Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Agenda

Saturday, February 23rd, 2002 Best Western Diplomat

9:00AM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Invocation

Ken Brasfield

4. Roll Call

Fred & Shirley Cornett

- 5. Welcome to Visitors and Guests
- 6. Minutes of November 18th, 2001 Jacksonville Fred & Shirley Cornett
- 7. Treasurers Report

Garland & Carole McKenzie

- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Association Reports:

Central

Jim & Jan Mcconnaha

Northwest

Tony & Patti Gee

Southeast

Virginia Grenier

Northeast

Joe & Martha Hardcastle

West Coast

John & Paula Bouseman

10. Publications:

Keepin Posted

Pan Handle Press

4 W's

Grapevine

West Coast Dancer

Bow & Swing

Tom & Eivor brown

Gary Ping

Garland & Carole McKenzie

Charlie & Val Newsome

Ed & Ginnie Henning

Bill Boyd

BREAK

11. State Convention Report:

2002 Northwest

Fred and Shirley Cornett

2003 West Coast

Ken and Sue Brown

2004 Central

Bruce and Colleen Morgan

2005 Northeast

2006 Southeast

Charlie and Val Newsome ??? Larland & Carole McKennie

12. NEC Report: Worley & Nan Carrier

13. Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame: Mary Butlak

14. Legacy Report:

Cliff Allen

15. U.S.D.A. Report:

Marie McClain

16. U.S.D.A Insurance Report:

Duke McCleskey

17. American Folk Dance Report;

Duke McCleskey

18. ASCAP-BMI

Dave Nihart

19. Old Business

20. New Business

21. Committee Assignments:

Meeting Rooms & Time

22. Announcements

23. Our next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 24th, 2002—9:00 A.M. Best Western Diplomat, Lakeland

Entertain a motion to adjourn.

MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS MEETING, FEBRUARY 23, 2002 LAKELAND, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by the President, Ken Brasfield. Ken led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Shirley Cornett called the roll and stated a quorum in attendance.

The question was raised as whether a Past President may also serve as a Delegate. Ken stated he would look into the question and report back at the meeting on Sunday, February 24.

Ken welcomed guests Bob & Ann Poyner, Past President of FCA and Caller Chair for the 48th Florida State Convention, Art Butlak, and Kate & Rex McCall, the new insurance chairman for Northeast Association. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Sandy Brasfield.

The following members have been ill: Chet Vetter returned home from the Rehabilitation Center and is doing well; Paul McClain was hospitalized for an extended period of time but is home and now and doing much better; Asa Clark was in an automobile accident and is not doing well; Al Guthrie's son-in-law needs a lung transplant.

The Minutes of the November 18, 2001 were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See attached report. The report is filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ken stated that he received a nice card from Dee Dee and Bessie. They said they appreciated the plaque that they were given at the last meeting and have enjoyed serving on the board the past five years.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS: Complete reports attached.

- A. After the Central Association's report, Jim McConnaha told the delegates that Asa Clark was injured in an automobile accident and is not doing well. He asked that we remember Asa in our prayers.
- B. Joe Hardcastle announced that Northeast will hold the annual Fall Fun Fest in Jacksonville November 15 & 16, 2002. Mike Sikorsky from Arizona is the featured caller.
- C. Ken Brown added that West Coast had 224 dancers who participated in a day of dancing at the State Fair. They also had a dance on January 19 at Strawberry Squares. Allen Snell and Rosie were married at the dance.

PUBLICATION REPORTS:

Keepin' Posted - Tom & Eivor Brown unable to attend due to illness. No report.

Panhandle Press - Shirley Cornett reported that in addition to doing the Panhandle Press, Gary Ping is assisting with the Program Book for the 48th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. She invited anyone with an article or ad to contact Gary.

4 W's - See attached report.

The Grapevine - See attached report.

West Coast Dancer - Doing well. Thirty or forty people helped put the latest issue together.

Bow & Swing - No report.

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS: See attached reports.

- A. Fred Cornett asked the veterans of WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm who can wear their uniform to volunteer to be in the Fashion Show at the State Convention this year.
- B. Sue Brown requested that each association prepare a list of their important dances and get them to her so that they can set up a visitation schedule for the 49th State Convention.
- C. Whirl & Twirl Club in Central went dark for last year's state convention for first time. Had 60dancers at convention. Plan to go dark again this year.

NEC REPORT: No report.

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME: See attached report.

LEGACY: No report.

FLORIDA FEDERATION HISTORY REPORT: See attached report.

USDA REPORT. See attached report.

USDA INSURANCE REPORT: See attached report.

Duke requested that each association advance their insurance representative money to pay the association's insurance so that payment can be made in a timely manner.

