



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND
ROUND DANCERS

WORKING WEEKEND MINUTES

Orlando, FL.

February 15, 1997

President Howard Hayes opened the working weekend of the Florida Federation of Square & Round Dancers at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 15, 1997. Our meeting was held in the Ramada Central in Orlando, FL. He led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Brasfield gave the invocation.

Roll call was read and a quorum was declared with 41 delegates present. Guests were introduced and everyone was welcomed by President Howard Hayes. He explained that Stan & Jeri Hockman had guaranteed their room, but when they arrived late Friday, there were no rooms available within a 60 mile radius.

The motion was made and seconded to omit the reading of the minutes of the November meeting. The minutes were accepted as prepared.

The Treasurer's report was read by Tom Hancock. See page 2.

USDA REPORT was read by Howard Wilson. See Pg. 3.

Correspondence:

President Hayes reported on correspondence he had received.

1. He announced a letter of resignation from Howard & Vivian Wilson as the state insurance coordinator., effective as of March 1, 1997.
2. Dues were paid to USDA for 1997.
3. A budget was submitted by Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall to have more brochures printed for the Welcome centers. They are waiting for the review of area codes to be updated.
4. A letter from USDA concerning the annual USDA meeting on June 25, 1997.

FLORIDA FEDERATION TREASURE'S REPORT	
[For period 17 Nov 96 Through 15 Feb 97]	
BEGINNING BALANCE-ALL ACCOUNTS	
First Union checking	
Contingency	
First Union CD#7284807	
TOTAL	
CHECKING ACCOUNT ANALYSIS	
BEGINNING BALANCE(as of 16 Nov 96)	
RECEIPTS (acct/source/date)	
521-interest-12/31/96	
521-interest-1/31/97	
Total income	
DISBURSEMENTS(acct/receipient/purpose/date)	
727-Zeona Taylor Historian Expense 11/17/96	\$
705-Zeona Taylor Secretary Expense 11/17/96	\$
703-Howard Hayes-VP Expense 11/17/96	\$
701-Don Bell-Pres Expense-11/17/96	\$
707-tres expense for stop payment-3 Feb 97	\$
701-Chuck Leamon-badges-3 Feb 97	\$
Total Disbursements	\$
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE(as of 15 Feb 97)	\$
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ANALYSIS	
Beginning Balance	\$
(Note: No statement received for 4th Quarter 96)	
New Balance	\$
FINANCIAL STATEMENT (as of 16 NOV)	
First Union Checking	\$
Contingency	\$
First Union CD[#7284807]	\$
TOTAL	\$

Submitted by Tom & Jean Hancock

USDA by Howard Wilson:

USDA INSURANCE REPORT		
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE Nov 17, 96	\$ 1,345.08	
Receipts		
Central	\$	
FCC	\$	
Northeast	\$	
Northwest	\$	
Southeast	\$	
West Coast	\$	
Total	\$	
Disbursements		
USDA insurance	\$	
Adm expenses	\$	
Overpayment return	\$	
Total Disbursements	\$	
Ending Balance-Feb 15, 97		
ENROLLMENTS	CLUBS	DANCERS
Central	30	1951
FCC(in 1 assoc)	6	298
Northeast	11	451
Northwest	24	531
Southwest	4	282
West Coast	13	726
Totals	88	4239

In 1996 at this time- 96 clubs and 4,745 dancers were insured. There has been a gradual downward trend for several years.

Northeast report by Jack McKinney:

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

The Northeast had their annual Fall Festival on November 15th and 16th in Jacksonville. The theme was "The Magic of Florida", in keeping with the National Convention in June, 1997. We were honored with many members of the Florida Federation, thanks to Don and Bonnye Bell for conducting their meeting in Jacksonville. "Thanks, Don & Bonnye!" Also, several dignitaries from the '97 National Convention Board. Even Mickey and Minnie showed up on Friday to lead the parade which included several other Disney characters. The Fall Festival was a huge success with over 300 dancers attending each night. The decorated gym was something taken right out of Disney World - a big castle and all the Disney characters. Thanks to Walt and

Betty Smith who arranged and coordinated this magnificent display.

