



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1995
RAMANDA INN - I-4 & 98, LAKE LAND

The last meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was held in Lakeland at the Ramada Inn located at I-4 & U.S. 98. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Paul McClain who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Marie McClain. The roll call was taken with 72 officers and delegates (64 & 8) present. A quorum was declared. Visitors to the Federation were introduced and welcomed by the President. Representatives of the Round Dance Council and Vendors were introduced.

It was moved by Frank Habersberger 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: Jack and Zonie Taylor

The Treasurer's report as of May 19, 1995, was read by Jack Taylor. There being no corrections, the Treasurer's report was accepted as read and filed for audit. The Treasurer's report is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT submitted by Jack and Zonie Taylor for the period of February 19, 1995 to May 19, 1995

BEGINNING BALANCE

First Union Checking \$
 Contingency \$
 First Union C.D. \$

TOTAL \$

Checking account balance as of February 19, 1995 \$

RECEIPTS - ACCOUNT

521 - Interest - 02/28/95 - \$

521 - Interest - 03/31/95 - \$

521 - Interest - 04/28/95 - \$

Total Interest \$

511 Assoc. Dues S.E., Cent. & W.C. \$

Total Income \$ \$

Total Checking Account \$

DISBURSEMENTS - ACCOUNT

727 - Historian - \$

717 - Refreshments w/weekend \$

703 - C. Leamon - Badges \$

707 - Treasurer \$

709 - Parliamentarian \$

705 - Secretary \$

711 - Promotional Material (Pins) \$

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 19 May, 1995 \$

First Union CD - \$

Interest income \$

Balance as of May 19, 1995 \$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF May 19, 1995

First Union Checking \$
 Contingency \$
 First Union C.D. \$
 TOTAL \$

Respectfully Submitted:

Jack & Zonie
 Jack and Zonie Taylor

CORRESPONDENCE

Paul McClain read a thank you note from Don and Myra Noel thanking everyone for all of the cards, telephone calls and flowers in the loss of their son - Steve. There being no other correspondence the insurance report was called for.

USDA INSURANCE PROGRAM: Randy and Carol Poole

1. Checking Account

Balance 19 Feb 95 \$

Receipts

Central \$

FCC

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

West Coast

Total Receipts \$

TOTAL

Disbursements

USDA Insurance Fund \$

Admin Expenses

Total Disbursements \$

Ending bal 28 May 95

2. Enrollments 1995

	Associations	Clubs	Dancers
Central	1	30	2114
FCC	1	5	284
Northeast	1	19	683
Northwest	3	29	892
Southeast	1	4	523
West Coast	1	16	1127
Totals	8	103	5623

3. Other Information

Additional Named Insured Certificates Issued. 46

Claims this year. 4

We are 78 dancers below this time last year.

Today we will give the Treasurer \$100.00 for USDA dues.

Carol Poole announced that after seven years, they were resigning as Insurance Chairman. They were given a resounding applause and thanks for a job well done.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - Ken and Sandy Brasfield

The West Coast Association has managed to stay busy. We have

completed 11 banner raids with three more scheduled. We have held eight free membership dances with the VIP Dance and our President's Ball still to come. A very successful Freshman Frolic was held in Tampa and co-hosted by the Suncoast Callers Association and the West Coast Association. West Coast Vice Presidents Joann and Merle Lewis organized the dance and with the help of many volunteers all went well. There were 12 squares with six callers and cuers. Joann, Merle, Sandy and I, also attended a free day of dancing for new dancers on May 7 at New Port Richey. There was a workshop from 2 - 5 PM with approximately eight squares and then a dance from 7 - 9 PM with about 12 squares. There were 8 callers and two cuers who donated their time to give the new dancers an opportunity to hear a variety of callers. In between the afternoon and evening session, we attended the Suncoast Callers meeting. New officers elected were: President Jim Briggs, Vice President Joe Fioretti, Secretary George Varney and Treasurer Art Springer. One of the main topics discussed was new classes and the importance of all working together. The West Coast pledges their support in promoting the classes by supplying flyers and advertising in the West Coast Dancer. The Suncoast Callers promised to provide schedules of places, dates and times for all classes. By working together we hope this can be a great year for all new dancers. The importance of having mainstream dances available for these new dancers was also discussed. The West Coast has agreed that the last two of our membership dances this year and all of the upcoming dances will be alternating mainstream and plus tips. We hope by providing a place for these new dancers to dance they will become more comfortable and proficient and we will keep them dancing. The West Coast 21st Annual Fall Fun Fest with Johnny Jones and Joe Fioretti on squares and Curt and Tammy Worlock and Jim and Jennie Runnels on the rounds will be held in Lakeland on November 10 and 11, 1995. The West Coast will be sponsoring an after party at the Fall Fun Fest on Saturday night. Tom Perry will be calling line dances and squares. In between the dances, there will be a stand up contest for all dancer comedians. Hope to see you there.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION - Chuck and Linda Riggs

