

**MINUTES OF  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
LaQuinta Inn, Maitland, Florida  
Saturday, March 8, 2008**

Presidents Randy and Carol Poole called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Invocation** by Ken Brasfield

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** - Elsa Huddleston called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.

**Introduction of Visitors and Guests** - Mary and Sam Starling from Jacksonville were introduced and welcomed.

**Minutes of the November 11, 2007** meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report**

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

November 1, 2007 – February 29, 2008

Beginning Balance – All Accounts @5/1/2007	
Wachovia Checking Balance	\$
Contingency	
Insurance	
<b>Total All Accounts</b>	<b>\$</b>

Checking Account Balance 11/1/2007: \$

**Receipts**

Wachovia Interest (11/1/2007 – 2/29/2008)	\$
State Convention Funds	
Check #1378, West Coast (Voided)	
FASSARD Dues	_____

**Total Receipts**

Checking Account Balance \_\_\_\_\_

**Disbursements**

Miller (Secretary) Postage	\$
Brown (President) Historian Storage Rental	
West Coast Association (Replacement check)	
Adam Berriford (Courtney Donation)	
U.S.D.A Dues	
Randal Poole (Vice President) Cards & plaque	
Storage Center (Harden) Historian Storage Rental	
Patty Ping - Badges	

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Total Disbursements	( )
Checking Account Balance 2/29/2008	
Ending Balance – All Accounts	
Wachovia Checking Balance	\$
Contingency	
Insurance	
Total All Accounts	\$

Respectfully Submitted  
Ray & Elsa Huddleston, Treasurers

Don Slocum moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Bruce Morgan suggested the treasurer consider the possibility of transferring some funds to a CD in order to earn a higher interest rate. The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for audit.

**Sunshine Report** - Randy Poole reported that Mary Stewart passed away recently. In lieu of flowers, a donation will be made to Hospice. It was also noted that this meeting is the first one in 53 years that PeeWee has not attended due to Mary's death and his own illness.

**Correspondence** – Carol Poole reported that Ken and Sue Brown requested that a donation be sent to the family of Courtney Berrisford in lieu of a gift to them as outgoing presidents. A check was sent to the Berrisford family.

Cheryl Miller reported that she sent a letter to GSI in February describing how each association used the funds received from them for the Federation's assistance during the Winterfest.

**Association Reports**

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION  
FEDERATION MEETING - March 8, 2008**

We are happy to announce that the Southeast Association has been going strong. Our Board has been very enthusiastic and supportive. We have had two meeting with all the Board Members Attending and Our Past Presidents Elsa & Ray Huddleston were there to guide us. Believe me we need guidance we can get.

Although Helen Rhodes has not been in the best of health, she and Jerry have attended all the meeting and have even helped with our fund raiser The Snowflake Frolic, which I may add was a great success. We had over 16 squares dancing, as well as many attending who no longer dance but were there to see friends and I think were a little curious as to whether the rumors of the Southeast returning forcefully were true.

We have been publicizing our dances with flyer's, and making sure we have articles in the Bow & Swing. We also posted a "Square Dancing For Everyone" Flyer with Contact numbers for anyone interested with a promise to give the information to a caller or group in their area. The Board has put them in Club House's, Libraries, Dr. Offices, Hair Salon, Nail Salons etc. any place that will allow us to place a flyer. We have had quite a few who have called and have

passed the names to different callers. We have gotten many calls from dancers that did not know where to go to dance in the area and passed them on to clubs.

From some of the dancers visiting in the area we realized that a lot of the information is out dated in the Bow & Swing. SEA sent e-mails to local callers advising them dancers have tried to call and go to dances without success and they might want to update their information. It is not the responsibility of SEA but felt since it was brought to our attention we'd pass it on.

Our next dance in March 16th at Holiday Park, a Crazy Hat Dance with prizes. Something we haven't tried before to my knowledge.

One of our newest caller to area Scotty Sharrer is holding beginners classes in Boynton Beach Civic Center. He started advertising 2 Free Weeks of Dancing as an incentive, which brought in 7 squares of dancers. He officially started the class last week and had a return of 30 return new students. One of the other callers in the area, has indicated he might start a beginner class in a couple of months. We feel we are on the way!