We had our election of officers for 1997 in November. The new officers are: President- Jack and Kathy McKinney, Vice President-Manny and Sherry Gonzales, Recording Secretary - Tom Thornton and Kim Keffer, Treasurer - Walt and Betty Smith, Corresponding Secretary - Luther and Debbie Delp. The new board is anxious to make 1997 a "magic" year for the Northeast.

On November 30 we had our fourth 5th Saturday Dance, "The Turkey Trot", hosted by Ray and Elaine Kutchman, which was free to all the dancers as the Rural Caller and Cuers donated their time and effort for this dance. We appreciate their generosity in helping to make square dancing a "friendly bonding" between all groups.

On December 7th we had our "Beginners Hoedown" dance, which is the first of three dances for new students. Approximately 50 students attended. The students were able to dance to several callers and the evening was a success.

Several clubs closed out the old year and danced the new year in with New Year's Eve Dances. Several of our members attended the National Convention meeting in January, in Orlando. They reported that the progress is right on schedule. We are looking forward to working very hard in the upcoming months in order to put on a great convention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kathy McKinney
President
Northeast Florida Square and Round Dance Association

West Coast by Zurhn Walker:
WEST COAST SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION

Our association has adopted our 1998 State Convention dress for the next 5 years and are wearing it for club visits to promote membership in our association and also the convention.

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We are midway through our membership dance season which are scheduled while our snowbirds are here. This year we advertised them as SUPER SUNDAYS and chose a theme for each one that highlight special days. They've been well attended with 27 squares dancing last Sunday in Bartow at our Valentine Dance. Before the year began we solicited clubs to host each membership dance held in their area. They furnished refreshments and we recognize them for their support.

We are continuing the Banner Raid Program which Involves our active members and officers.. We raid participating clubs who, in turn must attend our Annual November Fall Fun Fest to

retrieve it. At this event we honor clubs for their efforts in attendance and club to club banner raids.

Shirley & I are visiting clubs through out our 16 county area to stimulate more interest and support. We agree with Northwest that face to face marketing is the one to get the job done. We also plan to attend as many graduations of new dancers as possible to inform them with facts about our association to gain their support.

Buttons & Bows of Mulberry, who say they are the oldest continuous dancing club in the state, 46 years, sponsored a Benefit dance for one of our callers, Chuck Leamon of Sebring, following open heart surgery. Over \$2000 was presented to Chuck & Carol by caring dancers. Carol was critically ill a month ago and received 3 pints of blood provided by our association blood bank.

We sponsored a day of square dancing last Thursday at the State Fair in Tampa. It was half price for Seniors. Past presidents ,Merle and JoAnn Lewis arrange this event each year. Dancing is indoors in a large hall, from 11 to 6, with a fashion show break at 1:30. Many spectators stop in to watch through out the day. 168 dancers participated with 21 clubs represented.

Many clubs are actively promoting square dancing by demonstrations held at festivals craft fairs, malls, mobile home parks, RV shows, schools and parades. We hope this public awareness effort will get more people interested in our activity.

We sadly report the passing of one of our callers, Everett Martin of Arcadia, Desoto Co. two weeks ago. He suffered a massive heart attack while riding his tractor. His wife, Jennie cued rounds at all his dances. They own the Palace Hall in Arcadia and the future plans are unknown at this time.

Respectfully Submitted
Zurhn & Shirley Walker
President

Central Association by Rosemary Schirmer:

Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association

We are sorry to have missed the last Federation Meeting in November. We hear the Northeast Fall Festival was really a fun dance. We expected to be there, even had a reservation at the hotel and bought admission. Unexpected emergencies do happen and we are happy that the outcome of ours was good.

Our dance last November was very well attended. Our members really supported it. That was the last dance that the newly graduated dancers could use the free coupons that were given out. This was very successful and may be tried in the coming year.

George Knapp, editor- of "Keepin' Posted", has done a painting that will be used as the cover of the National Convention Program Book. The painting is really beautiful. Chances to win the painting are being sold for only 1.00 each to benefit the National. This would be a great remembrance of a great year.

Central has several square and round dance classes that have started in January, also some contra also some contra classes. Some of the callers are including a contra exhibition during a square dance to promote interest. Membership Chairman, Bruce and Coleen Morgan, have been visiting clubs promoting membership in CFA. We have a very successful Blood Bank Chairman, John and Rose Taylor, as of now we have -250 units of blood available to members if needed.

