

MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
MEETING OF SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1994

The last meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was held in Lakewood, at the Convention Center on May 29, 1994. The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Allen, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Arneita Gilbourn. The roll was called with 69 officers and delegates present. A quorum was declared.

President Allen welcomed the Round Dance Council President Phyllis Kent who reported that the Round Dancers had voted to suspend the 1997 State Convention. Bill Chestnut, delegate from the Callers Association, reported that their meeting to vote on this issue would begin at 10 AM.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 19. The following corrections were made:

Bill Boyd did the art work for the Square Dance brochures free of charge. The printing of the brochure was done in Satelite Beach.

Page 4 to read Southeast Association instead of Southwest.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Howard and Sally Hayes

BEGINNING BALANCE

|                      |  |    |
|----------------------|--|----|
| First Union Checking |  | \$ |
| Contingency          |  |    |
| First Union          |  |    |
|                      |  | \$ |

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|--|----|
| Checking account balance as of December 31, 1993 | \$ |
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RECEIPTS - ACCOUNT

|       |                  |    |
|-------|------------------|----|
| 521   | Interest 1/31/94 | \$ |
| 521   | Interest 2/28/94 |    |
| 521   | Interest 3/31/94 |    |
| 521   | Interest 4/29/94 |    |
|       |                  | \$ |
| 511   | Association dues |    |
|       | Central          | \$ |
|       | Southeast        |    |
|       | West Coast       |    |
| 541   | Miscellaneous    |    |
|       |                  | \$ |
| TOTAL |                  | \$ |

DISBURSEMENTS - ACCOUNT

|     |      |                         |         |
|-----|------|-------------------------|---------|
| 707 | #827 | Treasurer Div of Corp.  | 1/28/94 |
| 727 | #828 | Historian               | 2/19/94 |
| 709 | #829 | Parliamentarian         | 2/19/94 |
| 703 | #830 | President (Badges)      | 2/24/94 |
| 705 | #831 | Secretary (Minutes)     | 2/24/94 |
| 705 | #832 | Treasurer Dept of State | 4/28/94 |
| 705 | #833 | Secretary (Minutes)     | 5/02/04 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 5/13/94 \$

First Union C.D. \$

Balance as of 12/31/93

#542 Interest

1/8/94 - \$14.67                      2/7/94 - \$14.97

3/9/94 - 15.00                      4/8/94 15.03

5/8/94 - 15.07

TOTAL - FIRST UNION C.D. \$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF 5/13/94

First Union Checking \$

Contingency

First Union C.D. \$

Loss of (\$ )

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Southeast Association - Garland and Carole McKenzie

The Southeast Association has not had any major event occur since our last meeting. We have been having our monthly dances with practices for our kickoff after each dance. We have been busy preparing for this convention and our kickoff.

We have selected our nominating committee and they are working on a slate of officers for our up-coming elections in July.

We hope everyone had a great summer and that we will see you in the Panhandle in October.

Central - George and Shirley Knapp

Central Florida Association held its 10th Annual President's Ball in April with Whit Brown calling and Audrey Philips cueing, an affair we look forward to each year. A general membership meeting with election and installation of officers and a pot luck dinner preceded the dance. New officers for the year beginning 1 July are: Randy and Carol Poole, President; Jim and Jan McConnaha, Executive Vice President; Lou and Muriel Chabot, Secretary; Bob and Rosemary Schirmer, Treasurer; Gale and Laura Boak, Vice President for Area Directors; John and Rose Taylor, Blood Bank Vice President; and Will and Carol Barnhart, Membership Vice President. We all wish them well during the coming year.

We had nine past presidents of CFA attending this event, including our first president from 1957. We were all very happy to see them again.

CFA again topped 500 members this year and are actively persuing additional new members as well as renewing old memberships that have lapsed.

Our Blood Bank finished the past quarter with 136 available credits. Twenty-one donations were made during the past three months.

#### Northeast - Charlie and Val Newsome

Our Annual Blood Bank Dance on March 5th had a fair turn out. We were able to turn over \$267.00 to the Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance. Our 1993 blood drive netted a total of 124 units donated, doubling our 1992 total of 63 units.

Our April 30th 5th Saturday Dance was another good one thanks to John Saunders, RJ Hogan, and Donna Heins. The next one will be our Crazy Hat Dance on July 30th with Don Heins, Bill Chesnut, and Audrey Phillips.

We are sorry to say that the editors of our publication, The GRAPEVINE, have tendered their resignation, effective July 1, 1994. Paul and Nita Walker will be moving to North Carolina. They will be greatly missed. The ~~ex~~ecutive Board of NEFSARDA, under the direction of the President, will assume the responsibility for publishing the magazine.