Money to begin insurance fund was advanced by USDA. Money in the insurance fund will have to remain in the insurance fund.

Duke and Doris McCleskey, FFSD Insurance Chairmen

AMERICAN FOLK DANCE REPORT:

The House Joint Bill #15 is in committee and has over 100 sponsors. We are hoping to be able to get the bill through Congress before end of year. If not this year, next year is our best shot. Thirty-one states have approved square dance as the state folk dance. This gives a total of 279 representatives. If we can pull everything together, we can get the bill through Congress without having to take a vote. We are gearing up to really push this bill in January 2003. Duke and Doris McCleskey

ASCAP/BMI: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken reminded everyone that copies of the document revisions approved at the May 2001 meeting and made available at the November 2001 meeting are available today if anyone needs one.

Ken also brought up the following: In November Dee Dee and Bessie Stovall brought a letter from Jim Hensley of the Phoenix corporation, the marketing firm hired by Callerlab Foundation, requesting a list of the names and addresses of all the square dancers in Florida. After much discussion in November, it was decided to table the question until further information regarding the purpose of the list could be obtained. President Ken Brasfield received an e-mail from Jerry Reed, President of Callerlab Foundation. Jerry told Ken that Callerlab Foundation is trying to assemble a database of square dancers in the United States. He assured Ken that the data "will not be sold nor used for any purpose other than distribution of square dance related information." After some discussion, Jim McConnaha moved to table any decision until the May 2002 meeting. Ken Brown seconded. Motion passed. Bob Poyner is going to the Callerlab annual meeting and will provide further information on the subject when he returns.

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE: See attached report.

Murl requested that each association president e-mail him stating when their association elects/appoints their new delegates.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

Committee assignments were made at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley & Fred Cornett, Secretary

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS Report By CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION February 23, 2002

Since our last report, the CFA held a very successful 5th Saturday Dance on December 29 in St. Cloud, hosted by the Wagon Wheels with 11 squares attending. Our caller was Dale McClary and the cuers were Pete & Jan Shankle. While many predicted that this dance being held so close to all of the New Years eve dances would not attract many dancers, the central dancers turned out for what was a real fun evening.

Speaking of New Years Eve dances, Many of our clubs had these and they all seemed to be great! We attended the Whirl & Twirl affair and really had a fantastic evening. Calling was John Swindle and cueing was Roy Brown. A full-catered dinner was served and skits followed the dance. Old man New Year made his last appearance and I can't even begin to describe "Baby New Year", you had to be there to see it.

Our second annual "SHAMROCK SWING" is coming up in two weeks. George & Shirley Knapp, the Chairman have everything under control and say "buy your ribbons now". Callers are Tony Oxendine and Whit Brown, with Jimmy & Carol Griffin cueing. The hotels are still giving rates better than what they originally gave us and the halls should be better than last year. Plus, Bruce and Colleen promise that the snack bar will fulfill all of your desires for food and drink. The "tube steaks" are promised to be "prime" quality.

Bruce & Colleen Morgan, General Chairman of the 50th State Convention, continue to hold committee meeting. The "dress" has been finalized and they are having pattern parties where the patterns are prepared and the material is being put into kits for our seamstress ladies to start making this beautiful creation. It will be introduced, to our central dancers, hopefully at our 5th Saturday Dance on March 30.

This March 30 dance will be held and hosted at the Starlight Promenaders Hall in Debary. Caller is Darrell Figg and the cuer is Bev Landwehr. Flyers with maps to the hall are around, or just see one of the CFA Delegates for more information.

We hope to see you in a square, real soon.

Jim & Jan McConnaha, President

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Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers

Meeting, Lakeland, February 23, 2002

Report of the North West Florida Square and Round Dance Association

This will be a short Report. We have held only one Association Meeting since the last Federation Meeting in November. This was held in Panama City on February 9 and there was little other than routine business on the Agenda.

Tom Hancock was able to report that the new streamlined method of collecting insurance had worked well and had eliminated 'double payments'. The terms under which we give grants to clubs who graduate new dancers were clarified and it was agreed to continue this scheme for another year. The problem of finding people willing to stand for election as Association Officers was discussed at some length but it was accepted that there is no easy answer. It was agreed that it would be ideal to institute a system of automatic progression similar to that operated by the Federation but it was felt that asking people to commit to 4 years of continuous service would only make it even harder to find suitable candidates.

The Meeting was followed by the "Sweetheart Swing" dance put on by the Association Callers and Cuers and we are grateful to them for once again making this a thoroughly enjoyable event for everyone present.

