



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

## MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

MEETING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1995

The last meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was held in Orlando at the Ramada Inn, 3200 West Colonial Drive on February 18, 1995. The meeting was called to order by President Paul McClain who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Marie McClain. The roll was called with 69 officers and delegates present. A quorum was declared. Visitors to the Federation were introduced and then welcomed by the President.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as written. Motion carried and minutes were approved as written.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: Howard and Sally Hayes

The Treasurer's report was read. There being no corrections, motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read and file for audit was approved.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT submitted by Howard and Sally Hayes for  
period of October 21, 1994, to February 6, 1995.

BEGINNING BALANCE  
First Union Checking  
Contingency  
First Union C.D.  
TOTAL

Checking account balance as of September 21, 1994

RECEIPTS - ACCOUNT

531 - Interest 10/31/94  
531 - Interest 11/30/94  
531 - Interest 12/30/94  
521 - Interest 1/31/95  
Total Interest

501 - 41st FL State Conv.  
511 - Assoc. dues N.E. & N.W.  
Total Income

Total Checking Account

DISBURSEMENTS - ACCOUNT

727 - #842 Historian 10/22/94  
709 - #843 Parliamentarian 10/22/94  
703 - #844 Vice President 10/27/94  
719 - #845 FL After Party -Port. 1/19/95  
705 - #846 Secretary 2/01/95  
703 - #847 C. Leamon - Badges 2/02/95  
707 - #848 Treasurer 2/03/95  
707 - #849 Dept. of State 2/03/95  
701 - #850 President 2/06/95

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 2/06/95

First Union CD  
Interest Income Six Months  
BALANCE as of 1/07/95

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF 2/06/95

First Union Checking  
Contingency  
First Union C.D.  
TOTAL

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Respectfully submitted:

*Howard & Sally*

Howard and Sally Hayes



## ASSOCIATION REPORTS

### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION - Randy and Carole Poole

It seems all good things must come to an end. We are sorry to report the editor of Keepin' Posted is retiring after the March Issue. Al Cody has done an excellent job in securing advertisements and putting the magazine together. Until an editor can be found 'The Consortium' will reform and put the magazine out on schedule in June.

Silver Springs of Ocala is sponsoring a Square Dance Day April 22. They hope all of the dancers in Florida will come out and spend the day. They are offering reduced admission prices which will include a luncheon buffet. The \$37.10 a couple fee will also give you full park privileges - the glass bottom boat rides, the animal shows, the jeep safari and the petting zoo. This is the parks first attempt at a Square Dance Day. If it is successful they would like to expand it to a two day affair and possibly an annual affair.

The annual Slumber in the Forest Camping Weekend is coming up the first weekend in April. As an added treat for the campers this year, Friday night will be a trial run for the Thursday night entertainment at the Pre-Convention. Game tables are being made. Ideas are flowing. We hope it is successful and everyone has a good time.

The Presidents Ball and election of officers will take place April 29. With everyone getting more involved with the National Convention, we are hoping to see some new faces on the new board.

Central Association has selected and is proud to announce that Jim and Jan McConnaha will be the Chairman of the 45th Florida Square & Round Dance Convention in 1999.

Tonight in this hall the dancing will start at 7:30 with Roy Brown cueing rounds. A grand march will start at 8P.M. and Art Wilson will call the dance. Following the dance a 15 to 20 minute show will be presented for your enjoyment! At least we hope you enjoy it.

### Northeast Association - Chuck and Linda Riggs

In the last report it was stated that it would be the last given by Charlie & Val Newsome, well we are glad to report that they are still with us as our new Grapevine editors and doing a terrific job we might add.



Our 41st Fall Festival was a huge success due to the planning and work of Hollis & Mary Fowler and their Aides. There were more ads sold this year than ever has been in the past. We had a Mardi Gras for all the dancers to enjoy and a parade of floats with pirates, dragons, ships, clowns, cowboys, madams, and lots of beads, coins, and plenty of trinkets to toss out to all the dancers. George & Nancy Wolfert were named Dance Couple of the Year, CONGRATULATIONS. Two "Circle of Service" awards were given to Charlie & Val Newsome and Ed & Helen Williams. We had our first winners for the Club Visitation Award. The Rollaways won first place and the Silver Fox took second place.

