



# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

## MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1995 BOYNTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER

The last meeting of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was held in Boynton Beach at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Paul McClain who led the Pledge of Allegiance. First Lady Marie McClain asked for a moment of silence for two of our very dedicated longtime members Julia Vetter and Boots Oglesby. Also, to include Pee Wee Stewart and Jean Allen, who are undergoing surgery, in our prayers as she gave the invocation. The roll call was taken with 59 officers and delegates ( 53 + 6 ) present. Several visitors to the Federation were introduced and welcomed by the President. Representatives from the Caller's Association - Henri and Shiela Arsenault and Bill and JoAnn Boyd of the Bow and Swing were introduced.

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack and Zonie Taylor

The Treasurer's report as of October 31, 1995, was read by Jack Taylor. The Treasurer's report is as follows:

BEGINNING BALANCE

First Union Checking  
Contingency  
First Union C.D.#728480

TOTAL

Checking account balance as of May 19, 1995

RECEIPTS - ACCOUNT

521 - Interest - 05/31/95 -  
521 - Interest - 06/30/95 -  
521 - Interest - 8/8/95 -  
521 - Interest - 8/31/95 -  
521 - Interest - 9/29/95 -

Total Interest

511 - N.E. Dues -  
541 - USDA Dues -  
501 State Convention -

Total Income -

Total Checking Account

Voided Check #849

Total

DISBURSEMENTS - ACCOUNT

703 - Vice President  
703 - Vice President  
703 - Vice President  
705 - Secretary  
707 - Secretary  
707 - Treasurer  
713 - USDA Dues  
719 - Voted to 46th NSDC  
719 - Dept of State  
727 - Historian

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF October 31, 1995

First Union CD -  
Interest Income  
Balance as of Oct. 31, 1995

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF October 31, 1995

First Union Checking  
Contingency  
First Union C.D.

TOTAL

Respectfull Submitted:

*Jack + Zonie Taylor*

Jack and Zonie Taylor  
Treasurer

USDA INSURANCE PROGRAM : Randy and Carol Poole

Carol explained the reports - Randy and Carol reported from May 28, 1995, through August 20, 1995, and Howard and Vivian Wilson from August 20, 1995 through November 5, 1995.

1. Checking Account  
Balance 28 May 95

Receipts  
Central  
FCC  
Northeast  
Northwest  
Southeast  
West Coast

Total receipts  
TOTAL

Disbursements  
USDA Insurance  
Admin Expenses  
FFSD - for USDA Dues  
Flowers - Howard Backus

Total Disbursements  
Ending Bal 20 AUGUST 95

2. Enrollments 1995

	Associations	Clubs	Dancers
Central	1	31	2114
FCC	1	5	284
Northeast	1	19	683
Northwest	3	31	947
Southeast	1	5	562
West Coast	1	16	1127
Totals	8	107	5717

3. Other information  
Additional Named Insured Certificates Issued. 55  
Claims this year. 5

4. This is a financial report as we turn the insurance program over to Howard & Vivian Wilson.

USDA INSURANCE REPORT: HOWARD AND VIVIAN WILSON

1. Checking Account  
Balance August 20, 1995

Receipts  
Central  
FCC  
Northeast  
Northwest  
Southeast  
West Coast

Total receipts  
TOTAL

Disbursements  
    USDA Insurance Fund  
    Admin Expenses  
Total Disbursements  
Ending Balance-Nov.5,1995

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3. Other Information

    Additional Named Insured Certificates Issued 60  
    Claims this year 7

4. We received the FFSD Insurance program on August 20, 1995.

Following the report, Murl Herbert questioned whether the insurance account (funds) should be included as part of the Federation's Treasurer's report. President Paul McClain responded the USDA insurance funds has never been included in the Federations's report and the matter will be turned over to the incoming president. (Don and Bonnye Bell)

CORRESPONDENCE:

First Lady Marie McClain read a letter from the Hillsborough County Hospice Organization thanking the Federation for their thoughtful contribution in memory of Julia Vetter.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - Merle and JoAnn Lewis

We held our election of officers September 25th and those elected began their term on October 1st. The officers elected are: Merle and JoAnn Lewis - president, Zurhn and Shirley Walker - vice president, Randy and Marcia Lewis - secretary, Tom and Ethel Smith - treasurer.

