

Florida Federation of Square Dancers Meeting
Lakeland Center
Sunday, May 28, 2000 9:00am

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Hockman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the delegates. Mary Stewart gave the invocation. Sandy Brasfield called roll with a quorum present.

Five visitors were introduced Tom and Elvor Brown from Central, Ron and Cupie Knowlton and Patty Ping, Secretary of the Florida Callers Association, from Northwest.

Minutes were approved as printed, motion by Don Slocum, second by Bruce Morgan.

TREASURER'S REPORT
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
February 8, 2000 through April 30, 2000

Beginning Balance All Accounts

Checking Balance	\$	
Contingency		
First Union CD		
Insurance Account		\$

Receipts

511	Showcase Refund	\$	
	WC, SE, CEN		
	1st Union		\$

Disbursements

725	Legacy Dues		
711	Parliamentarian		
703	Vice President		
727	Historian		
717	Refreshments		
711	Web Page		
705	Minutes (Mail)		
725	Service Fees		
703	Badges		
705	Annual Corp. Fee		\$

First Union Certificate of Deposit

January 7, 2000	\$
April 30, 2000	
GAIN	

BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS 4/30/00

1st Union Checking	\$	
Contingency		
1st Union Certificate of Deposit		
Insurance Account		\$

Respectfully Submitted

George & Shirley Knapp, Treasurers
Florida Federation of Square Dancers
May 28, 2000

North East Florida Square and Round Dancer's Association Report
(NEFSARDA)
May 26-27-28, 2000

The Northeast has had the busiest three month of the year from March to present. We visited clubs for the following reasons.

Nine clubs with anniversaries

Five clubs graduating students; three clubs received a \$100.00 check for a Sq or more

Four NEFSARDA banner retrievals for our 5th Saturday Dance

Three Charity Dances - Blood Bank raised \$1485.00

City Rescue Mission \$1150.00

Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital \$1430.00

Attended two demos

Two student dances

One parade during Easter

We have been meeting for the preparation of the State Convention. Don and Bonnie Bell have really worked hard to bring you a true blue millennium State Convention. The Committee Chairpersons have really pitched in. We have had numerous meetings. We have also been preparing for the fashion show and Square Dancing through the years. Linda Riggs is in charge of that committee and you will be amazed at the show. Don't you dare miss it. Sherry and I will be in the fashion show, that right there is worth the price of admission.

We conducted a Caller/Dancer meeting. We did get some ideas from the callers and hope we can continue these meeting.

Our 5th Saturday Dance in July will be a free dance in appreciation to all of our dancers and clubs in the Northeast area. You are most welcome to come.

After the State Convention we will be preparing for our Fall Festival, chaired by Linda and Chuck Riggs and assisted by Anita and Bud Taylor. Buddy Weaver will be the guest caller. You won't want to miss this one.

We appreciate all of the support from all of the Associations for helping us promote this State Convention, for all the ribbons that you help sell and your attendance.

Every square dancer has a purpose, i.e. try to look at the persons experience and knowledge and place him in those positions that you need filled or to assist those already in those positions. Ask them for their expertise and get them involved in what they know best. For example an accountant or bank executive could really help you out as the treasure of your association or club. Secretaries could take the minutes, managers and executives make good club or association presidents. Us we aren't qualified for anything except I have a beautiful wife and everyone wanted her up front so they would have something pretty to look at while we were conducting the meetings.

Talk about the apology

About the left handed golf clubs

Philosophy: Cannibal and square dancing

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
Florida Federation of Square Dancers
Report

The Tallahassee Twirlers of Northwest Florida recently graduated a nice class of 15 Square Dancers with all joining their club. Also, Walt Childs graduated a class of 12 Square Dancers and rounded up 7 old timers to start a new Square Dance Club in Blountstown. It is nice to report on a new club starting instead of another club closing. Several other clubs/callers are holding classes in our area.

The Playground Area Square & Round Dance Association will be holding their annual Billy Bowlegs Dance on June 2 & 3 at PASARDA Hall in Fort Walton Beach with Daryl McMillan as the Caller. This is held in conjunction with the annual Billy Bowlegs Festival in Ft. Walton Beach.