We had hoped to repeat our very successful "Dance to Live Music" in Tallahassee again this year but I am sorry to tell all those who enjoyed this event that sadly this has not proved possible. It was a pretty unanimous opinion last year that although the facility we have in Tallahassee is a splendid venue for dancing in all respects except one, the air conditioning is simply not up to the task of maintaining an acceptable temperature in the summer months. Unfortunately, the necessary preparations for the State Convention led to scheduling conflicts with alternative dates earlier in the year so that for the time being we have shelved this event.

Fred and Shirley will bring you up to date on these preparations for the State Convention but I can tell you that they and their various Committees have everything very much under control and we can look forward with confidence to a splendid weekend. As they will tell you, all we need now is for you all to come: "We Need You in 2002!"

Respectfully submitted, Tony and Patti Gee President

SOUTHEAST SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION 324 N.E. TROPICALIA JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA 34957 February 15, 2002

Federation Report, February Working Weekend

We started this period of time with our December Toy and Cookie Dance in Hollywood at Polk Street Rec Center. This year Carole McKenzie found a group called HANDY that works with Abused Children in Broward County. They agreed to pickup the toys that we collected at the December dance. This is one of the things we do each year to help out the children who wouldn't have much for Christmas. Each year we try to find a different group and in a different county so that we can spread our joy around. This year when the lady came to pick up the new, unwrapped toys for the boys and girls up to the age of teens, she brought a small SUV. When she left, she had a large Teddy Bear sitting on her lap. The dance was a big success and everyone enjoyed it.

In January we had our Annual Picnic at the Greenacres Community Park. We got there and the rain did too. After everyone ate, we decided that it was too wet to dance. The caller's equipment was starting to get wet. We packed up and called it a day. After most of the people left, the sun came out and it was a beautiful day. We also had our Snowflakes Dance in the middle of January with three of our callers and a cuer belting out the songs. We had one of the best turnouts we have had in recent years. Our hats are off to Elsa & Ray for the outstanding job they did, and a special thanks to all of you form the Federation who made the trip. We hope that you all had a real good time. Make sure to mark that date on your calendar for next year.

We had the task of finding someone to replace Fred and Carolyn Chatos as the chairman of our next State Convention. We would like to present to you Garland and Carole McKenize as our next General Chairman for the 52nd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention to be held in May 2006.

In February, after a small mixup on the hall for the dancer, we had our Valentine Dance at Polk Street with the President of the Southeast Caller's calling. After a slow start, we ended up with seven squares on the floor. We had three other callers and two cuers to help out for our dancing pleasure. As always, we had more than enough food and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. As we continue to put out a dance very month in our area, we extend a welcome hand to any of you who are in our area to join us. We dance somewhere between Fort Pierce and Greater Miami each month.

On a heavier note we are having a Benefit Dance for one of our callers son-in-law on Saturday night, March 9, 2002 at the Pioneer Park Rec Center in Deerfield Beach. This 40 year old man has to have a lung transplant and needs our help. His meds are going to cost over \$800 per week to keep him going. Al Guthrie, his father-in-law, is asking each of you to help. If you can't make the dance, please give. Anything will help – raise money at your dance and give, or buy tickets so that we can turn in the money. All of the callers in the southeast will be there doing their thing to help out. Please see Maurice or me about what you can do to help this young man.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Grenier, President Southeast Square & Round Dance Association

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2002

THE NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION NOW CONSISTS OF 23 SQUARE DANCE CLUBS AND 2 ROUND DANCE CLUBS. ONE OF THE CLUBS DANCES ONLY MAINSTREAM AND ONE OF THE CLUBS IS AN ADVANCED CLUB. THE OTHER 21 CLUBS CALL AT LEAST SOME PLUS IN VARYING DEGREES. MOST OF THE CLUBS HAVE EITHER LINE DANCING OR ROUND DANCING BETWEEN TIPS. THERE IS AT LEAST ONE CLUB DANCING EACH NIGHT OF THE WEEK.

ROUND DANCING IS HAVING A REBIRTH AT THE PRESENT TIME; SINCE ONE CLUB RECENTLY GRADUATED 17 ROUND DANCERS. JIM WINTER, ONE OF OUR CUERS WHO SEVERLY INJURED HIS FOOT LAST YEAR, RECENTLY RESTARTED HIS CLUB AND IS DANCING AT LEVEL 3 AND 4. WE CERTAINLY ARE GLAD JIM WAS ABLE TO RETURN AS HE IS AN EXECELLANT CUER.