We have been very busy with public awareness in preparation for the classes which are underway. Our previous presidents, Ken and Sandy Brasfield, were instrumental in arranging for a hot line in the St. Petersburg Times which includes information concerning dances and lessons. It has proven very fruitful; one caller received more than 20 calls and others have reported calls still

coming in. We have given a demonstration at Tampa's International Day - our Square Dancers represented America's Folk Dance. We were represented by dancers ranging in ages from 9 to 80 and spanning four generations. We participated in a demonstration at the Hillsborough Fair and the New Brandon Mall as well as SAM'S CLUB, discount store.

Our Association allotted the Suncoast Callers Association \$270.00 for advertising the Generic dances which are to provide Mainstream dancers a place to dance during the period they will be learning basic level dancing. We strive to work hand in hand with our callers and cuers realizing we are all working for the same goal. We are purchasing a 13" TV and VCR combination unit to enable us to utilize the Square Dance promotion film that was shown by Howard Hayes and Al Boltze to the Federation Board. We felt it important to show it at this time, while classes are forming. It is to be set-up in Department Stores, Grocery Stores and where ever we are able to gain permission for its use.

The West Coast Association has participated in twelve Banner Raids this year making us visible to member clubs and encouraging banner raids among these clubs. The Banner Raid Contest ended October 30th. Four awards are to be presented to the winning clubs at our annual Fall Fun Fest in Lakeland on November 11th. At the same time the Association will award two plaques to County VP's who are retiring their positions. One having given 25 years and the second 13 years of service to the West Coast Square and Round Dancers' Association.

The SOS, Save Our Squares, continues to assist area clubs; offering advice, enlisting callers and providing suggestions and support.

A benefit for the 46th Nationals has been scheduled for March 31st at the Egypt Temple Shriners Hall in Tampa, with all profits going to the 46th Nationals. Don and Ann Slocum, Polk County VP's and Blood Co-Chairman, are orchestrating the event, and we will be working hard to promote its success.

We have lost several great friends this year. First was Julia Vetter, well known to the Federation. A \$50.00 contribution will be made to Hospice in Julia's memory at Chet's request. A memorial service is scheduled Decembear 2, 1995, 1:00 PM at Strawberry Square - 4401 Boot Bay Road - Plant City, Florida.

In addition, the loss of "Boots" Oglesby will leave a broken link in our chain. A \$50.00 contribution has been made to the "Boots" memorial.

In October another friend of Square Dancing, Anne Egolf, President of Chapter 018 of the Campers Association died. We extend our sympathy to Ed.

All of these people will be long remembered and greatly missed. We are sorry we were unable to attend the meeting, but we were awarded a 7 day cruise of the Western Caribbean ending in New Orleans. Hope we are forgiven.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION REPORT - Chuck and Linda Riggs

I'm sorry that Chuck & I could not be here for our report but we want to thank Dave & Shirley Nihart for reading it for us. See you at the next meeting hopefully and for certain at the pre-convention in March.

This report brings yet more sadness to our square dance community. We would like to extend our sympathy to the families of Boo Oglesby and Julia Vetter, our hearts and prayers are with you. We finally had our 1st annual Northeast picnic, we say 1st because it would be nice to have another. We all spent an afternoon of closeness simply because it rained and rained and found ourselves and all the food crammed on a car port (room for only 1 car I might add) we know now how a sardine feels, but we just bet they don't have as much fun as we do. At our 5th Saturday dance in September we had a Jaguar tailgate dance & feed the dancers, ate you guessed it Bar-B-Q and we had a lot of Jaguars, Gators, Bulldogs, Seminoles & more. We all showed our colors that night. Our Banner winners for attendance were Rollaways, Silver Fox, Yellow Rockers and Swingin' Saints. We are having bigger and better 5th Saturday dances. We are really working hard and it seems to be paying off. Thank you dancers.

One of our clubs recently adopted a highway in Jacksonville. The presentation was held alongside the highway and they now have their name on a road sign. Congratulations, Rollaways.