Our next Northwest Association Meeting will be held in Pensacola on June 17th in conjunction with the Fiesta of Five Flags activity. The Pensacola Twirler's will be hosting a dance with Joe Fioretti as their Caller and June Leverette cueing the Rounds at the Sander Beach Facility.

The Northwest Annual Roundup Dance will be held in Defuniak Springs on 27 and 28 October this year with Bob Baier being our Feature Caller for Saturday Night and the Northwest Callers and Cuers handling the Dance Program for the Friday and Saturday Workshops and Dances.

Of course, Fred & Shirley Cornett and Tom & Shirley Constable have been very busy with several efforts getting the 2002 State Convention activities initiated.

Cliff & Jean Allen
President, NWFSRDA



**WEST COAST
SQUARE & ROUND
DANCERS' ASSOCIATION**

May 28, 2000

Since our report given in Feb. we held our remaining two area membership dances for our tenure at, Manatee RV Park, Palmetto and in Sebring. Members of the Southeast Assoc. came to the Sebring dance and joined some of us for dinner afterwards. The following week-end some of our members went to the Southeast dance in Stuart and joined them for dinner. This was a very enjoyable exchange and we would suggest that this be continued especially between adjacent Assoc.. Many dances would be a hardship because of a great distance but we should look for dances at a reasonable distance. This means we have to be good communicators and spread the word about the dances. The web site "FloridaDancing.com" is ideal for this. We should all be using this, both to advertise our dances and to find about others dances.

All of our membership dances during this past season were staffed by local callers & cuers in cooperation with the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Assoc.. We felt these dances were very successful and we attribute this in part to utilizing them. This way dancers get to dance with callers & cuers they might not know and find out about their dances so they might visit. This can help increase the attendance and can get dancers acquainted with new dancers. The callers & cuers donated their time which really helped keep our expenses down and offsetting the increasing cost of halls. some of the local clubs donated the refreshments. We donated three hundred dollars to the Callers & Cuers Assoc. to show our appreciation.

Many of our dances throughout our assoc. have closed down for summer and will start back up starting in Oct., we have had about a half dozen classes of new dancers this past year and there is one class that is going to try to get started for the summer. We have two more dances to take care of before passing the gavel over and they both will be at the Strawberry Square hall first on Aug. 20, 2000 will be our annual VIP dance this is a no admission charge dance, when we recognized all the present club officers, our county representatives and all the other hard working volunteers and this is our kick-off to our Fall Fun Fest Dance. On Sept. 17, 2000 is our annual President's Ball when we introduce the new officers of the West Coast Association.

In March we sent out about four hundred reminder letters for membership renewals. The response has been great. Our membership is now at 1076 including 120 new members.

The Fall Fun Fest Committee has been busy spreading the word for our Nov. 10th & 11th dance. We hope many of you can join us for a great week-end of dancing. Our featured caller will be Tim Marriner

Ken & Sue Brown, Chairmen for the 2003 State Convention have been busy, as usual, getting all their ducks in a row, they have most committee head positions filled and are starting the preliminary work.

We look forward to seeing you at the fall Federation meeting, when we will be giving our last report and introducing the new presidents.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann & Don Slocum

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

May 28, 2000

Greetings from President Will and Carol Barnhart!

Our April Fifth Saturday dance was held April 29 at Travis Recreation Center in Rockledge, with R. J. Hogan and Audrey Phillips. Refreshments were provided by the Space Trackers. Our scheduled caller, John Swindle, was unable to make the dance due to a family emergency, and R. J. stepped in at the last minute for us. Many dancers stayed overnight to attend the Whit Brown benefit dance held by the Space Trackers on Sunday April 30.

Whirl and Twirl, along with the Pirates of Apopka and the Orlando Singles, will host a benefit dance for Whit Brown on Sunday, June 4, at Whirl & Twirl in Orlando. The dance will start at 2:00 and run until 4:00 or so. Flyers and ribbons are available today. Donation of \$5 per person is requested.