There were several Christmas dances for everyone to choose and attend having plenty of fun, food and fellowship and dancing of all levels. What a good way to share all the love and friendship at Christmas and New Years time.

We held our first Delegates meeting Jan 15 and I think it was the shortest meeting ever held and only because I was told to hurry up since the Super Bowl was coming on.

The NE has started their offset classes on the 23rd of Jan and we now have two full squares and hopefully we will have a few more but if not we are glad to have these couples. As we all agree - the more the merrier.

The Silver Fox had an annual Benefit Circus Dance and this year the money taken in went to "Dreams Come True" for kids with a dream. The club collected \$1000 for some child's dream to come true.

Seabreeze Singles held a charity Valentine Ball for the City Rescue Mission and collected over \$900 to feed the homeless of Jacksonville.

The Moose Promenaders had their annual Presidents Ball. The Silver Fox won the cash prize for most attendance. Gene & Wanda Tanner was the lucky name pulled from the hat to win President of the Year prize.

March 4th will be the date for our annual Blood Bank Dance with Don Heins, Ken Miller and Lawton Smith. Donna Heins will cue with early rounds starting a 7:30 at Jacksonville Heights Elementary. Blood donations will admit you free with proof of donation. All monies will be donated to the Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance. Come join us. So far we have a report of 164 units, a big jump from last year, which has beaten the goal we were after. Thank you donors.



April 29th is our next 5th Saturday Roundup Dance with Sam Atkinson and Jim Cosman calling and Jim & Barbara Winter on rounds. Everyone will be able to sign up for all the clubs they are a member. We will have plenty of good dancing so come join us.

We are planning a picnic on June 3. NE will furnish all the meats and condiments with only \$1 donation per person. There will be a covered dish so come join us and be sure and mark this on your calendar. More info later.

We are sorry to report that we have lost 3 clubs in our Association, the Palm Valley Twirlers folded after many years and the Suwannee Scootbacks folded, even though they were a new club - at least they tried to make it. Also, Quartermores have folded. We are; however, glad to announce a new club, The Vagabond Squares.

We have a Demonstration Dance set for April 9th, 4:00 at the annual FEAST & FEST ..A TASTE OF JACKSONVILLE at the Northbank of the Riverfront Park. There will be all kinds of activity and varieties of food. Be sure and come to this event as it is a two day weekend of fun for the entire family.

#### Northwest - Anneita Gilbourn

We would like once again to say thank you to each of you who did so much to help the flood victims in our area. We gave them a special check for Christmas. In all, the state of Florida gave them \$5239.08. Total given each was \$291.05 for singles and \$582.10 for couples. Each of them said thanks too. I am happy to report that all but 2 are back on the dance floor. One is just too feeble and the other is fighting a battle with cancer and chemo right now. They have each rebuilt or either relocated, but are settled now.

We, in the Northeast, had a plaque made for Louise and Byron Jamison, the couple who gave \$1000 cash as the largest donation from anyone but I am sorry to report that Mrs. Jamison passed away 2 hours before the mail arrived with the plaque but Mr. Jamison said he would cherish it along with so many other square dance memories of her.

We have several classes in progress: Square, Round and Line Dance.



Special dances have been held for the Heart Fund and other charities as well as appreciation dances. Our annual Callers Sweetheart Swing and Queens Coronation. All have been a success.

The Northwest has been hit hard with sickness this year. Clena Taylor and Owen Hutchinson could not let the other outdo them so they both had quadruple bypass surgery, Elva Dodge wanted some of the attention so she could not even get a doctor to tell her what was wrong and so did Bill Jenner, who is still in the hospital with all kinds of tubes, etc. then others had cataract surgery. Hopefully, we are all about to get back on the mend except Bill who finally found a diagnosis but will take a year to recover.

Our plans for the Kick Off are falling into place and of course, we think it is going to be the best ever so do not miss it.

#### Southeast Association - Stan and Jerri Hockman

Southeast has been very busy as usual, we have a great board all working to make this a very busy year. Our fund raiser, The Snowflake Frolic, was a big success this year. The Committee did a great job. Being Florida is so much busier during the winter with all the snowbirds, we are going to continue with our raiser at this time of the year.

We have started a new program inviting new graduates to come and dance with us during the summer months. We hope this will bring new members into the Association this year.