We are glad to announce that we have a new club, "River City Squares", forming in Jacksonville and will begin on January 20, 1996. Don & Donna Heins will be calling and cueing for the dancers in the Northeast. So if you are in our area on a 1st or 3rd Saturday come dance with us at the Peace Presbyterian Church on Southside Blvd.

The Northeast is once again planning their classes that offset the clubs in hopes that this will bring in more dancers that can not begin at those dates and so far it seems to be working. We had a square graduate from our last classes in July and may not seem like much but it is a few more dancer than we had and maybe they will bring students.

Bet you did not know N.E. had their own Jaguar cheerleaders well, we do and maybe at the next meeting if we pay them enough they will come and do some cheers for us. Let's hope their calendar won't be too booked for this event.

On Nov. 13, 1995, the NE will be attending a birthday party for one of our dancers with the Carriage Club Squares. Cecile Swan will be celebrating her 97th birthday and still dancing. How wonderful, and don't we hope we will all be able to dance at that age.

Nov. 17 and 18 is our 42nd Annual Fall Festival in Jacksonville, and boy howdy are we having a dance or what. Our theme is "Dance Around the World." Several clubs will be dressing up in a different country of their choice, a must see. We will have local callers and cuers on Friday night and Saturday we are happy to have Mac Letson from Alabama calling and Jimmy and Carol Griffin back again this year by popular demand. Come on down and join us and see what the clubs have come up with and what country they

will be representing.

We are getting ready for elections in the NE for our association but you will have to wait until the next meeting for those results.

This year has had a lot of losses in our families. Let us all hope and pray that next year will bring better health, wealth, and happiness to each and everyone of our square dancers, families, and friends.

#### SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION - Frank and Ada Trott

In our travels this past summer, we danced at Gloria Roth's club in Nova Scotia. Her club members showed a keen interest in coming to our National S/D Convention in 1997, particularly when we informed them of Disney World. It was mentioned that the Canadians have their S/D Convention in even years.

Last month, we attended the 20th anniversary of Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers in Okeechobee. It was very successful. On Saturday night, there were 44 squares on the dance floor.

The Southeast has been having their regular monthly clinic dances. Next Sunday, November 12th, it will be held in Boynton Beach, and will be hosted by the Castoffs. Our December meeting will be in Jensen Beach, where we will be having our Christmas Cookie Dance. We will be sharing favorite recipes of some of our dancers. In January, our annual picnic will be held in Kendal Park in Miami. We are inviting the handicapper group as our guest to the picnic. We hope that many dancers will come out and support us at these various locations.

#### CENTRAL FLORIDA - Jim and Jan McConnaha

The new officers of the CFA took office on July 1st and on the 31st of the month hosted a terrific 5th Saturday Dance. This was held in Leesburg with John Barrett Calling and Cues Jack Jenkins. A lively crowd of more than twenty squares kept the rafters ringing all night. Many recent class graduates attended. This was a free dance for them.

Most of the Central clubs started early advertising and doing demonstrations to attract people in their area to come to lessons starting in September. The CFA has been active in promoting our clubs to have beginner classes. Some of our clubs that have not done this are beginning to get into trouble. We have recently obtained a promotional video tape that can be used in booths at malls or elsewhere. It can be played in a VCR and left unattended to continue to repeat itself. This will be made available to any of our clubs that want to use it.

We held our next 5th Saturday Dance on September 30th at the great new Whirl & Twirl Hall with its wooden floor. Cues were Pete & Jan Shakle, with Jim Louder doing the calling. Twenty two squares kept things rocking all evening.

On the same day as this dance the 46NSDC held an all day Magic

Board meeting with a number of the CFA members attending in their NSDC board capacities. The next day literally hundreds of dancers, many many from the CFA attended the 46NSDC meeting for all volunteers. Much useful information was obtained by all who attended. Everyone was brought up to date on the progress as we move toward 1997.

A new hall in the CFA area had a Grand Opening October 8th. Ken and Joann Helton opened their beautiful Sunshine Hall near Wildwood. Callers and Cuers from all over the area did their thing before a capacity crowd. The CFA brought over 2 squares decked out in our black, orange and green. We wish them the best of luck in their new hall.

CFA dancers are an active, innovative group and are enthusiastically starting work on the 1999 State Convention. We think you will see some real fun things come as a result of this. Meetings are already being held to plan for this big event.