NEFSARDA'S beginners class will graduate on June 1st. All dancers are invited to attend this free dance to help the new dancers on their way into the world of Square Dancing. Instructor Eddie Millan will be putting the dancers thru their paces.

This will be the last beginners class graduation of '94. It hasn't been the best year for classes but it could have been worse. The retention rate of students starting vs graduation ranged from 75% down to 20%. One of our more successful classes started with 27 dancers (a mixture of couples and singles) and graduated 19. 18 of which joined the club.

At least one club had to cancel classes due to the higher than normal dropout rate. One club caller started three different classes. When two of them had to fold due to lack of students, he simply had the few students remaining join the one class and kept on going. At graduation time, all three clubs participated with each student receiving their partent club's badge. In all, approximately three squares finished. See, clubs can cooperate in Square Dancing advancement.

Recruitment tactics included advertising in the local newspaper, flyers, and signs placed in local stores. Based on past experience, we have gotten very few students directly from demonstrations or advertising. Flyers and/or posters placed in large organizations (ie: churches, etc) can possible bring in several students that are already close, from those organizations. However, it seems that the best results have come from, to use an old phrase, "tell a friend." That personal invitation seems to do better then all the flyers and posters combined.

### Northwest - Arneita Gilbourn

The Northwest Association has had a very productive year. The officers pledged to visit every member club during this year and have already visited about 90% of them so far. We have been recognized at most clubs and introduced so that the club membership know who we are and it has been an asset in helping to build our membership. The communication and relationship have improved greatly.

We have the Association Banners ready to be handed out to all member clubs for display at their club functions. Thanks to Cliff, Jean and Tina Allen for their work in getting this project finalized and becoming a reality, not a dream. The 94 Board has worked very hard to get all Northwest Clubs to participate in the Book of Maps which is now called the Book of Information due to the abundance of information included and we hope to make the next issue even more valuable. We presented the Association Presidents and Vice-Presidents a copy at the breakfast yesterday and would like for Cliff to present the Federation Board with a copy at this time. We are very proud of this as all the clubs in our area are included with the exception of 5 clubs. We are hoping they will want to be included in the next issue. Anyone who wishes to purchase a copy of this book may see me after the meeting. A special thanks to Wilma Scofield for her coordination of this project.

We are also planning a Fund Raiser dance on August 20, 1994 in Chattahoochee, FL for the Association to possibly purchase a new type printing machine. We would like to extend an open invitation to the 95 State Convention Committee, the 97 National Convention Committee to come set up a table at our annual dances on August 20, and October 21-22.

### West Coast Association - Howard and Sally Hayes

During the past three months, the West Coast has keep busy holding Membership Dances, Banner Raids and enlisting volunteers for the 46th National Square Dance Convention. The Membership Dances have been well attended with 30 squares at Sun City Center and 17 squares at the Oxbow Hall in Pinellas Park. The next West Coast Membership Dance is scheduled for August 21, 1994, at Strawberry Squares. The dance will honor the County VP'S, Club Representatives, Club Officers and Kick-off for the Fall Fun Fest.

The "West Coast Banner Bandits" and the "Banner Bandit Program" has been well received to date. The West Coast Banner Bandits have visited "9" clubs - Temple Twirlers, Kingspoint Swingers, OK Squares, Left Allamanders, Buttons and Bows of Mulberry, Button and Bows of Englewood, Spinning Wheels, Bay Area Twirlers and Shooting Stars. By the time the Fall Fun Fest rolls around, we hope to have visited at least 20 clubs. The Banner Bandit Program is creating a lot of activity as the clubs raid each others banners. The program should help the clubs during the summer months when the attendance at the dances is low.

The Suncoast Callers Association has started a new Mainstream Dance on Saturday night at the Best Little Dance House for new dancers. The Callers take turns donating their time and talents and the beginning dancers get to dance to different callers. They invite all dancers to join in the fun and meet the new dancers.

During the past year, the West Coast Dancer under the leadership of Ken and Sue Brown has made great strides with the magazine.

Al and Mary Boltze have obtained a good video which can be used in the malls to promote square dancing and beginner classes. Zurhn and Shirley Walker are re-editing and adding some additional footage. The West Coast should have an excellent promotional tape thanks to the efforts of Al and Mary and Zurhn and Shirley. Once the tape is completed, the West Coast will be glad to share the tape with other Associations.

#### PUBLICATION REPORTS:

##### KEEPIN' POSTED - George and Shirley Knapp

Keepin' Posted of Central Florida continues to deliver CFA messages to all our members. We feel the past year we've ironed out a lot of problems and now we can concentrate on adding more and more substance to our publication. Our editor, Al Cody, is doing a fine job of making the articles interesting to the new dancers as well as old.