These past months have seen too much sadness and sorrow here in the Northeast, February one of our dancers, Joe Smith, and good friend to us all suddenly without warning passed away. In April after 38 years of calling and bringing happiness to us all in his songs and trying to keep us dancers learning our left from our right, Dick Barker passed away without warning we will always remember both Joe & Dick and they will surely be missed. We have had several of our dancers hospitalized and come home all better and ready to dance again, thank goodness. Hollis Fowler, we all remember him, had a bout with his heart but is recovering very well even if he is still under Dr. care. I hope this will be all the sadness we share for a long time.

Our Blood Bank dance was another one of our successful dances as usual with 11 squares (for us this is good turnout) Joe Fitzmayer handed our 80 certificates to blood donors. 164 units donated for the year of '94, so far this year we already have 47 units donated from Jan - May 12. We are getting more clubs to respond we have now included 3 more clubs to our lists of club donors. We are all proud of our donors. I am because I am one person that just can't come face to face with a needle. I do envy those who can, well not envy just glad that they go and I don't. The Rollaways won the banner for most club attendance. Proceeds of \$200 was forwarded to the Florida-Georgia Blood Alliance.

Our 5th Saturday Dance was an even better success, we had about 18 squares dancing and having a great time to the calls by Sam Atkinson and Jim Cosman with Jim Winter on rounds. We awarded 4 clubs with attendance banners, Rollaways and Teddy Bears Squares won with number attended, and Fun & Frolics and Swingin' Saints won by percentage attendance. We will all have fun going to retrieve these banners especially at Fun & Frolics cause only a few of us are A dancers but we sure have fun. Our next 5th Saturday will be on the 29th of July and that is the 5th Saturday in case any of you were wondering. Our theme will be "Sailing on the NEFSARDA." Come join us. Of course we are all now busy planning the Picnic on June 3 which by the way we would love to have any and all of you show up just fork out \$1 apiece and a covered dish (we are asking for food to be under the covered dish), and then you'll be in on some fun and fellowship. I hear Eddie is drying out cow chips for the pie throwing contest. Wonder who'll be the first to win.

We did a demo in April at the Jacksonville Feast & Fest with Sam Atkinson calling nonstop and keyed up to a real lively hoedown and loads of fun. We had four squares and a few extras. Speaking of demos we will be doing several on TV this year our first is on May 30 just a few days away. We're hoping this will prove to be helpful to the square dance community and bring in people eager to learn and ready to dance.

Earlier in the month of May the Northeast held a fund raiser garage sale for the 46th Nat'l Square Dance Convention and we did raise \$281. Of course we noticed that when the square dancers brought items in to sell we would go through it first and buy those items ourselves, but we did have a good time and plenty of help buying what we had, and by the way we still have an electric typewriter for sale if anyone is interested.

I don't want to forget about the trip out to San Antonio, there were several of us in a caravan and the longest part of the trip was on the way after leaving the hotel in Baton Rouge we had gone 63 miles made three stops in only 3 hours. But we had fun and learned that we know we will have a 100% better organized convention.

The NEFSARDA classes that started in January are still going strong and we are planning a July 10th graduation of about 2

squares. As this is the offset class from the rest of the clubs regular classes and I believe the total graduates will bring 90 - 100 new dancers in the N.E.F.S.A.R.D.A. HURRAY!!! FOR US. Like everyone else we are always glad to have new dancers.

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION - Stan and Jerri Hockman

The Southeast Association has spent a busy winter working on the convention. It has been a very interesting and exciting year. The S.E.A. will have a dance this November at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, Saturday evening in conjunction of the Federation meeting.

We have come up with a new idea to introduce new dancers to the S.E.A. We had cards printed that we give to graduates that give them a free dance during the months of June through August. This we hope will bring new dancers into our organization. Being we just started, we don't know how well this will work, but its worth a try.

Our election is coming up, with new officers taking over in August.

All dancers are invited to attend Southeast's "Turkey Trott" dance on Saturday, November 4, 1995, 8:00 - 10:30 PM at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. The dance is in conjunction with the Florida Federation of Square Dancers fall meeting.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION - Randy and Carol Poole

The yearly camping weekend was held at River Forest Group Campground just west of DeLand. Everyone that attended had a great time. The weather was absolutely perfect. Our first attempt at a Casino night was held Friday night and went very well. The hall was filled with many enthusiastic gamblers. We picked up a few good tips on how to improve it for the pre-convention.