Because of its proximity at various club's New Years Eve dances we have canceled our 5th Saturday Dance in December. We have replaced it with a 46NSDC Benefit Dance to be held on Saturday night February 17, 1996. This will be held in conjunction with the Federation Working Weekend at the Ramada Inn Central in Orlando. Central Florida Callers and Cuers are donating their time and talents to make this a real fund raiser for the 46NSDC. Admission will be \$3.00 each with all proceeds to go to the 46th. Not only will you get a super dance for this price, you will get to see a sneak preview of the "Invitational" which will be presented at the Pre-Convention in March of 1996 and at the National Convention in San Antonio in June of 96. Flyers are available, with white master copies, to take home with you to run off more for all of your clubs. Please do this so that we can have a real turn out.

We look forward to seeing you at the 46NSDC meeting January 6th & 7th, 1996.

#### NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION - Annelita Gilbourn

The Northwest Association had its Annual Round-up in October despite the disaster the 2 hurricanes dumped on our area. The square dancers were really lucky only a little flooding and a few trees downed - which is all about cleaned up again.

We installed our 1996 officers and they are: Annelita Gilbourn - president, Marvin and Olena Taylor - vice president, Wilma Scofield - treasurer, Mona and Cal Peterson - secretary.

We had to cancel the Round-up Friday night because there were no motel rooms available but Saturday was a good day and night with over 12 squares attending.

The Northwest has lost several dancers since May, Elva Dodge, Carthel Lrawick, Lorey Bess and Marie Bazwell and are praying for the recovery of our sick - Bill Jenner, Jack Blanton and Jean Allen. Hopefully, they will be back on the floor dancing soon. The Panhandle Press is under new leadership and with the expertise of Tina Allen and her many assistants it sure looks promising.



Our '96 meeting is set up for Feb. 10 in Panama City with the N.W. Caller's Sweetheart Swing. May 18 in Ft. Walton Beach with a fund raiser for the N.W. Aug. 17 in Chattahoochee with a N.W. fund raiser and Oct. 26 in DeFuniak Springs with the Annual Round Up. If you are in our area let us know and we'll gladly direct you to the nearest dance. There is a dance in the N.W. every night except Sunday. We are registering a lot of people for the Convention in May. Get your registration in soon and take advantage of the savings. Please take note that the price on the form is per person not per couple. Hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

### PUBLICATION REPORTS

West Coast Dancer: Ken and Sue Brown

Our experiment with advertising in the West Coast Dancer has proven successful. We feel, as paper costs have risen, the revenue from advertisements has relieved the Association of a portion of the expense making it possible to continue to print and circulate 3,000 to 4,000 copies bi-monthly to area dancers without charge.

Based upon experience of the past, the drastic changes which occur when our Northern friends return was noted during the May meeting. A volunteer committee was formed and they in turn accepted the challenge to contact area callers, cuers, and clubs personally in an effort to update the printed schedule. The results were excellent. We are continuing the "New Dancers Corner" column as suggested by some of our counterparts at a previous Federation meeting, but we find it difficult to gain material. We had hoped the new dancers would contribute, but as yet that has not happened.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Bow and Swing for their cooperation with the Associations and coverage of our functions.

4 W'S: George Oglesby

George thanked all for their calls and cards. The Extra Mile Award will continue. However, it takes time to process the applications. The 4 W'S is still here and still going. Printing only 3,000 copies due to the decline in dancers.

THE GRAPEVINE: Charlie and Val Newsome

The Grapevine has added a few new columns during the past few months, such as Stitchin' Time, What's Cooking?, Editor's Comments, Letters to the Editor, and a special column devoted to congratulations to couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage. These columns join the Callers Corner, Cuers Corner, and the Courtesy Turn (items for sale listed free to subscribers and/or Association members) which were started earlier in the year. In addition to the above, we try to provide interesting reading about members of the Northeast Assoc. and continue to add columns suggested by the dancers. We continue to exchange copies with our counterparts and publish approximately 300 copies each issue.

