. The hall that has the class in it has to pay the 6% tax on the rent of the hall. It's a double tax that Chiles is asking for. It's strictly a proposal. I'm trying to help you understand that if you run a class in the club your going to have to pay a 6% tax on everything you take in the door. Your also going to have to pay the tax of 6% on your rental of that hall. That is the proposal coming out of the state by Chiles.

Mary Stewart - The tax on rent has been four years now or probably five we've been paying 6% all along. That tax has been on there for quite a long time.

Joe Vaccari - I question that application in regard to clubs, associations, and so forth that are incorporated in the state of Florida and not profit corporations. That's a question that has to be answered.

Donna Hendricks - The reason he's proposing this is to help the education and the public schools and right now its hurting real bad.

President Herbert - Your aware of the financial problems in the state and have to look at your own feelings about taxation and how you want it taxed. Your going to get taxed. Be your own judges to what you want to do with that information. We need more taxes and I don't care how they get them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Al Boltze - (Presidents Luncheon) - Having the Presidents luncheon at the next meeting is great but I really think more could be accomplished if there is time set aside some way at this working weekend each time. The presidents would get together for an hour or so to discuss the things that there doing within each association. They share ideas and possibly do a little better job.

President Herbert - At this state convention when you have your luncheon could you suggest that and maybe move it to the working weekend. There isn't much time available in the working weekend and you folks that are going to be there will have to determine when its best to do that.

Al Boltze - (Camper Association) - An other suggestion is that we invite the camper association to come to these meetings as well as the callers and cuers. There are times when they set their meetings, they conflict with ours. It will also be good to reach that element that were not doing within our own organizations.

President Herbert - Would you be good enough to inform the President of who to contact in the campers.

Al Boltze (Working Committee Listings) - The other suggestion was simply this, you were good enough to give us our assignments as far as the committee chairman were concerned. It was brought up that if it were possible to provide a tentative list of

committee people the chairman could give the item for discussion to them realizing that there would be better discussions if you're better informed. We also realize that there are going to be a lot of people who will not actually attend but it does give you some people who are better informed to complete the job that is required of them.

President Herbert - Fine, and that will be passed on to the president next year for the working weekend. The crimp in this is the need to get a new roster out so that you can inform the people that your even having a meeting and you can't do that in the time frame. So that's the kind of crimp we ran into this year and as we go on the later you have the working weekend the better we can inform the delegates and what committees there on. We couldn't assign committees until we had the new roster.

George Oglesby (Standing Committee Meeting) - You put chairmen in charged of various committees and you made them a standing committee. The Publicity Committee you have Joe as a Chairman, he's asking that we meet at the State Convention. I think it's up to the Chairman of the standing committee to notify everybody on there committee if their going to have a luncheon or something like that to discuss things. I think that would take a relief off you and put it on the standing chairman to notify everybody on his or her committee on what they plan to do at the State Convention.

President Herbert - Thank you George and I appreciate you thinking about me. I wasn't going to do it anyway. Your right the chairman of those committees should keep their committee informed and I would hope that you have communication on some of the proposals your making. What's happening, what are we doing. And then get together and kind of hash the thought at the State Convention. The work that's been done this weekend is a start not a finish. So often you think of it as a finish. This just starts the year for some improvements in what we are doing. Is this particular weekend the first one in February, a good one for the working weekend? Did you find that bothersome or is that good? Response mainly that it was good.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 24, 1992, Hall B, Conference Hall, Lakeland Civic Center, 9:00 A.M. You will get further notice of this.

Motion to Adjourn was moved and seconded.

Meeting was Adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

UPDATE YOUR 1991-1992 OFFICERS AND DELEGATES ROSTER
24 May 1992

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