Silver Springs in Ocala sponsored a Square Dance Extravaganza. Reduced admission rates were offered along with a wonderful buffet. There was dancing in two locations with 9 callers and 5 cuers sharing the mike. The 605 dancers represented 318 clubs from at least three of the associations. Besides dancing, they rode the glass bottom boats, saw the shows, and walked the zoo and gardens. A repeat of this event is in the planning for the fall.

New officers to take office on July 1 include: Jim & Jan McConnaha as Presidents, Bob & Rosemary Schirmer, Executive Vice Presidents, Lou & Muriel Chabot, Secretary and Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasurer.

The 11th Annual Presidents Ball was held in Cocoa. We had 16 past presidents (8 couples) in attendance.

Vivian Wilson has accepted the position of Historian for Central. She is looking for information and pictures from

the early years. If you have anything to share please pass it along to her.

On April 26, Central lost a long time friend. Roland Hamel had been very ill and passed away with Marcy by his side. Our next dance will be July 29 at the Venetian Center in Leesburg. We are offering this dance free to the new graduates.

Everyone please drive carefully to the National Convention in Birmingham. See you there.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION - Anneita Gilbourn

The Northwest has worked hard this year to grow. At our last meeting our Insurance Ckhairman reported that we are No. 2 in the state. This didn't show that we had 3 new clubs formed with about 75 new members. Two of these clubs are starting new classes in June.

We have had many special dances since February in Pensacola, Panama City, Ft. Walton, Tallahassee, Vernon and Marianna, all with very good attendance. The Northwest held its second fund raiser for the association and meeting with this also hosting our practice for the Kick-Off tonight.

We have been quite busy trying to raise some funds to help one of our couples who has no insurance and the wife has an incurable malignant tumor. She has been given 3 to 6 months to live and 2 1/2 months have already passed. We have raised over \$1500.00 so far and have another benefit for this family June 17 in Chattahoochee. We would like for any of you leaving early to go to the National in Birmingham to stop and dance with us for this worthy cause.

Our past President, Bill Jenner, is still in West Florida Regional Medical Center where he has been since Dec. of last year.

We really would like to praise our Caller's Association for their work and donations of calling for each of the benefits, whether it was for an individual or the entire Northwest Association. We really do have a great group of Callers.

Our Kick-Off tonight is really going to be spectacular. Cliff and Jean and their entire committee have really gone to the limits to prepare a special treat for your enjoyment. We have some special prizes to be given away with the early registrations so be here tonight and get your ribbon to HATFULL OF TRICKS and get your ticket on the giveaways. Besides the savings you will receive for registering early for HATFULL OF TRICKS.

Also, please disregard the notice in all magazines for seamstress Pat Basford. She is no longer sewing for anyone due to some personal problems.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

WEST COAST DANCER: Ken and Sue Brown

The Dancer has added a column entitled "The New Dancers Corner", an outgrowth of our discussion at the Working Weekend. As yet, we have not had reader response; but, we hope to hear from some of our new dancers when programs pick up in the fall.

We wish to thank those publications who are including subscription forms for the National Squares Magazine. We have not received the updated forms with changes in rates, but we will forward them as soon as possible.

Circulation has reduced somewhat with the general exodus of snowbirds, but we are confident it will increase when our winter friends return. We are fortunate to be relieved of the responsibility of keeping track of the numbers. That chore is handled by the very capable Dick and Betty Stevens.

THE GRAPEVINE: Charlie and Val Newsome

Val and I are starting to really get into The Grapevine now. We just put the June - July issue in the mail on the 25th. We have started going "high tech" - we've added a FAX machine to our operation for those wanting to send in their articles rather than mailing them. The number is (904) 292-2036. It's running most of the time.

It has been interesting reporting the news about this years State Convention during the past year and we look forward to the articles relating to the 43rd Convention for 1996.

We have already started receiving the news release from San Antonio. It looks like their releases will increase quite a bit over the next 12 months. They should be interesting.

The releases from the 46th National Convention are still coming. We are trying to keep our dancers fully aware how things are shaping up for 1997.

Until the next meeting.....

KEEPIN' POSTED: George and Shirley Knapp

Keepin' Posted is back in our hands again. Sometimes it feels like we're passing the ball around the court, you pass it off and someone passes it back again. In any event, the consortium of three has been reduced to two and are back on the court.

Our June issue will be hitting the newsstands this week. The center spread was devoted to the grand event held in Silver Springs where more than 600 dancers participated in a day long affair of square dancing and sightseeing and what else.. but a great buffet.

We are maintaining a level of 500 copies per issue and continue to exchange copies with our counterparts throughout Florida and elsewhere. There being no anticipated format

changes we will continue to publish quarterly in March, June, September and December.
Keepin' Posted is alive and well.