The Northeast Association hosted a Grapevine Subscription Booth at our last 5th Saturday Dance. While it did not net many new subscribers, some renewals were received. We appreciate and thank the NEFSARDA Board for hosting the event. We welcome all information from other Associations, the Florida Federation, the State Convention, and upcoming national conventions. Naturally, of particular interest is our upcoming Pre-Convention in March of 1996. Our goal is to keep our subscribers abreast of all pertinent information concerning square and round dancing.  
KEEP THOSE ARTICLES COMING!

KEEPIN' POSTED: George and Shirley Knapp

Keepin' Posted is preparing to put out its Christmas Issue and continues to mail out copies to all state publications as well as many upcoming National Convention Publicity Committees. Our format continues on a quarterly basis with: 500 copies per issue being printed. We gladly reprint articles from other association publications concerning activities in their area as well as preparations for State Conventions. The pages are rapidly filling with information and articles on the upcoming Pre-Convention in 1996 and National Convention in 1997. This is our vehicle for information to all the Central Florida workers for the National Convention. Keepin' Posted is striving to improve the quality of its publication, to interest more readers and keep the Central Florida dancers better informed.

PANHANDLE PRESS: Tina Allen

As of the end of August, the Panhandle Press has a new Publisher and Editors. Tina Allen is the Publisher/Editor and Cliff and Jean Allen are the Assistant Editors. We are still printing approximately 500 copies of the newsletter quarterly. Starting with the January-March issue, the Panhandle Press will be put together in a booklet format (5 1/2" x 8 1/2"). Flyer inserts will be folded and loosely inserted inside. All flyers furnished for insertion must be pre-folded. For an additional fee of \$10.00 (above flyer insertion fee) the Panhandle Press will fold flyers for insertion. The phone number to use to send a fax, hear deadline and advertising fees, or to leave a message for the Panhandle Press is 904-581-3172 between 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM CDT. Call 904-863-9602 if you need to speak to an individual for specific information. Electronic mail can be sent to TINAMALLEN@aol.com. Mailing address is 591 Fairway Court, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547.

BOW AND SWING: Bill Boyd

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters, callers, callers and dancers who subscribe to and advertise in Bow & Swing.

Our Where to Dance Section is growing, allowing for dancers to find a dance most anywhere in Florida or southern Georgia.

Bow & Swing makes it a matter of record that all of the Handicapable Clubs will receive their Where to Dance listing in the magazine free. This compliments our policy of free advertising for all benefit dances.

We continue to mail a complementary issue of Bow & Swing to all clubs in Florida or to the contact person that we have on file.

A quick reminder that we would like your newsletter by the first of the month for the following month. If you want your pictures returned please note it either on the back of the photograph or in a note with the picture. We always try to publish all photographs and use your caption if supplied. If space permits we also try to place the photographs in the area of your newsletter.

Again thank you for continued support.

### STATE CONVENTION REPORTS

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

The total proceeds of \$12,044.85 from the 95 State Square and Round Dance Convention have been dispersed to the Federation, Callers Association, Round Dance Council and Southeast Association, each receiving \$3,011.21, though the attendance was down. We speculate that the lower attendance was due to construction at the Civic Center and rumors of reported parking problems. As it turned out problems were but few. The Civic Center staff went the extra mile to help with any request and did extra for us without having to be asked. Some extras included helping dancers between halls and their cars with umbrellas and golf cars during the rain storm Sunday evening.

Though we only had approximately 54 callers sign up to call, all spots were filled. We had one caller return his spouse's free ticket then paid for his daughter's ticket. That was really the spirit and made up for the caller that abused his free ribbons. The callers and cuers did a great job. Challenge was not programmed, but there were many requests and two callers volunteered. A hall was found and scheduled for a few hours several times throughout the weekend. The dancers we talked to were very happy to have the opportunity to be able to dance challenge. This worked so well that we would suggest if there is a lack of available halls, one hall could be used to hold two different levels.

#### 1996 - Northwest: Cliff and Jean Allen

"Hat Full of Tricks". All aspects of the Convention are proceeding on schedule. The biggest question at the moment is what rooms and space we will have at Lakeland Civic Center come Convention time. Should have this better defined by the Civic

Center by the February, 1996, FFSD meeting.

Attended the Callers meeting at Sebring in October and the Convention Caller scheduling went well with approximately 80 callers signed up to participate.

