



**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND
DANCERS**

May 18, 1997

The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers held their May meeting at Strawberry Squares, Plant City, Fl. on Sunday , May 18, 1997. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Hayes at 9:00 A.M. He led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Randy Lewis, West Coast Delegate, gave the invocation. Attendance was called and a quorum announced by the Secretary. Several guests were introduced—Joan and George Knopf and Bruce Morgan. Donna Hendricks made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from February's Working Weekend. Bob Schirmer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Stan Hochman, and the USDA Square Dance Insurance Report was given by Carol Poole. Both reports are included on a separate page.

Correspondence was received concerning a note of thanks from Brevard Hospice for our gift in memory of John F. Layne and from Esther Layne for calls and letters during his illness and following his death. A letter was received from Frank & Nan Habersberger, reminding the secretary to update Federation stationery with the logo adopted on May 30, 1993. The secretary distributed copies of the Governor's Proclamation of September as Square Dance Month for the state of Florida. Each Association President received a copy.

FLORIDA FEDERATION TREASURE'S REPORT

[For period 16 Feb 97 thru 17 May 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)

511-Dues -Central-05/13/97	\$
511-Dues- Southwest-05/13/97	\$
521-interest-02/31/97	\$
521-interest-03/31/97	\$
521-interest-04/31/97	\$

Total income \$

DISBURSEMENTS(acct/receipient/purpose/date)

727-Zeona Taylor Historian Expense 16 Feb 97	\$
705-Zeona Taylor Secretary Expense 16 Feb 97	\$
703-Zeona Taylor-VP Expense 16 Feb 97	\$
701-Howard Haynes -Pres Expense-16 Feb 97	\$
717 Refreshments working weekend-16 Feb 97	\$
705-Jean Hancock Mailing minutes-3 April 97	\$
705- Jean Hancock Copying minutes-1 April 97	\$
705-service charge for checking-30 April 97	\$
705-National Square Dance Program-15 Feb 97	\$
705-State of Fla registration-17 Feb 97	\$

Total Disbursements \$

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE(as of 17 May 97) \$

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ANALYSIS

Beginning Balance \$
 (Note: No statement received for this quarter)

New Balance \$

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (as of 17 May)

First Union Checking	\$
Contingency	\$
Insurance account	\$
First Union CD	\$
TOTAL	\$

Submitted by Tom & Jean Hancock
 for Stan/Jeri hockman
 Florida Federation
 17 May 97
 Tampa, Fl

ASSOCIATION REPORTS
 USDA SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE REPORT
 MAY 18, 1997

1. Checking Account

Balance as of February 15, 1997

Receipts

- Central \$
- FCC
- Northeast
- Northwest
- Southeast
- West Coast

Total Receipts \$

Balance \$

Disbursements

- USDA Insurance Fund \$1
- Adm In Expenses
- Overpayment Refund

Total Disbursements \$

Ending Balance as of May 18, 1997

2. Enrollments for 1997

	CLUBS	DANCERS
Central	31	1973
FCC	8	324
Northeast	48	679
Northwest	5	720
Southeast	4	336
West Coast	14	797
Total	100	4829

Other information

At this time last year 102 clubs and 5060 dancers -were insured There has been a gradual downward trend for several years. We will give to treasurer a check for \$ 1 00. 00 for USDA Dues.

Randy & Carol Poole,
 FFSD Insurance Chairman

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Northeast report by Jack McKinney

The Northeast has been busy this year. In January, we performed a demo at the Orange Park Mall supporting Muscular Dystrophy. In March, we did a demo for the Feast & Fest sponsored by the City of Jacksonville. In April we performed 2 demos on the same day - a fund raiser for the town of Middleburg and a charity demo for the food bank of Mandarin.

This year, the Silver Fox Club held their annual Circus Dance, a charity dance for the Dreams Come True Foundation, and raised \$2,700 for the kids. The Seabreeze Singles held their annual Valentines' Ball, a charity dance to benefit the City Rescue Mission, and raised \$1,383 for this worthwhile charity. Also, the Northeast Association sponsored their annual Blood bank Dance and contributed \$306 to the Florida-Georgia Blood Alliance in addition to donating 173 units of blood in 1996. The Friendship Squares of Keystone Heights sponsored their annual Band Concert and Benefit Square Dance to help the high school band and everyone danced to a live band. The Sweet Art Squares held their annual Pirates' Ball, a two day affair on May 16 & 17.