Many of our clubs are closed now for the summer and will reopen again in the fall. We are encouraging our local dancers to come out and support the clubs that are open and especially to attend banner raids.

Our next Fifth Saturday dance is scheduled for July 29 at the Whirl & Twirl hall in Orlando, with Danny Robinson calling and Daphne Martin cueing.

George and Shirley Knapp, editors of our publication, Keeping Posted, have retired from this position after many years as editors. We have new editors for Keeping Posted: Tom and Eivor Brown.

We've had a report that our historian, Judy Frye, who is also president of Space Trackers, has been injured in an accident at work. We wish her a quick recovery.

We are having a great time this weekend at the State Convention. Many thanks to Northeast for their hard work. Our Area VP, Ron and Lois Renwick, have done a great job with the Showcase for Central, and we hope you have visited our display this weekend. Thank you, Ron and Lois, and all your helpers! We are ready to take it on the road to Baltimore.

See you in a square! Keep smiling!

Will and Carol
President
Central Florida Association

Central Association was honored last night to be part of the square dance life of Duke and Doris McClesky who were nominated and elected to the Dancers' Hall of Fame.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

May 28, 2000

- Welcome Station Brochures – We received three bids for the printing. The best bid was \$581 plus tax for 16,000 brochures. We are in the process of shipping them to the Welcome Stations. We have a few that we can share with each association to pass on to their clubs. If you would like some, please see us after the meeting. We have put some on the Showcase table here and will take some to the National Convention.
- Instructions for setting up the Showcase in Baltimore – We do not have them at this time. We received an e-mail from the Showcase Director on May 9. She said that the 49th Committee had a meeting on May 7 and she expected to receive maps, instructions and etc. soon. As soon as we get this information we will forward it on to you.
- During one of our several phone conversations with the Showcase Director, she asked how long Florida has been participating in the Showcase of Ideas. She stated that there is a special award given to those who have participated 25 years. We asked our Historian, Zonie Taylor, to find out how long we have been participating. Zonie checked with Chet Vetter and discovered that the Federation has participated since 1971; West Coast, Central, Southeast and Northeast started in 1972 and Northwest in 1975. We sent this information to the Showcase of Ideas Director and she in turn sent it to Homer & Betty Jo Unger, NEC representatives in charge of the Showcase. It is our understanding that the NEC will present each of our associations and the Federation their 25 year award this year.

Fred & Shirley Cornett
Parliamentarians

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION REPORT (5/28/00)

The doldrums of summer are here. Most of our winter visitors have gone home. The traffic is less, but so is club attendance.

Our dances in March, April and May were well attended. We gave carnations to all women at our Mother's Day dance.

From our disaster fund we contributed \$250 to a fireman in need of heart surgery. We also gave another \$250 to Whit Brown, ~~a retired caller who recently had surgery~~. A benefit dance was held for him at Port St. St. Lucie with Sonny McCartney and Doug Harris co-sponsoring it.

Ray and I attended a graduation class in April at the Castoffs and gave each graduate a free pass to one of our Southeast dances along with the other new dancer handouts. There were about 25 graduates at this ceremony. We appreciate the Castoffs notifying us of this graduation. Unfortunately, this was the only graduating class we were notified of.

And speaking of the Castoffs, they had a recycle dance last March that was very successful. Anyone wishing to sell their square dance clothes would bring them in, put a price on them and go dance for the rest of the evening. Castoff members handled the sale and held the money for those dancers. This was not a profit for the Castoff club, but merely a great way for dancers to recycle their clothes. We mention this because it is something that other clubs might want to consider doing. These recycle dances are always advertised in advance and are well attended.

Each year we ask for nominations for a dancer of the year. You will remember that last year the Southeast Association presented plaques to two couples; Joe and Lydia Fik and Jerry and Helen Rhodes. This year's couple is Frank and Ada Trott.

For many years Al and Betty Guthrie have sponsored a Friday night after party for the Southeast dancers. Unfortunately they will no longer be able to continue this tradition. In appreciate of the many years of hard work and dedication to the square dancers, the Southeast Association held a party in their honor last Friday night. We invited all Southeast dancers, callers and cuers to attend and show their appreciation to this dedicated couple.