Jim and Peggy Seagraves (USDA) have agreed to conduct a seminar at the "Hat Full of Tricks in '96" Convention sponsored by the FFSD. The seminar will cover a broad spectrum of topics stressing club level activities. We expect to have a 2 hour session Saturday morning with a repeat 2 hour session Saturday afternoon. Those wanting to be scheduled for a meeting room at the convention, please send us a request.

Cliff appraised everyone of the changes taking place at the Convention Center. He also appraised everyone of the problems Northwest had in putting on their "Kick Off". All of the concerns should be addressed and handled by the Coordinating Committee as no Association needs to have those type of concerns when putting on the "Kick Off" and selling Early Birds.

Motion was made and seconded to have the Federation fund the expenses of Jim & Peggy Seagraves of around \$600 to conduct the educational seminars. Motion was passed unanimously.

#### 1998 - West Coast: Merle and JoAnn Lewis

Preparations are well on the way for the 1998 Florida State Convention. The slate of officers include:

Merle and JoAnn Lewis	General Chairman
Ken and Sue Brown	Co-Chairman
Dick and Betty Stevens	First Vice-Chairman
Art and Martha Springer	Vice Chairman of FL Callers Assoc.
Janice Coughlin	Vice Chairman of Round Dance Council
Doc Gray	Assistant
Ron and MaryLee VanValkenburg	Registrar
Zurhn and Shirley Walker	Treasurer
Michael Pullara	Budget Director
Gayle Duffey	Secretary
Howard and Sally Hayes	Protocol and Convention Advisors

Committee Chairmen are:

Carol Griffin and Marcia Lewis	Fashion Show
Edie Skaggs and Dot Allen	Sewing and Education
Ken and Sue Brown	Publicity
Emory and Joyce Johnson	Insurance
Art and Martha Springer	Kick-Off
Earl Steele	Co-Kick-Off
Pat Hagen	Exhibitions

The costumes are underway - badges are ordered - buttons and jewelry for fund raisers are in the works for the Florida State Convention Kick-Off. Ribbons have been selected and are to be ordered.

Prizes for the "Early Bird" are being solicited and a request for a table for early registration is forthcoming. Cliff and Jean Allen and Stan and Jerri Hockman have been most helpful providing suggestions and ideas, our MANY THANKS!!

1999 - Central: Jim and Jan McConnaha

The 45th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention may be the newest kid on the block, but it is growing at a rapid rate. As we said in our last report, we are off to a fast start.

Since our last report, we have continued to fill various Committee Chairman slots. Tom & La Vonne Saville have agreed to be our Design & Artwork Chairman, Duke & Doris McCleskey are the Publicity Chairman and Steve & Diana Kehr are Photo Chairman. Jack & Miki Krimmel will head up the Fashion Show.

Letters have been received from both the Round Dance Council and the Caller Association ratifying our appointment of Caller & Cuer Chairmen.

The Coordinating Council has given part of their seed money loan to us of \$1000 and the Central Florida Association has loaned \$1500 as seed money. We have now opened a bank account with Barnett Bank and are ready to do business. The additional \$2000 from the Coordinating Council is available from their Treasurer Art Springer whenever we ask for it.

Jan & I met with Doug West, the Manager of the Lakeland Civic Center, while we were at the Knothead Konvention in September. We received a briefing on what the Center is going to look like when it is completed. We were very impressed with what they are doing. It will have an increased number of halls available--should be enough for all of our dancers, callers and cuers to be happy. We were informed that the price will be going up. He was supposed to send a letter outlining the increase, but as of now, we have not heard anything.

Numerous meetings have been held with our Executive Board. We try to hold these in conjunction with other square dance activities in central Florida. We are starting now to include other Committee Chairman in these meetings as we begin to take up items in their area of interest.

The toughest thing we have wrestled with to date has been the theme for the convention and the dress design (Stan & Jerri can tell you how tough this can be). However, we are 99% sure of the theme and about 90% on the dress and men's outfit. Our target date to have this finalized is the Federation Working Weekend.

Enthusiasm continues to be high. With all of the central Florida dancers so involved with the 46NSDC, we were concerned that they would say they were too busy, but this has not been the case. We continue to try to spread the jobs around to dancers in the various parts of central Florida and not concentrate all in one area.