The Northeast Board attended 9 anniversary dances for various clubs and 8 graduation dances for new students. (one club graduated 43 students). Also, they attended the annual Graduation Ball for students, which is sponsored by the Gateway Caller's Association. The Board sponsored the first of 4 Fifth Saturday Dances for the Northeast on March 29th, after retrieving 4 banners from the clubs that won them at the last Fifth Saturday Dance in 1996.

The Plus Fox Club sailed on a cruise in April and Rollaways Club journeyed 131 miles to Lady Lake with 70 dancers on a Knothead Mystery Trip. The Board and several members from Jacksonville joined the Joy Seas Club of St. Augustine and marched in the annual St. Augustine Easter Parade distributing pamphlets promoting classes in square dancing.

Three clubs: the Joy Seas of St. Augustine, the Friendship Squares of Keystone, and the Grand Squares of Gainesville joined the Northeast Association this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack & Kathy McKinney

President, Northeast Florida Square & Round Dance Association

West Coast by Zurhn Walker:

May 18, 1997

Our year as president is coming to a close with the 'Change of Command' in September. Our association Banner Raid program will be complete by June 1 with 15 raids. The raiding is done by officers and active members of the association. These banners can only be retrieved by attending the November Fall Fun Rest at which time plaques are presented to the clubs which have completed most banner raids, most participants on the raids and largest percentage of members in attendance at the Fun Fest.

Shirley & I have also been visiting other clubs throughout our area on behalf of the association for goodwill and fellowship. Our efforts have not been as successful as we hoped but at least we are not experiencing a membership decline as we have each year since 1993. Our records show we have 162 new members this year even though our total is only slightly higher than last year. Now that our Snowbirds are gone, we do have a few clubs that close for the summer, but we can still offer plenty of dancing at our year round clubs.

We want to thank all our area dancers who have been working so diligently on the National Convention because without these tireless volunteers this convention would not be a reality. When the convention is over, we deserve a rest. Right? Not so, as the old adage says "No rest for the weary" will apply to West Coast as our 1998 State Convention Committee will be on the road soon promoting the event and in addition we have three important dances coming up:

Our VIP Dance is Aug. 17 and is a "Free" dance to give special recognition to all officers, past & present, plus each County Rep. and also all club officers that attend.

Sept. 28 is our Presidents Ball to Honor the out-going and in-coming president and officers of the association.

Then November 14, 15 is our Annual Fall Fun Fest at the New Lakeland Center with Tim Mariner and Tom Perry calling the squares with cuers Charlie & Leona Lovelace, and Bob & Shirley Barnes. Final plans are under way by our committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Zurhn & Shirley Walker

Central Report by Rosemary Schirmer

Central Association has again decided to issue free passes to new graduates. This was very successful last year. We will have three more dances in 1997 for them to decide which one

they would like to attend free. We feel this is one way to introduce the new dancers to the Association and to the benefits of joining.

Some of our clubs are having special dances. Sunshine Promendes in Wildwood had a "Dance till You Drop" dance. It lasted until the wee hours. Sunshine Promendes are also having a contra dance on the 1st Saturday of the month. The Barn in Melbourne also has a contra dance on the second Saturday of each month. The Barn celebrated their third anniversary with a dance in April. We are proud to say that the Canaveral Squares celebrated their 37th Anniversary on April 25. They are really a dedicated group. Many clubs had Special Mothers Day Dances with special skits and fun. Celebrity Squares in Ocala has 20 teenagers among their new dancers. It is great to see young people dancing.

The motor home mail box is making its way around our clubs with much interest. We have some clubs anxiously waiting in line for their turn to show it off. They will all get their turn before next January when it will be raffled off at our 5th Saturday dance.

We were so very sorry to hear that our Past President, John Layne, passed away. He was very highly thought of and will be missed. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Esther.