At our next board meeting in March the Nominating Committee will give a report on 1997/98 candidates for the next term of office. Our next dance will be March 29 at the Rec. Center in Cocoa.

We are all busy working on the National and are Sure it will be the best ever. The next project will be Central's State Convention in 1999. We look foreword to that.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob and Rosemary Schirmer,
President

Northwest by Fred Cornett:

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

1997 has started with a bang. We held our first Association meeting on January 15th in Panama City, We had an excellent representation from our clubs. The Association is updating our "map book" for all our clubs, This book shows a local area map where the club dances are held. The book provides information on the when, where, who and time of each club's dance date. A new membership directory is being prepared and should be out by the first of March. The Association approved purchasing an ad for the 46h National Square Dance Convention Program Book. Some of our clubs are also planning to purchase ads.

Our 1997 new membership goal of 25% is in sight. We have about 22% now but the last 3% will be tough to achieve.

It is with deep regret that we notify the Federation of the December death of Marvin Taylor. Marvin was a past president of our Association and a past Chairman of the State convention. He is greatly missed by all of our dancers, Our own Pensacola Special Steppers, a handicapable club and Florida's Ambassadors of Square Dancing since 1987, held their 18th Anniversary Dance on February 1, 1997. Ragon Hall's, Seaside Square Dance Club furnished the ball for this dance. Many thanks for this nice gesture. Two handicapable clubs from Alabama helped to make up the eight plus squares in attendance. The Special Steppers will perform at the 46"Th

National. Don't miss their performance. These dancers do a mean "Grand Colonel Spin!" Frank Cherry is their caller. The Northeast Association deserves a "Bravo Zulu" (Well Done in Navy lingo) for their outstanding Fall Festival. As usual, dancing to their Association callers and to Gary Shumake was a real treat. The decorations were outstanding, the food delicious, super attendance, friendly people and the after-party showcased some real talent, We hope they won't mind if we use some of their ideas for our future dances,

The Tallahassee area will begin March with a roar. Darryl McMillan and Jerry and Barbara Pierce will call and cue for a big benefit dance for the Tallahassee Senior Center. The dance will be on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 P.M. Hope some of you will attend and dance to these stellar performers,

In the short time we have been President we feel that the most critical area for improvement is COMMUNICATIONS not just at one level but all levels. We find that lack of clear communications, or worse yet no communications, hurts us in membership in the association and clubs, attendance at dances, working with callers and cuers, reluctance of individuals volunteer their services and obtaining new dancers, We are working on this serious problem and we suggest that the Federation take a look to see if a workshop addressing this issue would be worthwhile.

We are hosting a 46 Th. Trail Thru Dance in Pensacola on Sunday, June 22. We need some advertising help from the 46" National Committee to ensure that the travelers coming from the west and middle west are -aware of this great dance, Similar dances scheduled at the gateways of 1-75 and 1-95 are probably in the same boat.

We are most happy to be here this weekend and look forward to working, with all of you now and in June at the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred and Shirley, President

Southeast report by Ada Trott:

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Since the last report, the Southeast had their December membership dance in Hollywood, which was our Annual Holiday cookie dance. An invitation was extended to the Handicapper group, and we had 2 sets perform for us. The dancers brought many of their favorite cookies. They were more then we could use, so we took the remainder to a Nursing Home. Our Annual picnic in January was well attended and weather was beautiful in West Palm Beach that day. Fortunately we have a hall close by to dance later, and we were able to get 9 sets on the floor. Quite a few callers came and each called a tip. On the 25th of January, we had our fund raiser "The Snowflake Frolic" at Boynton Beach Civic Center, Courtesy of the

Castoffs. This was a big success with over 24 sets of dancers attending.

Our February -membership Valentine's Dance was held in Hollywood on Sunday the 9th. The hall was filled with over 11 sets of dancers. The- Southeast membership is slowly increasing. We have about 200 members.

In March we go to Okeechobee where the Okee Swingers will be hosting our membership dance, on March 9th.

The April membership dance will be our Callers and Cuers Appreciation Dance on April 13th. Invitations are going out to them very shortly. We are hoping that the location we have chosen in West Palm Beach area, will bring out many dancers, as well as the callers and cuers.