OUR BOARD THIS YEAR CONSISTS OF ALL NEW MEMBERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PAST PRESIDENT. AS IT IS EARLY IN THE YEAR WE HAVE ONLY HAD ONE BOARD MEETING AND ONE DELEGATES MEETING TO DATE. WE CONTINUE TO BASK IN THE GLORY OF OUR SUPER SUCCESSFUL FALL FESTIVAL OF LAST NOVEMBER BUT ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL FIESTA CHAIRED BY SENOR MANNY AND SENORITA SHERRY GONZALES.

WE NORMALLY SPONSOR FOUR 5^{TH} SATURDAY DANCES DURING THE YEAR BUT THIS BEING A MOST UNUSUAL CALENDAR WE ARE HAVING ONLY TWO SUCH DANCES. ONE OF THE 5^{TH} SATURDAYS FALLS ON EASTER WEEKEND, ONE DURING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, ONE ON THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND AND ONE ON THE THANKSGIVING DAY WEEKEND. WE THEREFORE ARE NOT HAVING A DANCE DURING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OR DURING THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. WE WILL MAKE EXTRA EFFORTS TO EMPHASIZE THE FALL FIESTA WHICH WILL BE HELD IN MID NOVEMBER.

MANY OF OUR CLUBS SPONSORS A HOST OF SPECIAL AND CHARITY DANCES DURING THE YEAR AND THE BOARD MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND ALL OF THESE AS WELL AS ALL OF THE GRADUATIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES OF EACH CLUB. SOME OF THE SPECIAL DANCES ARE A" CIRCUS DANCE FOR DREAMS COME TRUE", "SHRINERS BENEFIT DANCE "IN PATLATKA, FL., "THE ANNUAL PRESIDENTS BALL", THE "BLUE-GREY DANCE" IN LAKE CITY, FL. AND THE "CITY RESCUE MISSION" DANCE SPONSORED BY THE SEABREEZE SINGLES. WE APPRECIATE THE CLUBS PROVIDING THE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY AND TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY.

AT THE DELEGATES MEETING IN JANUARY, CLUB VISITATION AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO 10 CLUBS. 7 CLUBS RECEIVED BRONZE MEDALS FOR MAKING FROM 12 TO 24 VISITS, '1 CLUB RECEIVED A SILVER MEDAL FOR MAKINFG 25 VISITS AND 2 CLUBS GOT GOLD MEDALS FOR MAKING 37 AND 42 VISITS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ATTENDING AND PROMOTING THE STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS THIS YEAR AND TO MAKING THIS A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR SQUARE DANCING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED JOE AND MARTHA HARDCASTLE PRESIDENT, NORTHEAST ASSN.

WEST COAST SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION

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The West Coast Assn. has 9 dances, free to the membership, every year throughout our region with volunteer services from our callers and cuers. Our attendance has been good with a low of about a dozen squares on the day following the Sunshine festival up to around 20 squares in other dances.

There have been many demonstration dances through out the assn. There was a day long dance at the State Fair with our area callers and cuers, this has been done for the past 13 or 14 years by JoAnn Lewis from the Temple Twirlers Club. A charity dance at San City Center, was very successful

We have had a small number of new clubs started this year partially offsetting older clubs which have closed down. We are encouraged by several new classes which will add new dancers to our ranks.

Our big event in November, The Fall Fun Festival, under the chairmanship of Zurn and Shirley Walker, had an encouraging attendance and some profit - up from the previous year. We are busily planning for another Fall Fun Fest in November this year. Sue and Ken Brown and Penny have taken over the leadership. So y'all come!

The Red White and Blue dance, planned annually in connection with the working weekend, was held last night and you who were there can testify to its success. Thanks to Don Slocum. To be held

The West Coast Assn. has the honor of hosting the 2003 State Convention. Planning is proceeding steadily under the leadership of Sue and Ken Brown.

We will be Making buttons at our Next Meeting of the AssN.

Respectfully submitted John and Paula Bouseman Presidents W.C.S.&R.D.A.

WHO – WHAT – WHEN – WHERE FEDERATION REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 2002

We are still holding our own. Since our last report we have cut the number of copies to 1800 from 3000. Due to the way we do our printing this did not cut expenses but it did save trees. We have instituted some other cost cutting measures and have requested non square dancing advertisements to help support the cost of publishing the paper. We still continue to loose regular advertisers each issue. In this last issue, we got several one shot ads after I told the callers and cuers we were going on an issue by issue basis and if we could not meet the expenses the paper would fold. The callers are even suggesting putting out a money cup and charging 25 or 50 cents for each paper.

Submitted by, Garland & Carole McKenzie



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THE GRAPEVINE REPORT FLORIDA FEDERATION MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2002

The Grapevine is alive and well in Northeast Florida. Our new printer is doing a fine job for us. The March-April issue is at the printers now and will be in the mail next week.