Our next dance will be May 31 at the Barn in Melbourne. There will be a General Meeting at 3:00 with election of officers to follow. At 5:00 we will have a pot luck dinner. The dance will begin at 7:30 with early rounds by Phyllis Williams and squares at 8:00 by John Barrett. This is also our Presidents Ball where we honor all our Past Presidents. Well, our big week is almost here. We will give a sigh of relief when it is over. This will be a National to always remember and the best we have ever attended.

Respectfully submitted:
Bob & Rosemary Schirmer
President

Northwest Report by Fred Cornett:

The countdown is on. We, as Florida dancers, need to continue to promote the 46h National Square Dance Convention at every opportunity. Extend an invitation to all your fellow dancers to be a part of this national event held in our home state. Our deepest appreciation and thanks go to the people (a lot of Them are in this room today) who have worked so hard for the past five years to put on the 46h National Convention. Again, thanks for a difficult job well done.

Our association area will host two Trail Thru Dances for our own dancers and folks who are passing through on their way to

the 46h. On June 21 the Whirlaways will hold a dance at the Tallahassee Senior Center from 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM. Peter Richardson will call. On June 22 the Pensacola area dancers will hold a Trail Thru Dance at Ragon Hall from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Tony DiGeorge, Chuck Myers, Bob Poyner, and Ben Williams will call- Chuck Sample will cue. If you have friends coming to the National Convention via 1-10, ask them to stop and dance with us and support the efforts of these clubs to offer square and round dancing at its best in our area.

We know that all our dancers are aware of the terrible conditions in the flood areas of North Dakota and Minnesota. We searched for a way that we could help the flood victims. One of our local churches is currently collecting items to be shipped into the flood area. They have a tractor-trailer they are loading and have agreed to take items that our dancers would like to contribute. We have asked all our clubs to participate and to bring the supplies to our next association meeting/dance on May 31.

Our clubs submitted a record breaking (for Northwest Florida) eight articles for the April-June issue of the PANHANDLE PRESS. We are pleased that our marketing efforts in this area are beginning to pay off.

We have met our 1997 goal of a 25% increase in membership. Next year's goal will be a challenge to achieve. However, getting new dancers is not only desirable it is critical if the square dance community wants to survive.

Here is something for all of us to think- about. If all our square dance clubs choose to dance at plus level and above, where will our new dancers go to have **fun** and gain experience so that they **stay** in square dancing? Our clubs and our callers have a joint responsibility to ensure that new dancers have many opportunities to use and improve their skills. Remember, we **ALL** started out as new dancers.

We believe that there is much work to be done to promote square dancing. Square dancing may never regain the popularity that it enjoyed in the 1970's and 1980's, but with all of us working together we can grow from where we are now. Those of us in leadership positions must do our best to get more of our dancers **involved**. We all have what it takes to help achieve growth. To quote Charles M. Schulz, "Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use." Let's all use just one more gear and see how much we can accomplish

Respectfully submitted,
Fred & Shirley Cornett, President

Southeast Report by Ada Trott

We attended our monthly membership dance in March at Okeechobee with the Okee-Swingers Club Hosting. The day was beautiful, and unfortunately a Rodeo was going on that day and drew some of the club dancers. Needless to say, we didn't have a large turnout as we had hoped.

At our April Association Membership Dance in the West Palm Beach area, we had a large turnout of dancers, making 19 squares. It was our appreciation dance for the callers & cuers. Invitations were sent to all the callers & cuers in the Southeast. We didn't have as many of them come as we had hoped. Since this was a first, we figured that many may have had previous commitments.

On April 17th, we attended a pot luck supper and dance for Frank Bedell's graduates. We gave out handbook for Square Dancers, and a brochure on "What the Association is all about", plus a ticket to a free membership dance. Unfortunately our callers had very few people to teach this year. Frank Bedell had the most, and with the help of some Castoff members who gave their time to help angel, they were able to graduate 16 dancers.

Our May membership dance was in Lauderdale Lakes at a callers club of Henry Arsenault. He was the caller and Phyllis Kent was the cuer. We had a turnout of 13 squares. This filled the hall. Dancers had a good time.