4 W'S: George and Boots Oglesby

The 4W'S has been printing for thirty years due to the work of a lot of dedicated dancers. We continue to try and print everything that is sent to us. The Extra Mile award is going very well. We have given out four awards with two more in the works. We would like the rest of the state to start thinking about giving the awards. Criteria is what a caller has done for the good of the dancer with no money included. The fashion show will have 26 couples with their own designs. In addition, the Associations will be giving out their awards during the fashion show so be ready as time is of the essence.

PANHANDLE PRESS: Ray and Gail Jones

We are printing between 400 and 500 copies of the Panhandle Press. In June of 1994, the Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association purchased a Mita copier in place of the old memograph and stencil cutter machines. It really has made it easier to put the newsletter out. We are also able to print a clearer and better newsletter. The first part of April we mailed out our most recent newsletter, which included the directory of the members, callers, cuers, vendors, badge makers, and recording companies. We have a few copies of the current issue if you would like one.

BOW AND SWING: Bill and Randy Boyd

Bow and Swing is alive and well as reported by Gail Jones as Bill Boyd was at the Caller's meeting.

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS

1995 - Southeast: Stan and Jerri Hockman

The Convention is almost over and so far a great time has been had by all. It is the first time we have not heard complaints about the sound in the Arena. The approximate attendance is over eighteen hundred. With all the construction going on, there has been little problem. We had some event changes and their success if any

will be reported on at a later date.
We would like to thank the past Convention Chairman and all others for their support and encouragement. With the help from our Vice Chairman Worley and Nan Carrier down to all the workers who helped ready the halls, and all those from each Association who encouraged the dancers to come. We have had a great time. Thank you.

1996 - Northwest: Cliff and Jean Allen

No written report. Still figuring out what they will do tonight at the Kick-Off. Packets are available for each Association to help promote the 1996 State Convention. Hope to see everyone tonight at 7:30 PM.

1998 - West Coast: Merle and Joann Lewis

We are well on the way with our 1998 State Convention plans. We have all our chairs and committees filled. We have our Kick-Off all planned out as we have to present it in 1996 instead of 1997. Our Kick-Off Chairman, Ethel and Tom Smith, are working on the costumes and themes. We have asked Murl and Sally Herbert and Howard and Sally Hayes to be advisors and to take care of protocol for us. With the good advise and help from Stan & Jerri Hockman, we are getting our confidence up. The next thing on our agenda will be how to raise money.

1999 - Central: Jim and Jan McConnaha

Since being appointed General Chairman of the 45th Florida Square & Round Dance Convention at the last meeting of the Florida Federation, much activity has taken place. We appointed Randy & Carol Poole as Assistant General Chairman, Lou & Muriel Chabot as Convention Secretary and Jack & Barbara Hoffman as Convention Treasurer. With an Executive Board with this much talent, our job as General Chairman should be much easier. The first meeting of this Board was held during the CFA Camping Weekend. General organizational matters were handled, possible appointments to other committee chairs and preliminary themes were discussed. Appointments of John and Linda Saunders as Caller Chairman, John and Moe Barrett as Caller Co-Chairman, K.O. and Phyllis Williams as Cuer Chairman, Tom and Audrey Philips as Cuer Co-Chairman were made. Letters were sent to their respective organizations for their action at their next meeting. PeeWee and Mary Stewart were appointed Vendor Chairman with John and Esther Layne as Vendor Co-Chairman. George and Shirley Knapp

have been appointed Grand March Chairman and Signs Chairman. The Registration Chairman spot has been filled by Bob & Rosemary Schirmer.

Another meeting was held prior to the CFA 5th Saturday dance with more organizational matter discussed. On May 26th, at 11:00PM a non-meeting was held in the CFA Hospitality Room. The purpose of this was to get all the input we could into ideas for the theme for the 45th Convention. A lot of ideas were forthcoming--some usable-- some not. We hope to have this important aspect nailed down in the near future. As you can see this convention is off to a fast start. We have met with a lot of enthusiasm from the CFA dancers and a willingness by them to get involved in this state convention.

1997 National Square Dance Convention: Worley and Nan Carrier

The 46th National Square Dance Convention is well under way and ahead of schedule. All Committees are well organized and working to make this a great Convention.

In just ten months, on March 5-10, 1996, we will be hosting the Pre-Convention. Duke and Doris McCleskey and a large committee are working very hard on this and we know it will be the greatest Pre-Convention you will ever attend. Please support them and plan to be a part of this event.

The Social and Special Events Chairman, Randy and Carol Poole and their committee are very busy working on tours for the 1996 Pre-Convention. They are also working on tours and cruises for the 1997 Convention. Their committee also is in charge of the 1997 Fashion Show. We are sure you will not want to miss this. Another phase of their job is the Big Wednesday Night Special and the Saturday Night at Disney. This committee is also responsible for the entertainment on Thursday Night at the Pre-Convention.