We have a wonderful board to work with, and we are all pleased that the turnout of dancers on the 1st two membership dances of this year has been great and hope it continues through-out the year.

Respectfully submitted by
Frank & Ada Trott, President of Southeast Assoc.

PUBLICATIONS REPORTS:

Grapevine by Charles Newsome:

The GRAPEVINE

The GRAPEVINE continues to keep the Northeast Florida dancers informed about all local, state and national Square Dance activities.

We will be focusing on the 46th National Square Dance Convention in Orlando in the next few issues. We try to print all of the information received from the Publicity Committee so the readers will know as much about the upcoming Convention as possible.

Beginning with our October - November issue we included pictures along with the club's article in the Club News section. It was a big hit with our clubs and we have a promise of many pictures coming with club's news for the next issue. We plan to continue this as long as the clubs respond in a positive manner. We've also asked the dancers to submit articles regarding any awards and honors they may have received in their work or community.

Most of the compliments received from our readers stem from the informational articles we include. They seem to like the fact that we put forth the extra effort to bring them all kinds of Square and Round Dance reading rather than limiting the publication to where and when to dance. We try to pull articles from USDA News, American Square Dance, Legacy, CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, and all of our exchange publications. We now exchange issues with approximately 30 other publications and can usually find interesting articles for our readers.

We continue to ask that other Associations send us information about their special dances for our Calendar Of Events. We especially thank the Panhandle Press and Keeping Posted for their input so that we can keep our traveling dancers informed of where they can go when they are "on the road again".

Happy Dancing!!
Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

West Coast Dancer-no report

Keepin Posted by George Knapp:

KEEPIN POSTED

**QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS
ASSOCIATION**

The March issue of *Keepin'Posted* is just about ready to go to the printer. Five hundred copies will be printed and distributed by the first of March. Much of the issue was devoted to publicity of the 46th National Convention and will continue as such in the June issue.

We are a little shy on club news this issue, but we feel there are probably two very good reasons. (1) Clubs have elected new officers and the new reporter hasn't gotten into the routine, and (2) Like everyone else in the state, our dancers are pre-occupied with the upcoming 46th National and some things just slip through the cracks.

Keepin'Posted is alive and well.

Respectfully submitted,
George and Shirley Knapp
Editors, *Keepin' Posted*

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Panhandle Press read by Shirley Cornett:

PANHANDLE PRESS REPORT

Submitted to: Florida Federation of Square Dancers

With my first issue of the Panhandle Press now history, I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and purchased ads in the Press.

I hope to continue to cover expenses through ad sales and flyers. *So remember if your club is having a dance and would like to submit a flyer, please do so.*

After the first issue, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Tina for all her hard work. Until you experience the process of putting the Panhandle Press together you have no idea of the work involved. I take my hat off to Tina.

Again I solicit your articles for our next issue. I know we have many interesting stories waiting to be told to our readers.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Ping, Editor
Panhandle Press

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(Ada Trott gave an oral report saying that George Oglesby was putting together 3000 issues this weekend.
Bow & Swing

STATE CONVENTIONS:

1998 West Coast JoAnn Lewis:

1998 FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION REPORT

We are Well on our way with everything. We hit a snag whenever our Vendor chairman quit on us but Dick and Betty Stevens, our first Vice Chairman, with the help of Frank and Nan Habersberger and the Vendor President are handling this position.

We have our down payment paid on the Lakeland Center and practically all of our decorations made for the halls. Art Springer, our Caller Chairman is taking care of all Square Dancing and Janice Coughlin, our Round Dance Chairman, is taking care of all Round Dancing. Dick Shinham in taking care of Line Dancing and Country Western and George Varney Exhibitions. All of our committee people are doing their jobs. We will be locking in our motels and camper spaces this May for next year.

As soon as the National Convention is over we will start promoting in Georgia, North Carolina, Myrtle Beach and all the big dances in Florida.

Our CO-Chairmen, Ken and Sue Brown would like to present an idea to you on getting the word out for our convention and making us a little bit of operating funds. The presentation will only take about 5 minutes with your permission? I am now turning this over to Ken and Sue.