Our membership is now at 249. We do hope that our callers will have more people to teach this fall. We are starting to see flyers at the dances of when and where the classes are starting.

In June we plan to be in Dearfield Beach and hopefully have AL Guthrie as our host caller. As you probably have heard, he had open heart surgery the first of April, and is coming along fine. We heard he worked with the Handicappers on May 4th to get them ready for the National

Respectfully submitted,

Frank & Ada Trott President of Southeast

PUBLICATIONS REPORTS:

Grapevine by Charles Newsome

May 18, 1997

The *GRAPEVINE* continues to keep the Northeast Florida dancers informed about all local, state and national Square Dance activities. With the students graduating, we are picking up a few more subscriptions.

This issue will be our last big push on the 46th NSDC press releases. We have been running anywhere from three to five pages per issue.

We are continuing our picture 'campaign'. Last issue we had four pages needing half-tones this issue we submitted five pages. As editors, we are hitting as many Graduations and Anniversaries as we can. We are starting to get a few more submissions from clubs.

As usual, we ask other Associations to please send us information about their special dances for our Calendar Of Events so we can keep our readers up on happenings around the state when they are traveling. Happy Dancing!!
Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie & Val Newsome ,Editors

West Coast Dancer by Ken Brown

Submitted to: Florida Federation of Square Dancers
Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown, Editors
Date: May 17, 1997

The West Coast Association continues to search for ways in which they may promote Square Dancing through the Dancer Publication , while decreasing the cost of printing the magazine. In order to accomplish this, the next issues will undergo several changes in format. However, the committee working on this, does not wish to compromise quality, if at all possible.

In an effort to conserve space in the coming issues the group has chosen to condense the articles submitted for club news. Within the statement of purpose there is a clause limiting such news to a maximum of 75 words. It will be necessary to adhere more closely to this ruling. The governing body of the West Coast has determined a need to place a greater emphasis on advertising during this period to offset the increase in printing costs. The Dancer Editors have been requested to submit their recommendations for changes which may accomplish these goals at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Keepin' Posted by George Knapp

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND
DANCERS ASSOCIATION
May 17, 1997

The June issue of *Keepin' Posted* is just about ready to go to the printer. Eight hundred copies will be printed and distributed by the first of June.

Much of the issue was devoted to publicity for the 46th National Convention as it has in the past. We hope we have had some impact on getting the word out to our Central Florida readers and only wish we could have reached more dancers across the country.

This also being our graduation issue extra copies are printed to pass out to all the new graduates. We are noticing an increase in the numbers of new dancers graduating at many clubs in Central Florida. Maybe this is a positive sign, we hope so.

Keepin' Posted is alive and well.

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

Panhandle Press by Shirley Cornett

May 18, 1997

PANHANDLE PRESS REPORT

Submitted to: Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Our second issue this year of the Panhandle Press was full of very interesting articles submitted by various clubs. We had a record total of eight clubs submit articles, which is an excellent showing for the Northwest area. I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and purchased ads in the Press.

I received many positive comments from readers on the club articles and the in-depth coverage of the National Square Dance Convention. I plan to continue to expand the breadth of information in the Press as future issues are published.

We are actively looking for clubs having special dances that desire to submit a flyer. Our circulation can help spread the information regarding dances and help the clubs increase their attendance. Future issues will hopefully continue to have interesting club articles in addition to Square Dance General Information.

It is my hope that as people read the Press they will see the **Fun and Fellowship** shared by dancers of our association and will want to become members of Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Ping

Panhandle Press

4 W'S by George Oglesby

WHO WHAT WHEN WHERE

We are still here, Printing 3000 copies now, instead of 5000 copies due to drop in Square Dancing in the area.

Bow & Swing by Bill Boyd

Bow & Swing is very happy to report our next issue will contain information on the NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. Actually, we are starting to wonder what else we can report. Almost all the newsletter, club information and ads have been devoted to our national square dance now.

Send photos with or without captions. We thank you all for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Boyd

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS

1998 -West Coast by Sue Brown

Sue Brown gave the report for Merle and Joann Lewis and stated that all the arrangements for the Lakeland center are complete and all the committees are on hold until after the National in June. They will continue with their hard work toward a successful State Convention immediately after the Nationals are over.