Our Housing and Registration Chairman, Dave and Shirley Nihart and their committee are in the process of getting our 46th NSDC badge designed and also getting the registration forms made. A lot of work and thought has gone into this and they are doing a great job. They are also involved in getting the hotels and motels lined up for our convention. These things are due to be done by the end of this year and they are on schedule. They are also involved in making centerpieces for Pre-Convention food functions.

The Services Chairman, George and Shirley Knapp and their committee are very busy working on the layout of the Convention Center. Another large job for them is the bussing of dancers to and from the Convention. They also have to make arrangements for busses for the tours. Their job is unlimited.

Publicity Chairman, George and Nancy Wolfert and their committee will be publishing some great articles about the 46th NSDC and things of interest in the State of Florida.

These articles will be read locally and nationwide. Help them by giving them information you have. They are also in charge of the Press Breakfast at the 1997 Convention. Their committee is making artifacts to be sent to dances all over the United States and will then be brought back to our Convention in 1997. These artifacts will be ready by Pre-Convention time and ready to be sent out. They are also working on centerpieces with the Housing and Registration Committee.

Our Education Chairman, Murl and Sally Herbert and their committee people are working on putting on seminars and educational programs for the Square and Round Dancers. Under them is also the Sew and Save program. This committee is doing well and will start getting busy as Convention time draws nearer.

The Program Chariman, Howard and Sally Hayes and their committee are well organized and getting prepared to program the Convention. They are also in charge of all Ceremonies. Together with the Education Committee they are working with centerpieces and entertainment for the Pre-Convention on Friday night.

Our Business Chairman, Frank and Nan Habersberger and a very large committee have been working since day one. Under them is the very important committee called Way and Means. Please support them as this will make our convention a success. Along with many items on the Ways and Means table, you will find we have added watches and cookbooks. You can now charge these items on your credit cards and these make great gifts. We are also pushing the sale of Early Birds. As most of you know the price will go up after our Pre-Convention in March. The Program Book Committee is very well organized. We know they will put out a great book!

Steve Ekin, our Computer Coordinator is working on the Registration program for the Convention. He will be working with all committtees in the near future as needed.

We are very fortunate to have Jim and Jan McConnaha as our Convention Secretary. Their job is endless, with getting reports out to NEC and keeping up with the roster. They are also working on different jobs involved with Pre-Convention.

Last, we are very pleased to have Loren and Florence Long and Carl and Jean McCarver as our NEC advisors. They are always there to answer our questions and give us guidance.

There will be a 46th Benefit Dance and Arts and Craft Sale on Sunday, October 22, 1995 in Lantana, FL. The Caller will be Dee Dee Dougherty and the Cuer will be Jerry and Joyce Viola. We have flyers and ribbons.

We are very pleased to give this report and we are very proud of everyone working on the 46th NSDC Committees. We now have over 900 people on these various committees and we need all of you to make this a successful National Convention.

The After-Parties in Birmingham, Alabama will be on Thursday,

June 22, 95, from 10:00 - 12:00PM. It is a Plus dance and is sponsored by the Florida Federation. There will be lots of Florida and National Callers. There is also a Round Dance After Party sponsored by the Florida Round Dance Council. Note: This is the first Florida Round Dance After Party at a National Convention. The Round Dance After Party will be held on Friday, June 23, 1995, from 10:00 - 12:00PM.

Florida Pre-Convention Hospitality Worley and Nan asked for \$100 donation from all of the Associations with 100% participation. Many thanks to each Association for their donation. These monies will be used for the Thursday Hospitality.

Motion was made by Worley to have the Florida Federation host and finance the Friday night hospitality from 10:00 - 12:00PM with a donation of \$500. Motion was seconded and after much discussion the motion was withdrawn by Worley Carrier and Jack Lascola. Mary Stewart than made the motion for the Florida Federation to donate \$1,000.00 to the cause. Motion was seconded and subsequently unanimously passed.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Loren and Florence Long

Emergency phone (205) 458-8701 from June 19. Badge Pick-Up Booth will be open Tuesday, June 20th, Noon - 6:00PM; Wednesday & Thursday 9:00AM - 9:00PM; Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 8:00PM.

A post office will be set up at the Convention from Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM

An emergency message board will be located in the Registration lobby.

There are 500 RV sites that will have electricity. There are no sites available with full hook ups. Water will be readily available for filling holding tanks. Several dump sites are available, as is honey wagon service. Camping will open at noon on Sunday, June 18. RVers arriving before Wednesday will pay an addition to the \$60.00 for Wednesday through Saturday. Pre-registered RVers will pick up their packets at the Fairgrounds. You can also register at the Fairgrounds.