Class graduations and club anniversaries are picking up for this year. Looks like we will be traveling quite a bit the next few months. Several clubs will be holding graduations in March & April. We attended our first club graduation last Tuesday night in Jacksonville and helped welcome five more couples to Square Dancing. We make sure pictures of graduations and anniversaries get in The Grapevine.

In March the Fun 'N Frolic will celebrate their 46th anniversary; in June, the Grand Squares of Gainesville will celebrate 27 years; and in September, the Seabreeze Singles their 26th – the Dixie Dancers, of Lake City, their 24th – and the Square Wheels, a camping club, their 21st. Clubs reaching these milestones deserve special recognition. One of these, the Grand squares, has their caller, Lon Ligon, as a charter member. We always like to make sure the rest or our dancers know about these events.

We thought we had lost one of our ad exchange publications last year. Seems they had a turnover in hierarchy and their Festival director contacted us to resume. So, we are back on track with the Derby City Festival in Louisville, KY. Exchanges with other Florida publications seems to be doing well also. Hope they are as pleased as we are. The more Florida dancers know about the other dances, the more fun all dancers will have.

We still solicit information from other associations – anything that will benefit dancers. Our deadlines are the tenth of February, April, June, August, October and December. We would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val Newsome

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48th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Report

Florida Federation of Square Dancers February 23,2002

The Federation leaders have been pushing the upcoming convention and we are now over the 600 mark in ribbons sold. Our visits to all parts of the state have been encouraging. We need the association presidents and caller chairman to request that clubs go dark on Friday and Saturday, May 24 & 25 so that dancers have an opportunity to attend the convention without feeling conflicted about not supporting their club. Most dancers know there is going to be a 2002 State Convention and where and when it will be held. All of us, as leaders, must motivate, encourage and aggressively urge the dancers to purchase their ribbons. Remember, we offer an unconditional money back guarantee as long as we are notified before the first tip on Friday evening. Also, dancers who purchased their tickets in advance will be eligible for some very nice door prizes.

The callers and cuers have been programmed and the dancing schedule will be published in

the May issue of the Bow & Swing.

Our Vendor Chairman is doing an outstanding job and has sold most of the available

vendor spaces.

Program Book sales are encouraging as local Lakeland merchants are very supportive of our convention. Our thanks to the associations for their ad support and a special "thank you" to Tom & Shirley Constable and Jack & Kathy McKinney for their efforts in this area. The request for insurance coverage during the convention has been submitted to "Mr. Insurance" (Duke).

The Fashion Show Chairman has polished the plans for the show and expects to do a dry

run the end of April. We still need volunteers from other associations.

The After Party plans are well along. And, of course, we hope to see all of you there.

The location of the party is 716 E. Orange St. in the Hibiscus Building.

We are going to try a new approach to the Sewing Clinic this year. We are planning some craft demonstrations and workshops in lieu of a traditional sewing clinic. Door prizes will be awarded to some lucky attendees.

Our final convention review in our association is scheduled for April 27, 2002. This

should flush out unknown problems and give us time to solve them.

We anticipate about 1400 dancers and expect to make a profit. Keep up the good work in urging the dancers to attend and wish us luck.

We Need YOU In 2002!

Respectfully submitted,

Fred & Shirley Cornett General Chairman Date: February 23, 2002

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

A Planning Meeting was held on Sunday, January 13, 2002 in Palmetto, Florida with Ken and Sandy Brasfield as hosts.

The secretary's resignation was accepted as of January 31. We are fortunate to have found an excellent replacement. George Hajney and Bev Runyon have graciously accepted the position. They are past presidents of Hampton Promenaders.

Don Hanhurst held the first Kick-Off practice February 17 at Hanhurst Hall in Venice. We are pleased with the progress, and look forward to the next rehearsal.

Don and Loretta have offered to spearhead a program to place ribbons in the hands of callers, and will assume responsibility for their return in a timely manner.

Sharon Roberts will be holding a rehearsal for Rounds at the Stardust Dance Center in Plant City.

Final changes in the registration form have been made and the camera ready copy will be delivered to the printer during the first week of March. We intend to continue the refund policy established by the 2002 Convention Committee.

The badge design has been selected and production is to begin. The button design has been finalized as well, and assembly is to take place at the next West Coast Folding. We are grateful for the expertise of Caller Chairmen Don and Loretta Hanhurst who have been largely responsible for the design of these two items.

Plans for the Sewing Center continue, and the committee promises to offer a "New Look" for Convention Attendees. A great many give/a/ways have already been procured. Some demonstrations have been placed on the schedule with promise of more to come.