1999- Central by Jim & Jan McConnaha

45th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION, May
28,29,30 1999

Activity on the 45th State Square Dance Convention has been relatively light since our last report. While it might seem that this should be a time of great activity, we deliberately planned it this way and did many of the things we normally would be doing now ahead of time. Everyone involved with the 45th is deeply involved with the upcoming 46th National Square Dance Convention, so we tried to not distract most of our committee from their 46th duties. These will be completed by the end of June and we can then proceed on schedule, after this planned hiatus, with the 1999 State Convention.

We have scheduled our first Kick Off practice for January 31, 1998 from 3 to 5 PM at the Good Samaritan Hall in Kissimmee in conjunction with the CFA 5th Saturday Dance that evening. Our Kick Off Committee is preparing an Extravaganza that will delight and amuse the attendee's at the 1998 State Convention and make them eager to attend the 1999 Convention.

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Doug West of the Lakeland Center to touch base on some of the details in our use of the Center. The relationship with the Lakeland Center has been most cordial and we are trying to keep it that way by occasional meetings with the staff.

Jim & Jan McConnaha,
General Chairman

2000 -Northeast by Dave Nihart
STATE CONVENTION 2000

The contract with the Lakeland Civic has been signed and most committee chairmen are in place. Most of our efforts are now being directed toward the 46 NSDC. As soon as this is over we have several meetings planned and will continue our efforts toward this convention.

Dave Nihart
Asst. General Chairman

2001-Southeast-No report

1997 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

Worley Carrier reported that his Magic Board has worked hard and we are ready. All we need is more dancers. We have 12000 registered and hope to get 2000 more. We know that they are going to have a great National even though it will not be as big as we had hoped. He also reported that the tour of the convention center was a sell out.

REPORTS

Legacy by Cliff Allen

Cliff requested information about the Walt Cole Award concerning the Florida Federation. Since no one knew anything about it, Mary Butlak offered to research the matter before the Nov meeting.

USDA by Marie McClain

We are happy to be your delegates to the USDA along with Dave & Shirley Nihart. Our Jack and Zonie Taylor are serving as vice-president of the Central Region. The annual meeting will be at the Orlando Marriott on June 25, at 1:30 PM.

Some of the ongoing projects of the USDA have been the:

1. Insurance program
2. Credit card program, headed by Joe and Joy Vaccari
3. National Folk Dance Program, headed by Duke and Doris McKlesky
4. Education Committee whose members provide us with a multitude of materials either free or at a small cost to help square dance clubs, their officers and members.
5. Support of Youth and Handicapables and their unique needs and problems.

As stated in a recent press release from President Jim & Jody Temple, 'Communication is the most important tool of the USDA'. It is imperative that we communicate to the affiliates and their dancers just what USDA is all about and about the services provided by USDA for the dancers.

We invite all of you to the USDA Afterparty on Thursday, June 26 at the Convention Center. Also, be sure to take time to see the USDA Display in the Showcase of Ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Marie McClain

American Folk Dance by Duke McCleskey

Activity has resumed - with the advent of a new legislative year in most states. The outlook for passage in several states is favorable, following an aggressive 'work effort' by Dancers in those states during the Fall and Winter months. The Square, Round, Contra and Folk Dancers of Pennsylvania, Kansas, Minnesota, Louisiana, Iowa and Maine have reported: Willing, Ready and Able to move forward, in fact several of these states have already obtained assigned 'Bills' toward passage of legislation.

On January 24, 1997 IOWA put forth House Joint Resolution 46, On February 12, 1997 PENNSYLVANIA assigned Square Dance House Bill 4521 and Senate Bill 4573. On February

19, 1997 MAINE submitted LD#1 3 5 for legislative action. We have communications from Dancers in KANSAS, MINNESOTA and LOUISIANA that passage of 'Bills' this legislative year is very likely.

There are TWENTY-NINE states thus far who have declared that Square Dancing is the American Folk Dance in their respective State. If the movement is successful 'in the above mentioned six states that will raise the total passage to thirty-five. With each successful campaign we draw closer to the success of . . . The National Folk Dance 'in these United States is . . . Square Dancing!