The Lee Greenwood Show on Wednesday evening has been opened to the public.

The Education committee have obtained moderators and panelists for 36 panels, 18 clinics, 18 education seminars. Consult your program book for the times and locations for your level of square or round dancing. There will also be contra, clogging and country western dancing.

The Fashion Show will be held at the Boutwell Auditorium. There will be two Parades of States. The outdoor parade will be on Thursday, June 22nd, at 12:30 PM. All dancers from 50

states and foreign countries are encouraged to participate. The indoor parade will be on Saturday, June 24th, at 6:30PM. This parade will be limited to one square per state or country.

Callers will perform in the Concert Hall on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 10:30 to 11:30PM.

VENDOR REPORT

The Vendor Chairman, Hank of the Hanky - Panky Shop reported on the meeting of the vendors which was held on Saturday night. The vendors would like to help the Federation in the assignments of the vendor booths. Their vendor representative could work with the Federations (Associations) representative to help resolve any problems which may arise. This year we had a problem in that a new vendor was given a prime spot. Possibly one of the other vendors with more seniority would have preferred the location. One of this years vendors was shorted three feet. Vendors would also like to be considered for closer parking along with the committee people since the vendors are the last to leave the building at night and are carrying money. President Paul McClain commented that all vendor concerns would be turned over to the Convention Procedure Committee and let them work/resolve any problems.

CALLERS MEETING REPORT

Howard Hayes reported the vendor's concern was brought up at the Callers meeting. John Saunders advised that the vendor concerns would be brought back to the Coordinating Committee. Callers are supporting the 46th NSDC as Bob Barnes, Director of M.C.'s, Assistants and Workshops, had signatures of approximately (20) callers who would act as M.C.'s and Assistants.

Art Springer was approved as the Caller Chairman for the 1998 State Convention. Callers approved the motion to give free ribbons to programmed callers - spouses, cuers and partners and all committee dancers as approved by the Convention Chairman - same motion as was approved by the Federation. Callers also passed the motion to restructure the Coordinating Committee with a non-voting secretary who would hold office for three years. Murl Herbert volunteered to be the Coordinating Committee's Secretary.

PRE-CONVENTION REPORT: Duke and Doris McCleskey

Opportunity for everyone to learn what our Convention is all about and for the N.E.C. (green coats) to see if Florida is on schedule. Everyone will have a great time and you will need to get your Early Bird converted to "I AM REGISTERED"

RIBBON". There is 19000 square feet for the Saturday evening dance at the Orlando Hyatt. Appreciate the Associations and Federation contributing to the hospitality. Budget set on 16000 dancers and hope to get 30,000. Previously at the Nationals (California), they counted dancers each day. Now that has changed and the dancer will only be counted once. We will have a grand program at the Pre-Convention. Menues and luncheons are not finalized until 6 months prior and there will be a tour of the Convention Center on Friday. On Saturday, there will be 20 rooms for Breakout meetings. Invitations will be sent to every volunteer. Attendance at the luncheons and dinners will be restricted to 500. Need your help to fill up the 200 rooms which we are guaranteed.

STATUS REPORTS

Legacy: Cliff and Jean Allen

Regarding the Kick-Off tonight - packets are available for each Association and Early Birds for the '96 Convention will be \$12.00 each. Two door prizes. Regarding Legacy - We attended the meeting of Legacy at Arkansas and became trustees. Had a good time and a lot of interesting topics at the meetings. One of the major topics was the list of calls - difference between A.C.A. and Caller Lab. Legacy is more or less lining up with Caller Lab. Attended a lot of educational sessions.

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

The U.S.D.A.'s annual meeting will be at the convention in Birmingham. June 21, 1995. 1:00PM. Sheraton Hotel at the Medical forum. Anyone may attend the meeting but no voting privileges. U.S.D.A. After Party with National Callers on Friday, June 23, 95. When visiting the Showcase of Ideas pay particular attention to the U.S.D.A. table. Try a subscription to the U.S.D.A. news which is a worthwhile publication.

AMERICAN FOLK DANCE: Duke McCleskey

I have made many, many reports to varying groups; some bad, some good, some sad and some glad; happily this one is one of the better and happier ones!
The United Square Dancer of America, together with Legacy International, have been working these past ten years toward a combined goal of..The American Folk Dance of these United

States is Square Dancing.

Each year I have come before you with a report of progress; but this year I bring much greater tidings. During the past few months we have seen success in MISSISSIPPI who became number 23, closely followed by NORTH DAKOTA number 24 and just a couple of weeks ago MISSOURI brought the goal to the halfway mark, as the 'show me state' became number 25! Don't know about you, but we're extremely happy about this happening, what with the varying ego of state legislative bodies, not to mention the idiosyncrasies of many politicians. So the halfway point has been attained, and we move forward toward the completion of the goal. KANSAS and NEBRASKA will be granting favorable passage shortly after the first of the coming year, and CONNECTICUT may proclaim before they do; each of these three is attempting to become number 26. The happiness is, 50% of our National Goal Has Been Met, and before too long the Congress will enact legislature making The Square Dance our American Folk Dance!