The Fashion Show promises to be a spectacular production, and all entries will be originals presented by Square and Round Dancers across the State of Florida.

On April 12th and 13th volunteers will begin the preparation of sets and backdrops.

Bruce & Colleen Morgan GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Dan & Anna Foust ASSISTANT GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Dewey & Donna Hendricks CONVENTION SECRETARY

Jack & Barbara Hoffman CONVENTION TREASURER

50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND CONVENTION

May 28, 29, 30, 2004



February 23, 2002 Florida Federation Working Weeking Meeting

We have done quite a bit since the last report. We don't have a lot of time left before the kick off. Just another 15 months. That seems like a long time but it will really start to go pretty fast. We met last week to plan for kickoff. We have also been working with Skip & Jennifer Cleland, our kickoff chairpersons. I think you will all enjoy what we have planned. But you'll have to wait for a little over a year before you find out.

We finally received the seed money from the Convention Coordinating Committee yesterday. I will turn the check over to Jack & Barbara, our treasurers, so they can get it deposited.

Our next big fund raiser is coming up in 2 weeks. That is the refreshments stand and the silent auction at the Second Annual Shamrock Swing. As you heard from Jim McConnaha this is the place to be on March 8th & 9th. If you haven't already made plans to join us it is not too late. When you get there make sure that you are hungry. We will be selling hot dogs, nachos, coffee and soda. The silent auction is a collection of items that have been donated by square dancers and friends of square dancers. Come prepared to bid on your favorite item. We promise something for everyone. After that we will be having our "Picnic in the Park". This will be a 3 day - 2 night affair the first weekend in October. Friday night will be a Casino Night. We will have all the gambling games that you all are familiar with. Breakfast will be served on Saturday and Sunday mornings for a nominal charge. Saturday night will be a dance. Skip & Jennifer Cleland will be calling and Bev Landwehr will do the cueing. Come and join in the fun. If you have a camper you can come and camp with us for only \$10.00 per night. If you don't have a camper you can come and sleep on the floor of the pavilian with Randy & Carol Pool and Colleen & I. You don't know what you're missing until you have slept with Randy & Carol Poole. I won't say any more you can read into it whatever you want.

Colleen has been working hard on the Convention Outfit and expects to have it finished shortly. She had a house full of girls over the other day and they had a cutting party. They cut the patterns and material for the Convention Dress. I'm sure there will be more as they only have about 1/3 of the patterns cut that they need. We will be showing the Convention Outfit to the dancers of the Central Association for the first time very soon.

That is about all right now. Just remember, there are 2 more convention before ours. We need for each and every western style dancer to support all the conventions. If you haven't made your reservations forr this year's convention please do so today..

Bruce & Colleen Morgan General Chairman 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

51st STATE CONVENTION REPORT Florida Federation Meeting February 23, 2002

With the holidays, and Val's surgery, there was not much activity during these past few months. However, we met with Brenda Townson, our Contact at the Lakeland Center, on Friday. Although we had previously confirmed with her the dates of the Convention, this was our first planning meeting. We feel a lot was accomplished and things should start

moving a little faster now.

Up to this point we have been concerned with filling committee chairs, trying to get a theme or slogan for 2005, and discussing colors. So far filling committee chairs has not been quite as much of a problem as a theme and colors. Women can get right "testy" with you when you start voicing an opinion about style and colors, can't they? We do have a couple of committee chairs to fill, but volunteers keep stepping forward and we feel sure the committee will be complete very quickly.

Our next hurdle is to get some "fund raisers" under way in the Northeast, and we are

certainly open to hear your "success" stories.

We appreciate all the "words of wisdom" past General Chairmen - as well as future General Chairmen - have passed our way. After all, this is a **Florida State Convention**, and the Associations in this Federation need to help one another. Only when we all work together can we have great, fun-filled...and successful...conventions for ALL the dancers in Florida. We stand ready to help the conventions coming before -- and after -- us in any way we can. Just let us know what you need us to do and when.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val

Charlie & Val Newsome

General Chairmen

2006 STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Planning for the 52nd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention began in December when we were selected by the Southeast Association to be the General Chairmen. We are pleased with the willingness of the people we have asked to chair some of the committees and have even had some volunteers. Ken & Sue Brown have accepted the Vice-Chairman position and Worley & Nan Carrier are Advisors. We are grateful to have both these couples on our team. We still have several Key Positions to fill and hope to complete the team by the end of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Garland & Carol McKenzie General Chairmen

HALL OF FAME February 23, 2002

The Hall of Fame Committee met on February 2, 2002 at the home of Mary and Art Butlak. We reviewed the resumes which had been received.