Following our last Federation meeting, Ray and I prepared a survey form for dancers to complete regarding their opinion of hosting a national convention in Florida in 2007. The outcome of this survey indicates that Southeast dancers are in favor of a national convention in Florida in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray & Elsa Huddleston
SEA President

President's Meeting Report

at the President's meeting yesterday we discussed some of the ways each association is attempting to increase the awareness of square dancing. Some of the issues that we will look into in more detail are square dancers participating in parades carrying banners with phone number for more information, demo dances and booths at fairs. One of the overall problems doing some of these functions, however, is that there are not usually classes beginning at those times. The 10/10/60 concept was a good one in some areas but not in all.

Demo dances at malls was also discussed. It is a problem though because of the high insurance requirements.

He also discussed locations for board meetings where we would not have to pay for the meeting room.

The calendar on the website is not being fully utilized. We all agreed to follow through with entry of special dances and to check the other association's activities.

Respectfully Submitted, Ray & Lisa Huddleston, SEA President

Panhandle Press Report

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank the dancers who submitted articles and the callers and vendors who purchased ads in the Press. The advertisements continue to offset the cost of publishing the Panhandle Press.

I have encouraged the clubs in Northwest to set up a club web page on the Florida Dance Web. Some have completed their pages and others are in the process. I feel this is an excellent way to advertise your clubs and our activity in general.

Fred and Shirley Cornett have just published and distributed the 2000 Directory for the Northwest Association. I would like to thank them for their steadfast support.

The third quarter issue will be published in July. Submission date for articles or ads is June 30, 2000. You can send articles to my mail address or my email account; garyping@worldnet.att.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Ping, Editor

May 28, 2000

Submitted to Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers

Subject: West Coast Dancer

Submitted by: Ed and Ginny Henning, Editors

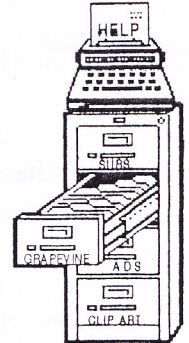
Every other month about thirty enthusiastic square dancers meet to collate & fold the West coast Dancer. We have a circulation of 1300 to 2800 depending on the season, and the size of the publication ranges from 28 to 32 or more pages.

Although the dancing activity is down for the summer we see renewed interest in new dance listings and Advertising for the coming fall and winter season.

In order to improve our "bottom line" we are accepting Ads unrelated to square and Round Dancing which gives other organizations different exposure and also adds interest and diversification to our magazine. In addition to dance listings and Club news, we will be happy to include articles of general interest concerning people in the news, topics of general discussion and news of general interest -- all related to the dancing activity.



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FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT
 FOR THE GRAPEVINE
 MAY 28, 2000

The Grapevine is alive and well in the Northeast. We are still printing and distributing 350 copies per issue.

Happily, we continue receiving pictures and articles from our readers. We anticipate a small drop off during the summer.

We have decided to give The Grapevine a new look. We got tired trying to decide what color cover to put on each issue so, since our Association colors are black & white, we have gone to a white cover with the NEFSARDA logo on the front. Now we only have to figure out the graphics for the middle of the front cover, usually the theme of the current season. Comments so far have been favorable - I think we're going to like it!

As editors, we are still "on the road" quite often, with club anniversaries and class graduations - plus covering dances for this year's State Convention. In addition, there have been more demonstrations this past few months. Most we were able to get to even tho some were on short notice.

As a reminder, please send us information of your benefit dances where ALL of the proceeds go to the charity mentioned in the ad. We'll print what we have room for without charge!

We continue to welcome items from ALL associations, especially your Association dances, that will be of interest to our readers. We want to let NEFSARDA dancers know where to dance when they are on the road.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie & Val Newsome
 Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

WHO – WHAT – WHEN – WHERE
 FEDERATION REPORT
 MAY, 2000

We celebrated our 35th Anniversary on Saturday May 13 at our put together. The put together was hosted by Caller Mike Doughty. We had 60 callers and dancers on hand to help put the paper together for delivery.