SQUARE DANCE MONTH: Howard and Sally Hayes

Historically September has been designated as "Square Dance Month." Letter was sent to Governor Lawton Chiles requesting him to proclaim September, 1995, as "Square Dance Month."

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME: Jack Taylor

No inductees as no resumes received. Balance of \$1508.65. Spent \$22.59 for supplies.

ASCAP BMI: George Wolfert

Licensing Agreements presently held with both ASCAP and BMI are as follows:

The fee due to ASCAP for the year 1995 will be \$.054 (5.4 cents) per attendee. For purpose of computing fees due to ASCAP the term "Attendees" shall include all persons registered and paying an admission fee to attend the State Convention; plus one-half of the number of vendor personnel. The fee due to BMI for the year 1995 will also be \$.054 (5.4 cents) per paid attendee with a minimum fee of \$175.

The fees quoted above are for 1995 however for the calendar year 1996 and each calendar year thereafter the fees may show a slight increase based on any increase in the Consumer Price Index.

When "Live Music" is used the fee is calculated on a daily basis of more than \$250 per day per Licensing Agency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COORDINATING & STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES: Stan and Jerri Hockman

Ribbon distribution to Callers/Cuers has been resolved without any major hangups. Jerry Reed has updated the Convention guidelines as of May, 1993, and the Federation has ratified the updated guidelines.

Stan explained the restructuring of the Coordinating Committee including the non-voting secretary - three year term.

SQUARE DANCE PRESERVATION: Bonnve Bell

The Square Dance Preservation committee met on Sat., May 27th, in the Convention Center. There were 22 in attendance. Ken and Sandy Brasfield, West Coast President gave a presentation on their S.O.S. team (save our squares) giving examples and ideas on how to keep square dance clubs alive. They gave each participant a booklet they had compiled using their own material as well as some from U.S.D.A. They are willing to meet with any club that desires their help.

John Saunders represented the Callers and discussed the importance of having new dancer classes. He also stressed the importance of the Caller as a leader and an active participant in the club.

They answered questions from the floor and shared opinions and ideas.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank Ken, Sandy, and John for their help and input into square dance retention. California is promoting square dancing by making posters "SQUARE DANCERS LIVE HERE" along with schedule of classes and put in yards, mail boxes, laundromats, etc. When beginner class started they had 15 squares.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: Anneita Gilbourne

No report.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS: Tom and Jean Hancock

Showcase

Background - Theme is Magic of Florida

Emphasis on attractions in your area.

Sent instructions to the 5 Associations, requested and received silhouettes from Federation officers (from last year) to be used in this year's Federation Showcase, set up display, RESULTS - Impressive and imaginative ways to show off your part of Florida.

National Convention

Ordered and received 8500 lapel pins of Florida for hand-outs.

Requested 8 tables (one more for campers) and received 7 (Federation, 5 Associations, historian.)

Received instructions for setting up in Birmingham. These instructions will be mailed to points of contact, immediately following this convention.

Visitors Center Brochure

Contacted visitors bureau in Tallahassee for required paper work on March 15, 1995. Not yet received.

Follow up phone calls were unsuccessful with no calls returned. Bottom line: no progress since February.

Summary

Excellent Showcase from individual associations.

Need help to man in Birmingham.

Need to keep working on the visitor's centers.

HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION: Jack and Zonie Taylor

The Historian report this time will be brief and to the point. Zonie has been working on the Albums and keeping up with the paperwork that she can copy out of the different publications. She and I invite you to visit and spend some time at the History Table. It won't take many more years until we will really have a nice display, that we can all be proud of.

Again I would like to emphasize that the Convention Chairmen furnish us with loads of material. The more the better. Pictures are great but don't forget to write the names or event on the back to help Zonie.

Again thanks to the area publications for furnishing us copies of their publications.

Please invite your dance friends to help us with this project and ask them to visit the History table. They will be surprised at the information we have collected.

OLD BUSINESS

FEDERATION DOCUMENTS: Paul and Marie McClain

Paul explained the revisions to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers By-laws and the clarifications with the By-laws and Articles of Incorporation (Standing rules) so that all documents are the same thing.

Question arose as to whether a revisions committee would be formed and recommendations brought back to the Federation. Paul has no plans to form a committee; however, the next president could do so. The changes to the number of Delegates are exactly as voted on at the February 19, 1995, meeting.