Duke and Doris McCleskey
USDA National Chairman
American Folk Dance Committee

Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Mary Butlak

I wish to thank Howard and Sally Hayes for arranging to have their Federation meeting at Strawberry Squares. This gives us an opportunity to see the Fl. Square & Round Dance Hall of Fame, as well as an evening of dance and fellowship. Each meeting is like a family reunion.

In the coming months following the 46th National Convention turn your thoughts to deserving dancers you would like to see in the Hall of Fame. Write up a resume and mail it to me. The Hall of Fame Committee will be meeting around the first

of 1998 to process resumes and prepare for the State Convention next May.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to Chet Vetter for all his work and assistance for upkeep of the Hall of Fame at the Strawberry Squares. Thanks to Jack Taylor, we are getting the necessary pictures of past Federation Presidents in the display case.

Mary Butlak

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coordinating and State Convention Procedures-No report

Committee on Promotion and Expansion of the Square Dance by Frank Habersberger

There is considerable activity in all five Associations with Counties showing more interest in having classes and some forming new Clubs. There is a lot happening, but there needs to be a unified program to promote Square Dancing to the non-dancers, and expand and gain new members with the existing Clubs. What is needed is a Policy developed by the Federation, in which all five member Associations agree to work together on a specific plan.

However, all Organizations are now engaged in the greatest challenge that any State can undertake and that is to run a successful National Square Dance Convention. Now is not the time for any new Program to be undertaken while all of our energies and know-how are expended in this major objective.

Respectfully Submitted
Frank Habersberger, Committee on Promotion and Expansion of the Square Dance

Public Awareness by Ken Brasfield

In the absence of a formal report, and in light of all the work involved with the National Convention, Ken reminded everyone to recall the discussion at the February Working Weekend concerning the establishment of an advertising committee. He said he wanted to plant this seed again. I quote the statement from the February minutes that this committee wished to emphasize: *Due to the decline in square dance activity, we feel the Florida Federation might consider adopting an advertising budget for the state.* over all

consider adopting an advertising budget for the overall promotion of square dance throughout the state.

Showcase of Ideas by Dee Dee Stoval

At our last meeting, the President asked if I would attempt to get another promotional item for our showcase. With Sandy Brasfield's help I sent out numerous letters to the citrus industry. Sandy sent to me two pages of names and addresses of the citrus companies in the Central Florida area and I thank Sandy for the help. I receive a few replies, all of which thanked me considering them and wished us well.

I did come up with another giveaway that I and others that I showed it to think that it is appropriate. At the last meeting Nan suggested sea shells. I put that together with lapel pins and what you see on the sheets being passed out is the result.

Approximately 3000 sea shells were donated and I purchased 3000 pierced ears ring pins. We have put together 3000 pins for \$167.22 which comes out to less than 6 cents each. I would like to make about 3000 more of the pins, using some different type shells. The cost of those would be from 9 to 12 cents each depending on which type shell is used. This would be an additional expenditure of between \$270 and \$360. I have already purchased 4400 Florida map lapel pins at a cost of \$600. We could save these for next year and give out the sea shells only this year or give both.

I would like to get reimbursed for the money that I have already spent on the pins, so Mr. President I would like to entertain a motion that we amend our budget and add \$167.22 to the Showcase of Ideas budget and if that passes have another motion to add another \$350.

I contacted the Florida Campers Association to see if they would like to have a table in the Showcase of Ideas and Lila Mae Risinger, their president, said that they could not, because the campers national organization was putting one in. I wanted to get an inventory of the brochures that we have in the Florida Welcome Stations so I contacted the Florida Tourism Corporation and when I finally found them they notified me that our reservation for brochure space has expired. I have filed for space but haven't received a confirmation back from them. When I do get this we will have to pay a fee for the time accepted through September 97 and then again in September we will have to pay for next years reservation. The money for October 97 through Sept. 98 is in the budget, but the money for the next couple of months is not. Therefore, we need to approve the expenditure for this time frame.

The Florida Tourism Corporation is now a private corporation and all they have to sell is the lapel pins that we purchase. They have a new telephone number, that even the telephone

operator doesn't know and a new address. If anyone wants it I have it available.