Thank You,
JoAnn

Tour the State by Sue Brown:

TOUR THE STATE IN '98 PRESENTATION

We ask that you join us as we tour the State toward '98. The ideas that we present to you this morning were the out growth of our brainstorming session during the return trip from our last meeting in Jacksonville. Credit for the initial spark, which has grown a bit like Topsy, must be given to Howard Hayes. Without their assistance along with the hours devoted by Murl and JoAnn Lewis and Dotty, this project could not have been completed

We wish to visit as many clubs in the five associations as possible, and to do this we were in need of a vehicle. The vast area to cover could not be accomplished with a single vehicle, but could best be served by five, one for each

association. A trip, to be of value, must have a purpose. Ours is invaluable, for we wish to invite everyone to the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in 1998, and to provide them with registration forms to enable them to take advantage of the great savings when they register early. It will become necessary to support our travels, and what better way than a raffle.

The steps for our promotion are simple, and the board which will outline them will be given to each of the Association Presidents.

We discovered on our trek to a Federation Meeting held in the Southeast Area that the distance was much like a trip to the moon. Cape Canaveral could not spare one of their crafts so we found it necessary to settle for this airplane. As it makes its way from club to club, we realize that it is not as comfortable or fast as a "707", but we hope it will serve our purpose. Frank and Ada Trott, we ask that you pilot this flying machine to its first port in your area.

All most as great a distance, are our members in the Northwest Association. We chose the Engine to chug through your area. It should provide you with a comfortable trip, while you sit back and let someone else get you to your destination. In 1996 you had little time for relaxation, and now you are thrust into the workings of what is to be the Greatest National Convention ever. In 1998 it will be your turn to enjoy the all new Lakeland Center and the fantastic dancing. Fred and Shirley Cornett we hope you will be our engineer in your area, and send the train on the right track.

Central, we realize that you have been in the hub of all the preparations for the Nationals and will be in need of an opportunity to get away from it all after the last report has been filed. Thus, we present you with a camper to permit you to travel extensively, but only if you select Lakeland as your destination in May of 1998. Bob and Rosemary Schirmer, it is only fitting that you be the first to head for the open highway in route to your next club dance

In checking the Sarasota Museum of Antique Cars, they had nothing to compare to our rendition of the '57 Chevy. Perhaps you don't remember, but we do. We ask that Zurhn and Shirley Walker give it its send off from the Buttons and Bows of Mulberry.

Finally, in a review of our notes of the last meeting of the Florida Federation, it is apparent the Northeast is in need of a Square and Round Dancing Mail Truck to assure that all important documents be given prompt attention. We wish to make certain that our messages reach the clubs in the area, and we felt this Mail Truck would handle our "Special Delivery". Jack and Kathy McKinney you realize that the Mail must go through.

The steps for the circulation of these vehicles are simple: Take the vehicle to your next dance.

Display it with the display board in a prominent place.
Invite the dancers to help themselves to the Registration Forms and brochures included.
Provide an opportunity for the dancers to purchase a Raffle Ticket for the Mail Box. Collect the money and tickets, In the envelope provided, mail a check or money order for the amount collected along with the tickets to your association president (the stubs are to be torn off and retained by the individual making the purchase)
Have an officer of the club complete the post card included in the package and mail it to the address printed on the front.

Request or recruit a volunteer to take the vehicle at the end of your dance and follow the steps as listed.

We ask each Association to hold the drawing at an Association Sponsored Dance. This will enable the ones who have been involved to be present at that time. We would ask that the drawing take place within a year. Please mail the money to Zurhn and Shirley Walker, Treasurers - 1 1 80 West Georgia Street - Bartow, Florida 33830.

A large map of the State of Florida will be displayed at the 1998 Convention and will be marked with each club who has participated as 'We Tour the State (toward) '98", It will include an index listing the names and locations of each club who has participated. What better way to get your club on the map?

1999 Jim McConnaha;
**45th FLORIDA STATE
SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION
May 28-29-30, 1999**

The 99 Convention Committee continues to forge ahead with plans for an outstanding convention in 1999

Since the last report, the Convention Badge design has been finalized and we are waiting for the final product from our badge supplier. Approximately 100 Convention Dress patterns have been distributed and we are preparing to produce another batch for distribution. The first batch was distributed at only three club dances. As you can see, the dress has met with instant approval and we look forward to seeing many, many of them at the Kickoff in 1998.