2001 - Southeast - Fred and Carolyn Chatus

Stan Hockman appraised all of the background of Fred and Carolyn and then introduced them to the Federation. Fred commented it was good to meet everyone and they would be on the square dance floor and get to know everyone.

1997 National Convention: Worley and Nan Carrier

All committees are active and ahead of schedule at this time. Since the last Federation meeting we have signed contracts on the bussing of square dancers from the hotels to Convention Center. We also are bussing people to and from Disney on Saturday night and we have signed contracts on bussing for tours. We are almost complete with our plans for the Wednesday evening entertainment. The Convention Center was toured by the Magic Board, their assistants, and our NEC advisors on September 29, 1995. Everyone was pleased with what they saw. A board meeting was held in Orlando on September 30 with the Magic Board and all Assistants present. The following day we had a General Meeting with over 350 in attendance. All housing contracts have been confirmed and we have a total of 31 hotels and motels along Universal Drive or just off Universal Drive. We hope you will all plan to use the hotels we have selected. They will appear on our registration forms. This will help make our Convention a success. Our next General Meeting will be in Orlando on January 6 & 7. There will be a special dance on January 6, at the hotel for the people attending the meeting. A fee of \$2.00 per person will be charged. This meeting will be held at the Delta Orlando Resort at \$50.00 per night. Address is 5715 Major Blvd and Phone is 1-407-351-3340. After our January meeting we will be sending out invitations to the Pre-Convention to those of you that have purchased an Early Bird. The Pre-Convention dates are March 5-9, 1996. Duke and Doris McCleskey, along with many dedicated dancers have done a lot of planning to make this event one to be remembered and we invite you all to make plans to attend. To date we have sold 2746 Early Birds. Don't forget the cutoff date is January 31, 1996. Only 88 more days left to purchase them. The Ways and Means have reduced prices on some items. Check them out as they will make good Christmas gifts. The October Fund Raiser with Dee Dee Dougherty and Jerry Viola was well attended and the 46th NSDC made some money. We want to thank everyone who came and helped out. We also want to thank the ones who brought crafts to be sold. Everyone is doing a superb job and we are very proud of you all.

FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION: Henri Arsenault

Florida Callers Association held a meeting in Sebring on October 15, 1995, and elected new officers: Dick Shinham - President,

Henri Arsenault - Vice President, Skip Cleveland - Treasurer, and Ben Williams - Secretary. Callers also completed the programming session for the 1996 State Convention. Mac Leston conducted a training session at the meeting.

### STATUS REPORTS

#### Legacy: Cliff and Jean Allen

A reminder that the next bi-annual Legacy meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in May, 1997. Legacy puts out several products such as the following: Legacy Leadership Manual, Club Leadership Journal, 5 Year Pocket Calendar, Legacy "Baker's Dozen" Display ads (from the Club Leadership Journal), Legacy Promo-Pac (Marketing Kit), City Entrance or Directional Signs, and they are supporting the development of a film (VCR) for classes and in particular for use in schools instead of using physical education teachers. If interested in any of these, contact the following: Legacy, 1100 Revere Drive, Oconomowoc, WI 53066. 414-57678-3454.

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

The annual U.S.D.A. meeting was in Birmingham, AL on Wed., June 21, 1995. Jack and Zonie Taylor and Paul and Marie McClain attended as your FL delegates or directors. Many reports were given by the region vice presidents and by committee chairmen. A new slate of officers were installed. Jim and Jody Temple from Kansas were elected president of the U.S.D.A. The U.S.D.A. was formed June 26, 1981, and has now grown to a size where it represents 310,000 dancers throughout our country. The U.S.D.A. provides: 1. A very economical accident and group liability insurance program for dancers. 2. A handicapped dancer program to support the square dance activities of the mentally or physically handicapped individuals. This handicapped program has received the attention and support of the President of the United States. 3. An educational program designed to inform dancers on club leadership and management techniques. They also provide a credit card program, a youth program and many others. Time does not permit describing all of these. But, again, I say, that one of the best items provided by U.S.D.A. is their magazine, U.S.D.A. News. If you would like the address of the very informative magazine, please see me. Thanks for your attention and remember this magazine.