Voting ballots were mailed to the Selection Committee this past week for their consideration.

The Committee will meet again on April 5, 2002 to count the ballots. At that time, the Committee will prepare for any upcoming induction into the Hall of Fame.

The rotation drawing was held on February 2 and we will announce the results at the May meeting at the State Convention.

We discussed the possibility of having a Hall of Fame Benefit Dance in the fall to augment the Hall of Fame funds. As soon as it is determined this is necessary we will make plans and get the information out to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Butlak, Chairman

FLORIDA FEDERATION HISTORY REPORT

Saturday, February 23, 2002

The History committee, Zonie and I, mostly Zonie, are happy to announce that she has a complete file of the State publications we have received since we were appointed in 1989. She has spent the last few weeks organizing them and preserving them in plastic. The file boxes she has obtained are clear so the magazines can be seen from the outside.

She has updated the albums and again we have the same problem, we discuss the people in the pictures. It would sure help me if you let us know who and what the pictures are about. Many Thanks!!

We would like to thank the editors of the publications, they have been faithful in sending us copies. Zonie uses some to cut up for the albums and the rest go into the archives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack and Zonie Taylor

Historian, Florida Federation

Jack & Janier Taylor

U.S.D.A. REPORT February 23, 2002

In the absence of Marie McClain, Shirley Nihart gave the following information regarding the Prescription Fund that is administered by the USDA. During the first month of operation (September) 37 prescriptions were filled on the USDA prescription cards. At the end of November there 596 prescriptions with \$149 going to the USDA. The revenue has been steadily going up each month. USDA receives 25¢ for each prescription filled with the card. The target is \$1000 per month. In June when the USDA has paid all the expenses associated with starting this program, the money will go into the USDA treasury and at some point be disbursed for the promotion of square dancing. Bill & Bobbie Shepard in Tennessee are in charge of the program

ASCAP/BMI

We have received notification from ASCAP and BMI that the annual fees for these two organizations will be the following rates:

BMI will be \$110.00 yearly

ASCAP will be \$.062 per attendee and one half of the vendors or a minimum of \$70.00.

We have received a check from the Treasurer for \$81.80 which clears up the credit BMI owed the Federation and pays the annual fee for the year 2002 for this organization.

Respectfully submitted

Dave & Shirley Nihart

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DOCUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 2002

Committee members are: Murl Herbert, West Coast Assn., Joe Vicari, Northwest Assn. and Dee Dee Stovall, Northeast Assn.

Two items are being reviewed and will be finalized at the May, 2002 meeting.

These issues are:

- 1. How to avoid the conducting of the Annual meeting by two different Presidents with the current requirement of the nominating committee/election as the first item of old business.
- 2. Review the requirement of the By-Laws that new delegates be reported to the Federation Secretary by October 15 and take office at the annual meeting. This requirement cannot be complied with by at least one of the associations as their election comes to late in the year. In addition it seems the new delegates should take their position at the same time as the new Federation Board.

The above items are related and a recommendation will be submitted on both items at the May meeting. Written suggestions by officers and delegates are appreciated.

Murl Herbert, Chairman

CLUB Canaveral Squares	Assoc CE	2001 29	2002
Casselberry Hoedowners	CE	44	
Celebrity Squares	CE	18	23
Dixie Squares	CE	40	
Fellowship Squares	CE	40	
Flagler Ocean Waves	CE	73	79
Fun Lovin' Squares	CE	20	, ,
Friendley Squares	CE	37	59
Garden Patch Squares	CE	35	40
Granada Squares	CE	87	73
Groveland-Clermont Squares	CE	74	61
Happy Hoedowners	CE	50	24
Holiday Squares	CE	44	38
Honey Bees	CE	0	00
Kiss-A-Me Squares	CE	33	32
Klassy Kats	CE	0	044
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Merry-G-Rounds Millennium Squares	CE	16	17
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Mirror Images	CE	226	231
Orange Blossom Garden Squares	CE	58	73
Orlando Singles	CE	40	25
Palm Bay Promenaders	CE	0	0
Partners In Progress	CE	26	O
Pearly Shells Round Dance Club	CE	40	18
Pirates	CE	54	10
Royal Squares	CE	0	
Salt & Pepper Shakers	CE	0	
Slip Pivot Round Dancers	CE	14	
St. Cloud Motivators	CE	78	50
Sunshine Promenaders	CE	192	177
Space Trackers	CE	46	177
Spin Drifters	CE	80	57
Starlight Promenaders	CE	0	01
Steppin Out	CE	0	
Sunni's Rounds	CE	0	
Swinging Bears	CE	0	
Swinging Eights	CE	34	32
The Barn Dancers	CE	146	132
Wagon Wheels	CE	17	102
Yellow Rockers		0	
Orange Blossom Cloggers	CE CE	0	
Busy Boots Cloggers	CE	1713	1241
A CONTRACTOR	FC	10	1471
Ancient City Cloggers	FC	15	
Big River Cloggers	FC	0	
Buccaneer Dancers		0	
Cross Country Cloggers	FC	14	15
Fernandina Beach CVloggers	FC	177	120
Florida Clogging Council	FC	1//	120