We have published articles of information from the Publicity Committees of both the Portland National and the Northeast's State Convention keeping our readers up to date on both these events.

Our list of complimentary copies that are mailed out seems to be continually growing, but we feel it is a good investment as it does keep us in closer contact with our counterparts in other areas of the state and nation.

Keepin' Posted is alive and well and getting better all the time.

##### THE GRAPEVINE - Paul and Nita Walker

We have been Editors of the Grapevine for seven years (1981 - '83 and 1989 - '94). Sometime this summer we will be moving to North Carolina where a home is being built with two living quarters. Paul's mother will be moving from Vero Beach to live with us. So effective July 1, 1994 we will no longer be editors of the Grapevine.

Activities for a smooth transition have already been taken. The Northeast Executive Board will publish the Grapevine under the leadership of the Northeast President - Charlie and Val Newsome. A new editor will most likely be appointed sometime in January.

During these seven years our greatest enjoyment has been the pleasure of our involvement with dancer organizations. Being on the State Federation - Publications Committee and attending the working weekends has provided us with information to improve our publication and a lot of fun. The editors of all other area associations have openly exchanged ideas that have helped all of us do a better job for the dancers. We deeply appreciate this cooperation.

PANHANDLE PRESS - Joy Vaccari for Gail and Ray Jones

The Editors could not be here for this Convention due to health reasons.

We are still printing 500 copies.

Our machinery is getting old and frequently breaking down. Plans are to purchase a copy machine. This is to be discussed at the NWFSRDA meeting.

The new feature "The History of the NW Association" continues. Each issue covers one year of Association history.

4W'S - George and Boots Oglesby

Discussion on importance of dancers opinions in policy making procedures.

No written report.

WEST COAST - Ken and Sue Brown

The Association has determined a change in printing dates would be to our advantage and would be more consistent with other state publications as well. Therefore, beginning August 1, The Dancer will be circulated on even months. The Dancer will be printed 6 times each year. The deadline will be the 1st of the month prior to publication. Ad copy, other than square dance related, will be accepted from active members of the square dance community as space allows.

Space will continue to be made available for the Florida State and upcoming National Convention with hope of reciprocity at the time of our Convention.

BOW AND SWING - Randy Boyd

No Report.

CONVENTION REPORTS

1994 - Dave and Shirley Nihart

No Report.

1995 - Stan and Jerri Hockman

We are ready to go. Practice was held each month at the Association dance. We are looking forward to Kickoff Sunday night.

1996 - Cliff and Jean Allen

No Report.

1998 - West Coast

1997 National Convention Report - Worley and Nan Carrier

In April, we attended the Pre-Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Our entire Magic Board was present and we had a total of seventy-four Florida dancers in attendance. This was the largest delegation from any state that has ever attended a Pre-Convention. We were very pleased. It was a great experience for all of us and we feel a lot was learned that week.

Everyone is invited to attend the Florida After Party in Portland, Oregon. This will be held in Hall "B" of the Portland Convention Center from 10 PM til midnight.

The next General Meeting with NEC will be November 5, 1994 in the Orlando area. We will let you know about time and place later as we are still working on that. Plan on an all day meeting with a luncheon.

We urge you all to push the Early Bird sales and support the Ways & Means. We ask that you all plan to attend the Booster Dance and Flea Market in Kissimmee on December 2 and 3, 1994.

NEC Portland Oregon Convention - Loren and Florence Long

The Portland convention facilities are within easy walking distance of each other. There will be dancing at the Oregon Convention Center, Red Lion Hotel/Lloyd Center, Portland Memorial Coliseum, Lloyd Center Malland Holiday Inn. Registration and badge pickup will be at the convention center lobby at 9 am Tuesday, June 21. If you are driving there will be trail dances throughout the region during the week prior to the convention. Activities start on Wednesday evening with the Ronnie Milsap show. There are lots of restaurants within walking distance. Buffet dinner service will be available Thursday through Saturday in the Oregon Convention center. Salads, potato bars and pizza are planned for lunch. There will be vendor carts offering other items. The dance floors will include cement, hardwood and hardboard paneling. There will be an outdoor Grand March on Thursday afternoon. All dancers are welcome. The indoor Parade of States will be held in the Coliseum Saturday night. There will be representatives from every State and each foreign country. The fashion show will be held Saturday at 10:30 AM in the coliseum.

Hall of Fame - Mary Richardson Butlak

Financial Report, May 28, 1994

|                               |   |    |
|-------------------------------|---|----|
| Balance as of January 1, 1994 |   | \$ |
| 2/25/94                       | Name plates for 1993<br>Out-going Presidents, FL Federation,<br>FL Callers & FL Round Dance Council | -  |
| 3/21/94                       | Postage and printing charges of<br>resumes for 1994 Hall of Fame inductees                          | -  |
| 3/31/94                       | Interest paid   | +  |
| 4/11/94                       | Plaques for 1994 Hall of Fame   | -  |
|                               | Balance on hand   | \$ |

There were no Hall of Fame inductees in the years of 1992 or 1993.  
Balance in account over \$1500.00 is for interest earned during this period.