George reports he is doing about the same. He is sorry he couldn't make the convention. It's the first one he has missed in 37 years. We are hoping he will be able to attend the fall meeting.

Submitted by,
 Garland & Carole McKenzie

Keepin' Posted

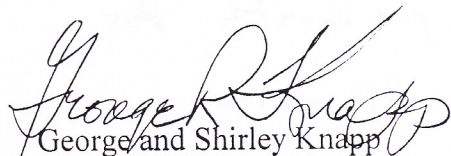
QUARTERLY MAGAZINE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

MAY 28, 2000

We printed and distributed 500 copies of the April issue of *Keepin' Posted*, our last as editors and now I would like to introduce the new editors, Tom & Eivor Brown from Satellite Beach. We've had a fun time and met a lot of wonderful people during our stint as editors over the past eight years but now it's time for some new and fresh ideas. We know Tom & Eivor will provide them.

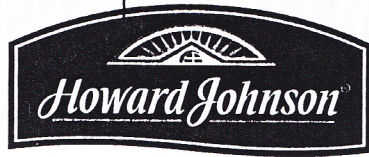
Keepin' Posted is alive and well

Respectively submitted,



George and Shirley Knapp
Editors, *Keepin' Posted*

Report read by Cliff Allen



Bow & Swing

Bow & Swing Thanks you all for your continued support. We have just over 1200 Paid subscribers. We also send copies to clubs, callers, coxers and square dance resorts around the country.

Our pricing structure allows for all clubs to afford some advertising. \$15.~ per year with no set up charges for you Where to Dance Section - \$75. for a full page ad - down to \$7.~ per month for a 1/6 page ad. No fees for benefit dances.

We appreciate your photos - and your club news letters - please keep them coming.

Please remember promoting Square Dancing is a little work with great rewards -

Bill Boyd

Something new - for every one who subscribes to Bow & Swing - for every club renewing their W.T.D - we will donate a portion of the proceeds to the sponsoring association. 50cents per magazine subscription - one dollar for WTD

Date: May 27, 2000

Submitted to: The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers

Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown, General Chairman 2003 Florida State Convention

Subject: 2003 Florida State Convention Report

We wish to begin with an introduction of our Assistant General Chairmen, Bob and Maria Spence. Bob and Maria love to Square and Round Dance! They met through square dancing at Michigan State University in 1950, where they both performed in the demonstration group of "Promenaders". They were callers and cuers in Michigan and after moving to Maryland they became active in the Washington, DC area Square Dance Clubs Association. (WASCA). They were leaders in one of the first family square dance clubs, with their four children. They served as officers of several clubs, delegates to WASCA, and Presidents of the WASCA Board of Directors. Bob and Maria chaired many festival committees, and twice directed the WASCA festival. They also were chairpersons of the Round Dance Program at the '84 National in Baltimore.

Upon moving to Florida they have again served as officers in their local club, co-chaired a Legacy Seminar (national organization for leadership in square and round dancing) at the '99 National in Indianapolis, IN, and have been County Reps to the West Coast Association. They have given freely of their time and talent to this recreational area in their lives. They now bring their experience and energy to share for the Florida State Festival in 2003.

The Committee has had several set backs since it first met in November, of 1999.

Caller Coordinator Gary Brown has suffered a heart attack and has opted to resign his position. We have been forced to accept his resignation with our deepest regrets. We had looked forward to working with Gary and will miss his expertise in the field. We wish him well.

will; however submit our request for an alternate selection,
We ~~have; however, approached an excellent caller in the Association,~~ and upon approval of the Florida State Callers Association, we will be back on track toward 2003.

In addition, Contra Chairman Eric Harris is recovering from a quadruple bi-pass. We wish him a speedy recovery, and are confident that he will be able to resume his duties soon.

Security Chairmen, Elvin and Dolores Mahan are doing well after their serious automobile accident on Easter Sunday. We are assured that they will have their responsibilities well under control at the time of the Convention.

If the adage is true, "bad things happen in threes", we feel that we have met our quota, and will be able to move forward without any further difficulties.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM Sunday May 28, 2000 in the Stars Meeting Room.