Dee Dee and Bessie Stovall
Parliamentarian

MOTIONS:

The motion from Dee Dee for an additional \$170.00 to pay for seashell pins was seconded by Donna Hendricks and was passed. The motion for an additional \$350.00 for 3000 more pins was seconded by Frank Trott and passed. The Parliamentarian was given the option to use the Florida lapel pins at his discretion, saving them for next year, if he deems they are not needed. The motion to add additional money to his budget to pay for the brochures needed at Florida Welcome Stations for the present period was passed.

History Of Federation by Zonie Taylor

As usual, the History of the Federation is coming along well. Zonie will have three books for the Convention History. It has been a rewarding experience that we have had taking the pictures and putting them in some kind of logical sequence to depict our Convention. Zonie has done an outstanding job, in my estimation. We will in future years look at the books and they will bring back many memories. We know that people are looking at the History books because we have had numerous kind remarks about them. Thanks to all!!

Jack and Zonie
Historians, Florida Federation

OLD BUSINESS

President Howard Hayes asked Fred Cornett to report on the meeting of the Presidents of the five associations. Their biggest concern is the preservation of Square dancing and what, we, the Federation, can do to combat the loss of square dancers. We need a marketing strategy. The other matter on their agenda was the question of coordinating the election of officers in the associations to the same time of year. Howard requested that the associations discuss the best date for the Working Weekend at their next meeting in November. In the meantime, we will retain the third weekend in February. Next year's date will be February 21 and 22. Jack Taylor will report on final plans at the November meeting. He is currently working on a plan with Strawberry Squares for the Sunday meeting and the Plant City Ramada for the Saturday meetings.

Following lengthy discussion, the following motion was made by Worley Carrier and seconded by Fred Cornett: To avoid a conflict of interest, no caller, cuer or vendor shall be eligible to serve as a Regular, Permanent, or At-Large Delegate to the Federation. This motion passed. During this discussion, a motion was made by Chet Vetter and seconded by Joy Vaccari to table this vote. This motion failed to pass.

A discussion began concerning clarification of Bylaws, Article IV, Board of Delegates, Section 6. This was tabled until the next meeting. The section in question reads: **Regular delegates shall be named by each Area Association not later than October 15 of each year and shall hold office for a term of one year beginning with the annual meeting. If for personal reasons an appointed delegate is unable to serve a full term, or is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Delegates, the President of that area association shall appoint an alternate delegate to serve as required.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A suggestion was made that the West Coast region consider someone or some group could become caretaker for the Hall of Fame .

Another suggestion was made that we might need to have a permanent parliamentarian to assist with following proper procedures to make our meetings run smoothly

Fred Cornett made a motion for the Federation to send a donation of \$500.00 for flood relief to the North Dakota Federation of Dancers. Frank Branton seconded. After discussion concerning the need to wait and see what expenses we will face following the National Convention, the motion failed to pass.

There is a need to provide Handbooks for New Dancers. Jack Taylor will collect bids for printing the books. He and the President can make a decision concerning the printing. Each association should preview their information and update it where needed. Meanwhile, any association possessing excess copies can get them to Jack.

EDITORS NOTE :MAKE A CHANGE IN YOUR ROSTER CONCERNING NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION AREA CODE. ALL COUNTIES, WEST OF, AND INCLUDING, MADISON AND TAYLOR WILL NOW BE 850.

Nominating committee:

Chairman: Don and Bonnye Bell
Dewey and Donna Hendricks
Pee Wee and Mary Stewart

The next FL. Federation meeting is Sunday, November 16, 1997 at 9:00 AM at the Best Western Diplomat of Lakeland, FL. (I-4 & Rt. 98) Call for reservations at 1-800-237-4699. The rate will be \$48.00 a room, request Fun Fest Room. Plan to attend the Fall Fun Fest, November 14 & 15 at the Lakeland Center. Tim Mariner and Tom Perry will be calling and Charlie & Leona Lovelace and Bob & Shirley Barnes will be cueing.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom & Jeanie Hancock

Tom and Jeanie Hancock