We are also doing visitation as much as possible. Also, we have made a list of members who have not renewed. Our plans are to personally contact these people to find out why they did not renew. Our picnic was a big success.

On a sad note, we have lost caller Dale Edgar.

#### West Coast Association - Ken and Sandy Brasfield

Since we last met in October, the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association held their 20th annual Fall Fun Fest, we feel a successful one. One of the weekend's highlights was



the presentation of the "Extra Mile" award to caller Sharon Short by her good friends Merle and Joann Lewis on behalf of all West Coast dancers. Sharon is very deserving of this award as she gives 110% to the square dance movement. Also, we had good results for our first year West Coast Banner Bandit program with thirteen clubs attending with at least one square to retrieve their banners. The most rewarding part of this program was one club who has never participated in the Fall Fun Fest won the award for the largest percentage of members present. The Villa Curli-Qs of Tampa have 21 members, they brought 18 to the Fall Fun Fest. This alone seems to make this endeavor a success and we will be continuing our banner raids.

The 1995 Fall Fun Fest committee has a meeting scheduled for Feb. 25 to start planning their 21st annual dance. This year on November 10 & 11 we will have Johnny Jones and Joe Fioretti on squares with the Worlocks and Jim Runnels on rounds. So mark your calendars.

On February 9 West Coast Vice Presidents Joann and Merle Lewis organized a square dance at Florida State Fair. They danced from 11 AM to 5 PM with 175 dancers representing 31 clubs. The callers for the day were George Varney and Sharon Short. Merle and Joann have done this for several years and each year it seems to be a bigger success. Great public awareness!!!

We have been busy with four membership dances behind us and five more scheduled. Our reservations have been made for "Dip and Dive in '95", so we will see you there.

#### PUBLICATION REPORTS

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

To date Keepin' Posted published quarterly, issues on March, June, September and December have been very well received by the dancers of Central Florida. We have been steadily improving the quality and readability of the magazine, through the efforts of our editor Al Cody. However, we have been informed recently that he will no longer be able to continue as editor, therefore the publication will be put out



by a new editor with the continued assistance of the Publisher George and Shirley Knapp and the Circulation Managers, Randy and Carole Poole.

We have been printing over 500 copies each issue plus additional copies for our recent graduates which they receive free. We try to aim a good deal of our information to the new dancers, to keep them informed and interested. It sometimes only takes a small article to peak their interest and keep them coming back to their club dances. That is why we feel it is of vital importance for each club to present articles of their activities past and future for each issue with special emphasis on the newer dancers. It might help to hold the dancers we bring in.

Keepin' Posted copies are regularly mailed out to publicity chairmen of future conventions and we exchange publications with our Florida counterparts.

Keepin' Posted is alive and well.

#### THE GRAPEVINE: Charlie and Val Newsome

Having been the editors now for the last four issues (sole editors since the Dec-Jan issue), Val and I are still waiting for it to get easier. While it hasn't gotten easier, it has progressively gotten more interesting. We are still sending out about 300 copies per issue while we keep trying to hit that just-right combination that satisfies us and makes the readers happy too.

Besides club news, information on regular dances, State and National Conventions, we have been trying to include a variety of information articles to keep our readers interested and wanting more. In addition to the two month dance calendar in the publication's center, we included a listing of all of the Association member clubs with their dance days, time, locations, caller/cuer, and a contact telephone number.

We publish every even month with a deadline on the 15th of every odd month. We welcome articles from any area that we can share with the dancers of the Northeast. Send them in and we will do our best to work them in.



PANHANDLE PRESS: Joy Vaccari for Gail and Ray Jones

We are still printing 500 copies. We have a new copy machine which provides quality copies and the magazine is starting to look a lot better.

4 W'S: Carole McKenzie for George and Boots Oglesby

We are still here printing 4000 copies. But the big news this time is, we have reached our 30th year. Now we know we are not the oldest publication in the state; but, we are the only one that has had the same editor for all of the 30 years and we are still free to the dancers, thanks to the support we have received from the callers, cuers, clubs and vendors.

We had quite a party at the put-together. Some of those who were with us at the beginning came by to party and party we did. They finally had to kick us out of the hall at 10 PM.

Last Sunday, Boots presented the "Extra Mile" award to Henri Arsenault and his wife Shelia.