A meeting of the Executive Board/Kickoff Committee was held at the Lakeland Center last month to discuss, among other things, plans for the Kickoff, budgets and hall assignments. This was a very productive meeting.

Tentative dates for Kickoff practices were decided upon. Budgets were discussed and approved. Hall layouts were discussed, but no final assignments were made. With the newly

remodeled facility at Lakeland, there will be enough halls for all levels and types of square and round dancing. Final assignments will depend on the number of callers and cuers available. There will probably be more halls available than there will be callers and cuers to utilize them.

We have continued to fill our committee chairman slots and now have almost all major jobs filled. Enthusiasm continues high and everyone seems anxious to get the National over with and get on to 1999.

Jim & Jan McConnaha, General Chairman

2000 Bonnye Bell:

State Convention Report for 2000

We do have a signed contract with the Lakeland Civic Center for 2000. We are delighted with the additional space and we plan to put it to good use.

Most of our committee chairmen are in place and we held our very first meeting. We have a slogan and are working on a dress design. We will meet again after the National Convention in June.

Don & Bonnye Bell

2001 State Convention Report

Fred Chatos

We have started to put together a committee to run the convention. We will be writing letters to the state caller and cuer associations to appoint our caller and' cuer chairpersons. We will be in contact with the Civic Center in Lakeland to set up our contract.

1997 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT- Worley Carrier Worley
Carrier began his report thanking publications for promoting the convention. The registration number stands at 8847. He asked that we all encourage others to register early and to come to Orlando. There will be an open meeting from 10:00am-2:00pm on Sat., May 17th. for us to see the dance area. Everyone is working hard, but we need more advertising. Bruce Morgan asked that we help to buy ads for the book. He is unable to sell many ads in the Orlando area, as they advertise in tourist trade publications. He needs ads by' April first. The associations are considering working together to sponsor the inside back cover...

Legacy

The biennial Legacy meeting is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah the second weekend in May, 1997. If anyone is interested in becoming a Legacy "trustee", see Joe Vaccari, Frank Habersberger or Cliff Allen. They will arrange to have you nominated. Legacy is an organization made up of dancers, callers, cuers and vendors—all aspects of square dance activity.

Cliff & Jean Allen

USDA

Marie McClain

Let's pretend! Let's pretend that we are back in school. We are going to have a pop quiz. You don't need paper or pencils, just your head. You don't have to answer orally, just in your head.

1. What organization sponsors the insurance program for square dancers? That's like asking where is the Brooklyn Bridge?
2. USDA has a credit card program where the affiliates receive contributions from the book program. What two groups were recently voted by the USDA to receive 50% of these contributions?
3. What is the name of the USDA Newsletter?
4. What is the name of the person contracted by Callerlab & USDA to be the spokesperson for square dancing?

Answers:

1. USDA
 2. "Handicapables" and the Youth Programs.
 3. USDA News {950 published quarterly}
 4. Rebecca Holden. See page 13 in Bow & Swing.
- Please sign this and mail to TNN.

Now, how did you do? 4 correct is an A, 3 correct-B, 1 or 2 correct-C, 0 correct-D. (no-one fails)

- This was just a little way to help you review some facts about USDA. We are looking forward to our annual meeting in June in Orlando. Thank you for letting us be your delegates to the USDA

Paul & Marie McClain

American Folk Dance---Duke McCleskey

With 29 states ratifying the resolution for the naming of

square dancing as the national folk dance for the USA, we are currently watching and waiting to see what these five states will do: Louisiana, Indiana, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Nebraska. It is to be hoped that, it will not be too much longer. The attending delegates enjoyed the souvenir snow that Doris and Duke brought from their recent meeting in Branson, Missouri.

Old Business:

President Howard Hayes announced that we currently have two groups wishing to host a mainstream afterparty at the National Convention. Therefore, the FL Federation will not need to host one of these parties, as previously decided.

He told the delegates they could view the design for the FL Federation for the program book for the convention.

President Hayes reported that John Layne had surgery 10 days ago and would be home in several weeks if all goes well.

New Business:

Paul & Marie McClain and Dave & Shirley Nihart were nominated to serve as our delegates to USDA Jack & Zonie Taylor were nominated to continue as Vice Pres. Of the Central region for USDA Committee assignments were concluded for the afternoon working sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.