Florida Sunshine Cloggers	FC	12	17
Foot Loose Cloggers	FC	16	
Gator Country Cloggers	FC	0	
Klassi Taps	FC	17	
Poney Express Cloggers	FC	16	18
Sea Turtle Tappers	FC	21	16
Surf Country Cloggers	FC	0	
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Angel Squares	NE	0	
Classic Plus	NE	0	
Dixie Dancers	NE	52	38
First Coast Rounds	NE	2	
Fun & Frolics	NE	38	
	NE	60	
Grand Squares	NE	0	
Happy-2-Be	NE NE	28	31
Joy Seas	NE	23	16
Mainstream Squares		51	52
Mandrin Marrauders	NE		52
Mavericks	NE	0	20
Moose Promenaders	NE	53	30
NESARDA	NE	0	40
Plus Fox	NE	46	42
River City Squares	NE	0	50
River Ramblers Squares	NE	56	53
Seabreeze Singles	NE	29	36
Silver Fox Squares	NE	47	41
Sweet Art Squares	NE	0	
Swinging Saints	NE	0	
Teddy Bear Squares	NE	31	28
The Rollaways	NE	100	87
Touch Of Class	NE	0	18
Vagabond	NE	18	
Village Squares	NE	0	
Yellow Rockers Plus	NE	46	38
		705	510
Bayou Shufflers	NW	4	6
Belles & Beaux	NW	0	
C-Fowls	NW	2	0
Canoe Squares	NW	22	8
Cantoe Squares Capitol Rounds	NW	0	0
	NW	15	3
Capitol Squares	NW	12	16
Chautauqua Squares	NW	0	. •
Chipola Grand Squares	NW	0	
Chipola Country Dance	NV	22	
County Line Dancers		0	
Country Squares	NW	10	
Dancing Dolphins	NW	13	3
Emerald Coasters	NW		3
Flying Squares	NW	0	
Holmes Valley Squares	NW	0	

Merry Mates Round Dance	NW	24	20
Northwest FSARDA Assoc	NW	155	105
Pensacola Special Steppers	NW	48	43
Pensacola Twirlers	NW	14	14
Playground Area Sq&Rd Assoc	NW	0	
Quincy Curlee-Q's	NW	19	19
Roundels	NW	8	6
Sandpipers	NW	0	0
Seaside Squares&Rounds	NW	6	7
Seminole Star Stompers	NW	0	
Swingin' Saints	NW	20	
Swinging Squares	NW	20	
Tallahassee Twirlers	NW	21	15
Three River Twirlers	NW	6	6
Wakulla Squares	NW	0	
Whirlaways Square Dance Club	NW	17	20
Sunshine Cloggers	NW	0	
		458	291
Al-A-Mand Leftovers	SE	0	
Castoff Squares	SE	40	27
Miami Ocean Waves	SE	21	20
Sandy Shoe Steppers	SE	0	420
Southeast SRDA (Assoc)	SE	155	138
Top Cats Square Dance Club	SE	0	24
Southeast Callers Assoc & Wives	SE	33	34
Suncats Squares	SE	58 42	38 14
Road Runners Square Dance Club	SE	12 38	44
Sailfish Squares	SE SE	18	16
Westernaires	SE	383	331
D. A Turinlana	WC	53	74
Bay Area Twirlers	WC	0	
Beverly Hillbillies Squares Button & Bows	WC	69	70
	WC	38	44
C-Gulls of Ft. Meyers Colony Cone Strutters	WC	0	
Greenbriar Twirlers	WC	26	21
Hampton Promenaders	WC	79	118
Inverness Squares	WC	0	
Kriss Kross Squares	WC	0	
Left Allamanders	WC	58	52
OK Squares	WC	0	
Promenade Squares	WC	34	41
Rainbow Ramblers Squares	WC	0	
Ridge Rollaways Squares & Rounds	WC	0	64
Riverland Cloggers	WC	27	25
Spinning Wheels	WC	72	
Suncoast Cloggers	WC	27	
Suncoast Challengers	WC	0	00
Temple Twirlers	WC	100	89
Twilight Twirlers	WC	0	

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