Florida Federation of Square Dancers
May 28, 2000

The contract for the 2002 Convention has been signed and the deposit paid.

We are working hard to fill a few vacancies on our team. We are pleased with the positive response that we've had when we ask our dancers to help with this event. We have a lot of Northwest dancers here this weekend and we have asked them to be especially observant so that they can help us with our planning.

Our Caller Chairman, Bob Poyner, has put the finishing touches to the choreography for our May 2001 Kick Off.

Our heartfelt congratulations to the Northeast Association, and especially Don & Bonnie Bell, for a great convention.

Fred & Shirley Cornett, General Chairman
48th State Square & Round Dance Convention

COORDINATING MEETING REPORT/FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT

It's Here! We hope you liked the idea of the 2000 Celebration as a way to start the convention. We feel we have a great convention planned, hopefully everything will proceed as planned. We had 930 registrations by April 30, and with last night's count of _____ we have a total of 1300 - *attending*

With the constant increase in prices we have asked our chairmen to be very conservative and spend only what they needed to put on a good convention. Most of them have done a great job. I feel the registration should have been higher. With the low number of registrants and the increase in expenditures the amount of freebies are going to have to be eliminated. We gave away 230 free ribbons. They went to Callers, Cuers, Clogger Instructors, Contra Instructors, Country Western Line Instructors, Venders, the Executive Committee, and Committee Chairmen. I would like to recommend that everyone coming to the Convention pay and that a flat fee be charged from the beginning.

As a comment to the future Convention Chairmen and registration people, we traveled to at least one big dance of each Association. We sold no more than 12 ribbons. I would like to emphasize that it is everyone's responsibility to promote this convention at their association and clubs. We had more response from individuals who pitched in and sold at the functions they attended. One on one still seems to give the best result.

Dress attire is a big topic of conversation and will be discussed this afternoon in a seminar along with other recommendations by the USDA to help our dancers and clubs.

We encourage you to purchase your ribbons for the 47th Convention tonight. This is so important to the upcoming convention.

Bonnye and I want to thank each of you for your support and help. We could never have done this without the help we've received. Our executive committee, and committee chairman have worked so very hard for this convention and we are very proud of the Northeast and what it has accomplished.

Respectfully,

Don & Bonnye Bell
General Chairmen
46th Florida State Convention.

Southwest I-L Sq + Rd Assoc.

CONVENTION REPORT 2001 - A DANCE ODESSY

AS WE APPROACH SUNDAY MAY 28, THINGS ARE HAPPENING FASTER. FIRST OUR KICKOFF IS PLANNED AND COMPLETE. THE PRACTICE SESSION WENT AS ANTICIPATED. (HETERO AND CONFUSED, BUT AS WE WORKED AT IT ~~THE~~ PROGRAM DID COME TOGETHER.) OUR KICKOFF CHAIRMAN DID HIS STELLAR JOB AND WE ARE READY.

WE HAD OUR REGISTRATION FORM PRINTED BY THE LAKELAND CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU. WE FOUND THAT THEIR PRICE WAS THE BEST. I HAVE FORMS HERE FOR ALL OF THE AREA PUBLICATIONS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE THEM. WE ALSO HAVE FORMS FOR EACH PRESIDENT. YOU CAN GET AS MANY AS YOU NEED JUST CONTACT ME. PLEASE TAKE THEM AS CAROL SAYS SHE WANTS HER HOUSE BACK.

I AM PLANNING ONLY SMALL CHANGES FROM PRECEDING CONVENTIONS. IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT.

WE WILL HAVE A SECOND ROUND DANCE HALL. THIS ONE FOR THE EASY LEVEL ROUNDS. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THIS WILL GIVE MORE EXPOSURE TO THE ROUND DANCE SIDE OF OUR HOBBY.

I WILL BE TALKING WITH MIKE DOUGHTY MY CALLER CHAIRMAN. I AM THINKING OF ADDING DANCING BY DEFINITION TO THE ARENA. THIS WOULD BE SPLIT SINGING CALLS AND DBD. (THIS IS STILL IN THE PLAN STAGE).