All other revisions were for clarification. Joe Vaccari asked if the changes should be sent to the Secretary of State and Paul felt that there was no real change only consolidating to have all documents say the same thing.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee- Paul appointed Cliff & Jean Allen, Dewey and Donna Hendricks, and Murl and Sally Herbert as committee members.

Reprint "A Handbook For Square Dancers" - Paul McClain
After much discussion, motion was made, seconded, and passed to solicit a minimum of three bids to print 5000 handbooks (1000 per Association) and to be paid for by the Federation. Tom and Jean Hancock, Parliamentarian, will be responsible for obtaining the bids and have the handbooks printed.

NEXT MEETING


Next meeting will be in Boynton Beach, FL, November 5, 1995, 9:00AM. Hotel information will be sent along with the minutes. Plan on attending "The Turkey Trott" on November 4, 1995.

Frank Habersberger commented on the Vendors exhibits and that they had worked with the Vendors Association and that the truth will eventually come out.

Meeting adjourned.

Thanks to all who submitted written reports.

Respectfully submitted,


Howard and Sally Hayes
Secretary

FFSD LEGACY REPORT
28 May 1995

The bi-annual Legacy Meeting was held in Fayetteville, Arkansas on 18 - 21 May 1995 and was attended by Cliff and Jean Allen. The following is a short description of some of the session topics and contents which were held during the three day activities:

1. **How To Conduct A Business Meeting** - The Roberts Rule Of Orders was the primary topic of discussion. Discussions and example were used to demonstrate how to conduct meetings using the Roberts Rule Of Orders as the guideline. Many of the pitfalls and potential problems that may be encountered while conducting a meeting were discussed by panel members.

2. **Leadership** - Inexperienced leaders or lack of good leadership is at the heart of the problems encountered by many of the square dance clubs and other square dance organizations. Emphasis was on training your own replacement in leadership and providing continued support after replacement.

3. **Goal Setting** - This is a very important aspect of any organization and is usually a missing item. Many clubs only have a goal of meeting on a certain night and dancing for two hours. Organizational goals should be defined and plans for accomplishing them should be developed and published for dissemination to each member. Selected goals should be achievable goals. The whole membership should be involved in goal setting for the organization. Such activities as square dance classes, social functions within the club, special dances, desired growth of club, and any other activity of importance to the club members should be continually considered and adopted as goals and updated as often as needed.

4. **Evaluation Of Organizational Program** - Continually evaluate your own organizational program to be sure your goals are still valid and your plans for accomplishing are acceptable and achievable by your organization.

5. **Learning Cycle Within Square Dancing** - Primary discussions were on the topics of entry programs (classes) into square dancing and integrating new dancers into the club. The new dancers have the learning cycle of learning to square dancers: the club dancers have the learning cycle of how to support the class and caller to assure the dancers are having FUN while learning and how to integrate the new dancers into the club to assure they continue having FUN and feel accepted into the square dance world.

6. **Economics Side Of Square Dancing For Clubs** - Discussions were conducted regarding such topics as minimum class sizes, costs for a place to dance, caller/cuer fees, when should a club call it quits, and other related aspects.

7. **Group Activities** - Discussions were conducted on the importance of social activities before, during, and after the actual dance. All activities must be related to making it FUN to being a part of the world of square dancing.

8. **Square Dance Lists** - Are list a part of the problems of square dancer recruiting and retention today? Caller Lab says No, more result of poor callers; ACA says Yes, we need a shorter list, one floor dancing, and not levels. These two Caller groups are at an impasse with no agreement on a common approach in sight.

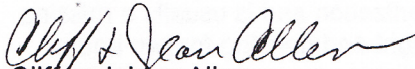
9. **Education Committee** - Legacy provides sponsorship and material for conducting mini-Legacies for leadership seminars. The Florida Federation should look into sponsoring a mini-Legacy for Florida Dancers at the Federation and/or Association levels sometime in the future!

10. Country Western/Line Dancing Integration Into Square Dancing - Several pro's and con's were discussed. General opinion was that its already happening and we need to get aboard and use it to our advantage to help solve the present problems of recruiting and retaining dancers.

11. Computers Use In The Square Dance Activities - Discussions mainly on the use of Internet capabilities for information dissemination, publicity, and promotion of square dancing. There are tremendous possibilities of reaching a large population of potential dancers. All it takes is initiative and innovative ideas! The dancing organizations need to get involved NOW.

12. The Legacy Saturday Night Dance Finale - Consisted of Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra, and Country Western/Line Dancing alternating throughout the evening. The floor was always full of dancers having FUN even though most of the dancers were somewhat senior citizen dancers. Imagine the FUN young dancers could have at such an activity!

13. The next bi-annual Legacy Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah in May 1997.


Cliff and Jean Allen
Legacy Trustees