#### AMERICAN FOLK DANCE : Duke and Doris McCleskey

The United Square Dancers of America, together with Legacy International, continue to work toward the goal of passage of National Legislation declaring that Square Dancing is "The American Folk Dance" of the United States. To date twenty-seven (27) States have passed bills making this declaration, and work goes forward to bring additional States into the fold. We will add to this 54% during the next 'legislative year'. Presently,

the following State Committees have bills ready for action during 1996: GA, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, New York, PA, Vermont and Wyoming. If passage is gained in these States, this will complete 70% of these United States, and a huge step toward successfully declaring the "National Folk Dance."

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME: Mary Richardson Butlak

Reminded everyone to submit the information on any prospective dancers who may qualify for the Hall of Fame Award as soon as possible.

FLORIDA HISTORIAN REPORT: Jack and Zonie Taylor

The History of FL is progressing nicely and the photo albums are great. Zonie has done a lot of work assembling the pictures that I take and making a picture story of them. I still must stress to the Convention Chairmen that we need information, both for the State Conventions and National Convention upcoming. The more pictures, flyers, pamphlets, letter heads, stationary, badges and anything that will be of interest ten or fifteen years from now. Last State Convention I saw a guy looking through the History and asked if he knew anybody he was reading about. He answered he was Art Smock. This is what makes the work satisfying. It does bring back memories.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COORDINATING & STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES: Stan and Jerri Hockman

The Coordinating Committee plans on meeting during the Working Weekend in Orlando. If anyone has appropriate items to discuss - submit them to Jerry Reed or Stan Hockman.

SQUARE DANCE PRESERVATION: Bonnve Bell. No report.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: Annelita Gilbourne. No report.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS: Tom and Jean Hancock. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul McClain commented on a couple of items which will be forwarded to the Coordinating Committee.

1. Have detailed instructions for State Convention officers and Committee Chairman.
2. Consider possibility of eliminating the Rounds in the Mainstream Hall.

Chet Vetter thanked everyone for their cards, prayers and donations to Hospice of Hillsborough.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE - SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1996 - Cliff Allen

Nominating Committee was composed of Cliff and Jean Allen - Chairman, Dewey and Donna Hendricks - member, Murl and Sally Herbert - member. The following are their recommendations for nominations to the identified positions on the F.F.S.D. Executive Board:

Don and Bonnye Bell ----- President -----(Unanimous Vote)  
Howard and Sally Hayes ----- Vice President----- (Unanimous Vote)  
Jack and Zonie Taylor ----- Secretary----- (Unanimous Vote)  
Tom and Jean Hancock ----- Treasurer----- (Unanimous Vote)  
Stanley and Jerri Hockman--- Parliamentarian----- (Split Vote)  
President Paul McClain asked for nominations from the floor for any of the offices, motion by Shirley Nihart to accept the slate of offices as presented and seconded by Jim McConnaha. It was unanimously passed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Paul and Marie McClain.

Paul and Marie installed the new offices with a very nice innovative ceremony which was enjoyed by all in attendance. The gavel was turned over to Don and Bonnye Bell who then presented Paul and Marie McClain with the President's Plaque and a beautiful gold clock as a remembrance of their dedicated service to the Square Dance movement and a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS

George Oglesby commented on the process for the Extra Mile Award and that it takes a while to get everything checked out. The "Extra Mile Award" is for a "Caller" and is presented to the caller by a dancer.

HANDBOOK FOR NEW SQUARE DANCERS The handbooks for the new dancers was delivered and each Association received 1000 handbooks- Compliments of the Florida Federation.

SOCIAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS - NATIONAL CONVENTION: Carol Poole

The committee needs a few costumes which depict FL - such as alligator - statue which may depict a state, city or any other wildlife, etc. Brown wig with pigtails. Any help would be appreciated.

President Don Bell asked all attendees to sign up for a committee for the Working Weekend. Next meeting will be February 17-18, 1996 at the Ramada Orlando Central, 3200 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL. Reservations 407-295-5270 and must be in by Jan. 26, 1996. The May meeting will be at the State Convention - Lakeland Civic Center.

Meeting adjourned.