AS IT IS ALLOWED WE STARTED TO
SELL REGISTRATIONS ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
WE FEEL THAT THIS WILL GIVE THOSE THAT
DO NOT STAY THRU SUNDAY NIGHT A
CHANCE AT ADVANCE REGISTRATION.

ONE AREA OF CONCERN IS THAT THE
VENDOR GROUP KEEPS SHRINKING. I BELIEVE
THAT THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE SHRINKING
DANCER BASE BUT IT IS A CONCERN. I
DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS EXCEPT
TO GO TO OUT OF STATE DEALERS. WE MAY BE
ABLE TO GET VENDORS FROM GA OR OTHER CLOSE
STATES. ONE AREA OF CONCERN IS RECORD
DEALERS AND ANOTHER BADGE MAKER.

WE WILL HAVE THE STYLE SHOW IN THE
ARENA. I BELIEVE THE COST OF THE THEATER
VERSUS THE VALUE ADDED TO THE STYLE
SHOW IS NOT THERE.

WE WILL BE SELLING 50/50 TICKETS
AT OUR CONVENTION. THE INCOME FOR THE
WORK SAYS THAT THIS IS A MUST.

WE ARE READY AND NOW ALL WE NEED
ARE THE DANCERS.

FRED + CAROLYN
CHATOS

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NEC Report - Worley Carrier

At this time Baltimore has 9200 registered dancers and had expected 12,000. The emergency phone number is 410-649-6606.

There have been a lot of changes in the NEC since 1997. There were 47 members of the NEC after our convention, there are now 26. There are changes in the National Convention Guidelines, also. For our convention 364,000 square feet were required, now only 200,000 square feet are required. We needed 18 halls now only 10 are needed. They have eliminated competition between cities to eliminate hard feelings. Sponsors need no money up front and the Federation or any one or more of the associations can put on a National. Florida has three qualified locations, Tampa and Jacksonville and in the next couple of years Lakeland. Florida has put an intent to bid for 2007 for three years now and it is on the record. An intent is only an intent.

The motion was read again by Bruce.

After a great deal of discussion, pro and con, president Hockman called for the question, it failed. The subject was put to rest.

HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame has had several meetings this year. We received one resume for the Hall of Fame.

At the Saturday night activities, Duke and Doris McCleskey were inducted into the Hall of Fame and received their plaque. The larger plaque will be installed in the Plant City Hall of Fame.

This Committee plans to meet later in the summer or early fall to review their pamphlet and rules and regulations. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

I will still offer my services to any association who would like me to meet with your Board to explain in further detail the workings of the Hall of Fame. My thanks goes out to the committee for all its work.

Mary Butlak
Chairman

at our committee ~~last~~ meeting last summer we voted to leave up to the person or group presenting a resume to tell the inductee they had been elected to receive the honor of entering the Hall of Fame.

Cliff Allen

LEGACY REPORT

The new Co-Chairs for LEGACY are Ted & Betty Vaile from Indiana and John Charman and Wendy VanderMeulen from Ontario, Canada. Vera and Al Schreiner resigned as Executive Secretary after 18 years in that position. Doc & Peggy Tirrell volunteered to take over the duties of Secretary until the next Biennial Meeting to be held May 17 – 20, 2001. The site of that meeting has yet to be determined.

The biggest recent effort of Legacy has been supporting the presentation of the HJR #60, a bill to designate Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance of the United States by Representative Jim Saxton, of New Jersey. Frank & Helen Cavanaugh has contacted each of the congressman informing them of the Bill and asking them for their support. We hope that each of you are helping in this effort by contacting your Senator and Representative and asking them to vote "yes" when the Bill comes up for vote.

Square Dance certainly needs all the publicity it can get and this could give it a good boost. I believe we have the 32nd state that has designated Square Dance as their State Folk Dance.