WEST COAST DANCER: Ken and Sue Brown

The West Coast Dancer is printing 3,500, with requests for an increase by some local clubs and callers. We are pleased with the cooperation from our callers, cuers, clubs and dancers.

We are finding the advertising a great help in offsetting the increase in printing costs.

The change in our schedule to the even months to relieve some confusion for our 5 state associations has not caused any major problems, although it does take some getting used to.

BOW AND SWING: Bill and Randy Boyd

Bow and Swing continues to support the regional callers associations by publishing newsletters (Provided we receive



the information) and an application to join in each issue. The combination of current news letter information and published application forms should encourage regional memberships.

Bow and Swing is sending a club copy to all clubs in Florida. If you know of a club not receiving a copy let us know so we can add the club to the list.

Club Newsletters are printed at no charge and we like photographs. Send your pictures and desired captions when space permits we will publish them.

Betty Lee Talmadge (Dancin' News) is sending us a series of articles of Florida to familiarize some of us with Florida lore and facts. This idea was generated from National Squares, its purpose to make us better informed about our State when thousands of foreign dancers descend on us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the callers, cuers, dancers and advertisers for their continued support.

#### CONVENTION REPORTS

##### 1995 - Southeast: Stan and Jerri Hockman

Callers are lined up, entertainment is planned, decorations are in process. The only thing remaining is for you to show up in Lakeland in force. Bring your friends and club members and the 42nd Conventin will be very successful.

As most of you have heard, Lakeland Civic Center is in the process of enlarging the center; as they have planned for many years. The 95 Convention will probably be the one to be most disrupted by this. We should have a new floor to dance on in the main arena. Doug West said they will help all they can with signs to get to entrances. We know there will be some inconveniences this year, but being the great people that dancers are, we are confident that it will still be a great convention. One that we will all remember.

Grand March will be a little different this year. The Association Presidents will be advised as to the procedure so they can take it back to their respective associations. Stay seated until you are asked to line up.



Fashion Show Needs the Associations to turn in their forms a.s.a.p. in order to have a successful fashion show and have each Association participate.

Ribbons Anyone who does not have ribbons see Carole and Garland McKenzie and they will be glad to give you ribbons. The ticket office will be difficult to get to so it would be best for everyone to get the ribbons prior to Friday/Saturday night.

Thanks to all the publishers for their help and support.

1996 Northwest: Cliff and Jean Allen

Everything under control. Ready for the Kick Off in May '95, at the end of "Dip and Dive in '95."

1998 West Coast: Merle and Joann Lewis

There will be a Kick Off in 1996 for the 1998 State Convention. The Lakeland Civic Center has been reserved and Doug West assured us that the renovations will be completed by 1998. All of the executive board and committee chairman have been appointed and ready to go. The theme, logo and dress have been selected and plans for the Kick Off have begun. The West Coast is all ready to go and is on schedule.

1999 Central: Jim and Jan McConnaha

Everything is under control.

1997 National Square Dance Convention: Worley and Nan Carrier

We are proud to report that all Committee Chairman of the 46th National Square Dance Convention are on schedule or ahead of schedule. The Vice Chairman and their directors are all doing a great job. The Business Committee, headed by Frank and Nan Habersberger, has been working since day one. Under them we have the Ways and Means Committee, with Vice Chairman, Pee Wee and Mary Stewart. They are doing a fantastic job with selling our ways and means. We also have committees all over the state with these ways and means items. Before you leave this week-end check and see what



they have added to the inventory. Our Director of Early Birds, Jack and Barbara Hoffman are very busy getting out certificates and ribbons to all the supporters of early bird passes. On February 2, 1995, we had sold 1308 early birds--714 of these are from Florida.

In just 12 months we will be hosting our Pre-Convention. This is headed up by Assistant General Chairman, Duke and Doris McCleskey. All Committees are putting this on. They are busy working on making center pieces and getting entertainment set up.

All Committee Chairman and some committee members will be attending the Pre-Convention in San Antonio next month. This will be a learning venture for everyone. All committee Chairman and Vice Chairman will be giving a full report on what they have done and what they are planning to do in May at the next general meeting. This will be at the State Convention on Saturday morning, at 9AM in Hall A.

#### Hall of Fame: Mary Richardson Butlak

The Hall of Fame at Strawberry Squares looks good. If you have not given your picture to Chet Vetter, please have a picture taken and give to Chet. Financially, the Hall of Fame is sound with a balance of \$1516.65 as of December 31, 1994. Any nominations and resumes should be submitted as soon as possible to be considered at the 1995 State Convention.