To bring account back to \$1500.00 a bill has been sent to the 1994  
Florida State Convention to request a payment of \$536.76 be made to the  
Hall of Fame.

Legacy - Frank and Nan Habersberger

The 1994 Biennial Survey, "How Others See Us", Legacy's 9th is  
under way.

We have enclosed copies of the introductory letter and the "Legacy  
Dancer Survey" - 1994 Form.

It will be appreciated if the Delegates would have copies made for  
distribution at their Clubs.

The completed Survey Forms are to be sent directly to Walt and  
Louise Cole, Chariman of the Legacy Survey Committee. Their address  
is on the form.

U.S.D.A. - Paul and Marie McClain

The USDA Annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 1994 at  
the Travelodge Hotel, 1441 NE 2nd Ave. at 1:00 PM. This is the  
official meeting of the USDA Board of Directors that provide the  
guidelines and direction for the world's largest national square dance  
organization.

The Board of Directors consist of delegates from all USDA Affiliates.  
Visitors are welcome buy may not vote on items brought before the board.

The purpose of USDA is: (1) to promote and perpetuate the total square  
dance movement which includes square, round, contra, clogging, line  
and heritage dancing.



This year will be a whole new "ballgame". Our efforts in continual pursuit and encouragement of State Committee persons has resulted in adding FOUR new States to the list of those whose... State Folk Dance is Square Dancing!

We now proudly proclaim the TWENTY-ONE (21) States are "on board". Hat's off to Oregon, Washington, Tennessee, Alabama, New Jersey, Florida, West Virginia, Oklahoma, California, Idaho, Massachusetts, Illinois, Arkansas, Virginia, Montana, Texas, Colorado, Delaware, Utah, South Carolina and this translates into a 42 percent completion.

Hottest prospects? Mississippi, Missouri, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

We solicit, encourage, yes urge, any H-E-L-P a dancer will offer toward the accomplishment of the goal...The Folk Dance in these United States of America is.....Square Dancing!!!!

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Coordinating Committee: Stan Hockman

The Coordinating Committee makes the following recommendation to the Florida Callers Association, The Florida Round Dance Council, and The Florida Federation of Square Dancers: This recommendation is to be voted on by all three (3) organizations. If two (2) of the three (3) vote to accept this recommendation, it will be approved for inclusion in the convention guidelines.

##### Recommendation:

Change Paragraph E.1 of the Convention guidelines as follows and accept the attached guidelines:

##### E. Registration Fees

1. Registration fees will be paid by all Florida Caller Association members, all Round Dance Council members, all Florida Federation Square Dance members, and all Host Association Convention Committee members. The final decision of all free-bees will be the concern of the Convention General Chairman.

Motion seconded by Murl Herbert. Motion carried.

##### Square Dancer Preservation - Hollis Fowler

This is a very complex subject and the answers are not readily available.

In review of what has been suggested and done since January 1990, we have placed handbooks in as many dancer's hands as possible, encouraged demos, encouraged Angels to accompany students to at least two sessions, considered providing baby sitting and many other possibilities and apparently we still have the problem of retaining dancers.

*full time*

Please contact: Pee Wee Stewart, 150 Charles St., Edgewater, FL 32141. Phone: (904) 345-3911. Harold Carrow, 692 Branch Dr., Port Orange, FL 32127. Phone: (904) 761-0387. Worley Carrier, PO Box 1698 Indiantown, FL 32956. Phone: (407) 597-3277. Your items will be picked up shortly thereafter.

Request from Jack Taylor for approval to place the Square Dance Brochures in the Campbellton, FL Welcome Station. 5885 Highway 231. Motion by Donna Hendricks. Seconded by Nancy Wolfert. Motion Carried.

Chet Vetter is arranging a room at the State Convention for "Old Timers", those dancing for 25 years or more, so they can get together.

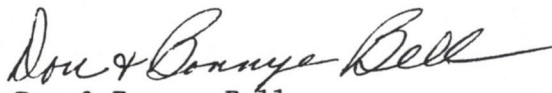
A special THANK YOU to each Association for reporting on Beginning Square Dance Classes in their area and the many ways they go about recruiting new dancers and keeping them.

Next meeting to be held October 23, 94 at DeFuniak Springs. Federation members wearing the Federation badge will be allowed in the Round-Up free of charge.

Federation meeting to be held on October 23, at 9AM in the same room as the dance.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Don & Bonnye Bell  
Secretary