USDA INSURANCE REPORT
May 28, 2000

1. Checking Account:

Balance Forward as of 02/01/00	\$
Receipts since 02/01/00	
Central	
Cloggers	
Northeast	
Northwest	
West Coast	

Total Receipts

Balance as of 05/01/00

Disbursements since 02/01/00
USDA Insurance Premiums
Administrative (postage, etc)

Total Disbursements

Balance On Hand as of 05/01/00


2. Enrollments for the year 2000 (as of 05/01/00)

Central	1,736
Cloggers	312
Northeast	682
Northwest	522
Southeast	395
West Coast	734

Total Dancers Enrolled 4,381 (For year 2000)

Total Dancers Enrolled 4,916 (For year 1999)

Difference 535 Dancers


Duke and Doris McCleskey
FFSD Insurance Chairmen

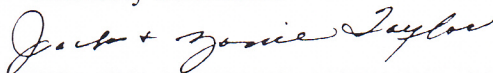
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA
Folk Dance Committee

May 26, 2000

The United Square Dancers of America are continuing to push for the passage of HJR#60. We have been e-mailing and sending petitions to as many Congressmen as possible. We have tried to contact our Representative Dave Weldon on the Status but to no avail. We also, when visiting in Dubuque, IA, tried to contact their Representative with no luck. We have been on the internet trying to find the location of the Bill. It appears that it was sent to the committee on Government affairs, but other than that we can't find its status. We will keep trying.

The time is getting short. We have sample petitions for people to pick up. Help yourself. Make copies and send them in.

Sincerely Submitted



Jack and Zonie Taylor,
Folk Dance Chairman,
United Square Dancers of America

FLORIDA FEDERATION
HISTORY REPORT

May 26, 2000

Federation History is progressing nicely. Zonie has the State 2000 Convention book just about completed. We are waiting for the copy of the final report to put in the book.

We still request that all pictures that are given to us have the people identified and what is happening in the picture. Keeps down the arguments between us. The more the better when sending us pictures. The pictures that we don't use we will return. Also samples of: letter head, envelope, ribbons, badges and/or anything that you find interesting to you will be to others. Keep up the good work!!!

Zonie has requested that the Association Historians generate a thumbnail history of their association so we can include it in one of the books. She has received one from the Northwest and West Coast. Thanks

Again thanks to the area publications for supplying us copies of the publications.

Old Business

Murl Herbert - Document review is complete and will be in the mail with the minutes and will be on the November agenda.

New Business

Don Slocum made a motion to change May meeting to Saturday morning with so many people coming and going. Seconded by PeeWee Stewart. Discussion - to many conflicts, an ongoing problem - no change in meeting.

Next meeting Boynton Beach Civic Center, Sunday November 5, 2000 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken and Sandy

NEXT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCING

WHERE: BOYNTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER
WHEN: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2000 9:00 A.M.
HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN, CATALINA
1601 North Congress Ave, Boynton Beach
PHONE: 561-737-4600

STANDARD ROOMS \$70.00 PER NIGHT
VILLAS \$110.00 PER NIGHT PER ONE BEDROOM
\$149.00 PER NIGHT PER TWO BEDROOM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS RATE IS GUARANTEED UNTIL 10/5/00 ONLY. ONCE THIS DATE IS REACHED, ALL STANDARD ROOMS REMAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OUR GROUP FOR \$79.00.

- ★ RESERVATIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY CALLING THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AND ASKING FOR "IN-HOUSE" RESERVATIONS. THEY CANNOT BE MADE BY CALLING THE 800 HOLIDAY INN WORLDWIDE NUMBER, NOR CAN IT BE ACCESSED BY ANY TRAVEL AGENT.
- ★ GUESTS MUST ASK FOR THE GROUP RATE UNDER **THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS.**
- ★ ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 5, 2000.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH TO THE HOTEL:

I-95 SOUTH TO GATEWAY BLVD. WEST TO CONGRESS. SOUTH TO CATALINA. RIGHT INTO SHOPPING CENTER. FIRST ROAD ON LEFT TURN CONTINUE SOUTH TO HOTEL.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH TO THE HOTEL:

I-95 NORTH TO BOYNTON BEACH BLVD. WEST TO CONGRESS. NORTH TO SAVANNAH LAKES BLVD. LEFT TO HOTEL.

CONVENTION FUND RAISER DANCE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 4, 2000 AT THE BOYNTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

MAP