#### Legacy: Frank and Nan Habersberger

Legacy has a meeting of its Trustees every two years. The next one is LEGACY XII and will be scheduled for May 18-21, 1995 and will be held at the Fayetteville Hilton Inn, 70 North East Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

General information on location, for Affiliates and Trustees driving, flights, courtesy van from Airprt, and room rates are contained in the attached letter and registration form which accompanies this report, for the secretary records.

#### USDA: Walt and Sally Baechle

Meeting held during January in Pennslvania. Highlights: over



100,000 dancers in the USDA Insurance program. After party of USDA in Birmingham will be on Friday night. No annual fee on USDA credit card program. ASCAP has lost a suit in court, pertaining to a Convention Center and Vendors.

USDA INSURANCE PROGRAM: Randy and Carole Poole

1. Checking Account

Balance 23 Oct 94

Receipts

Central  
 FCC  
 Northeast  
 Northwest  
 Southeast  
 West Coast  
 Total Receipts  
 TOTAL

Disbursements

USDA Insurance Fund  
 Admin Expenses  
 Total Disbursements  
 Ending Bal 19 Feb 95

2. Enrollments 1995

|            | Associations | Clubs | Dancers |
|------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| Central    | 1            | 30    | 2110    |
| FCC        | 1            | 5     | 284     |
| Northeast  | 1            | 17    | 648     |
| Northwest  | 3            | 27    | 806     |
| Southeast  | 1            | 3     | 505     |
| West Coast | 1            | 16    | 1127    |
| Totals     | 8            | 98    | 5480    |

3. Other Information

Additional Named Insured Certificates Issued 37  
 Claims this year 1  
 We are 2 clubs and 153 dancers below this time last year.

USDA AMERICAN FOLK DANCE: Duke and Doris McCleskey

The period of time between the National Square Dance Convention and the end of a year is known as a time for



analyzation and reorganization; for those of the 'political persuasion'; in making ready for the upcoming gathering of State Legislative Bodies.

We are happy to report, after a search of records and a clarification of previous legislative matters, that ARIZONA declared their State had approved a Bill (which was at first interpreted as only a two year bill), was in fact a permanent passage. We then rearranged the order in which states declared, to reflect the proper place of ARIZONA in the order of ratification (Number Thirteen). This clarification brought the total States Declaring to Twenty-Two (22).

Just three days ago, the State of MISSISSIPPI, presented a Bill to the Governor, declaring MISSISSIPPI as Twenty-Third (23) State to pass Legislation making Square Dancing their official State American Folk Dance. With this 23rd entry, we have now reached a total of 46% of these United States.

There are several states on the brink of passage this legislative year and we hope to be able to report an excess of 50% during the 44th NSDC.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Board of Delegates - President Paul McClain reviewed the Florida Federation of Square Dancers By-Laws and Constitution as they related to the number of Delegates/Alternate Delegates each Association is permitted to have and what constituted a quorum. Paul then reviewed the form to be used in voting as to the number of Delegates that each Association should have. Paul and Marie will then correlate the information and report the consensus of the group at the Sunday meeting. Also, there will be some other clarifications of the By-Laws and Constitution at the May '95 meeting.

Joe Vaccari commented as to his understanding of the Constitution and By-Laws which prompted discussion of 4 vs. 5 Delegates and appointed 1 elected. Depending upon the results of the voting, it may require a Constitution and By-Law change. The voting forms were distributed, picked up and turned over to Marie McClain.

Frank Habersberger commented on an Associated Press article in the Ft. Lauderdale area and keeping the writers straight.



In 1986, Florida became the 6th state to declare Square Dancing as the official American Folk Dance for the state of Florida.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, MEETING ROOMS AND TIMES

President Paul McClain reviewed the committee assignments/changes, meeting rooms and time. Guests were invited to attend any meetings. The Pre-Convention meeting will be held in the Penthouse - 3:30PM.

PeeWee Stewart thanked all of the dancers for their help and support of the FLEA Market and Booster Dance which raised more than \$7000 for the 46th National Square Dance Convention.

There being no other business President Paul McClain adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Howard & Sally*

Howard & Sally Hayes  
Secretary