We have contacted several "Free Papers" about placing ad's for new dancers and will be spending some of the GSI money for this purpose. SEA believed that a positive attitude and publicizing will help us grow. We're trying.

Respectfully;

Submitted, Bobie & Carol Hutcheson

### **WEST COAST ASSOCIATION**

Well the last time we were gathered together like this we were basking in the success of our 2nd Fall Fun Fest weekend in Bartow and the West Coast would like to thank all of you that participated in making that happen. We also had a "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" happening that day when we elected and installed this great board. Bob and Maria missed that event due to a schedule conflict but we, the West Coast want to thank them for stepping forward and making the commitment and we know with their background and experience in square dancing they will do a great job.

We have been very active and putting on the miles since we last met also. We had a great dance in Bonita Springs in December, also in Zephyrhills in January, in Bartow in February, Venice in early March and March 16th we will be in Sebring. We will finish out the year with our kickoff to the Fall Fun Fest, the V.I.P dance in August and if all goes well, the Presidents ball in September, both in Plant City. We have a great bunch of callers and cuers in our area that help make these dances successful, the Sun Coast Callers and Cuers Association work well with us and we are proud and thankful that we have them.

I know Don and Ann will cover the 54th Florida State Convention so I won't go there. But I will say a big thank you to them and their committees for all of the hard work they have done putting it together.

We wish all Associations a "Positive and Productive" year and let's be thankful for every day we are able to see another sunrise.

Ken and Sandy Brasfield  
Presidents/ West Coast Association

**CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION**  
Florida Federation Meeting  
March 8, 2008

Central's area classes are progressing well. Attendance is, of course, lower than what we would like but at least there are classes going on. The students do seem to be enjoying themselves. Angels make this happen. Always a big thanks to Angels.

The Shamrock Swing Dance had a small set back during the January planning stages. Dick and Jean Lysobey had to give up their positions as chairmen for this event because of health reason. (Dick is doing much better and still is undergoing chemo) but Ailene Picheco and Terri Little stepped right up to the plate to finish what had been started. You have seen the results this week end. They need to be commended for a "job well done"!!

Chairmen for the 2009 Shamrock Swing are now in place with Bob and Jennie Courter, our Area Directors from North Lake/Sumter Counties. They and the Steering Committee recently met and so far everything is progressing nicely. The venue is being changed for next year but all plans are not complete as of yet so unfortunately flyers are not yet available. Bob and Jennie have a lot of experience in organizing special events so we feel the 2009 dance will be another great one.

The first 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance for the Central area will be held at the Starlight Promenaders in DeBary, Florida, on March 29<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will celebrate the CFA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and have invited all the past callers and cuers to be our Guests of Honor. It should be a great evening. Also, we are having our first Kick-Off practice before the dance.

The revival of the Knothead Konvention, held in the Central area, was a good dance. It was held in Eau Galle (Melbourne) at the Civic Center there. Great hall. Great calling (Mac McCall) Great cueing (Irene Knapp-Smith) Great dancing all around. Suzie, of course, did her usual great job in initiation, always fun and funny. Allen and Rosie Snell were in charge of the "Donkey Party."

Brevard County's Pitch-A-Pint of Pennies drive for the Handicapables of the Yellow Rock Squares in Daytona Beach is progressing nicely. The kids want to go to their 20<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Mobile in July of this year. So far almost \$350.00 dollars has been collected in pennies and silver and paper money. The Central Association is also giving a donation. (There are jars sitting around if you want to empty your pockets of that heavy change.)

Sad to say we are still looking for editors for our *Keepin' Posted* Magazine. Tom and Eivor Brown are continuing to publish this on an issue by issue basis. Our thanks to them.

Deerhaven Retreat week end is coming up, Randy will tell you about this and don't forget to purchase you tickets for the 42" LCD Television we are giving away at the State Convention this year.

Submitted by: Judy Frye President  
Central Florida Association

### NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Panama City Square & Round Dance Association received a spin off from the mass publicity television and newspaper campaign they did last August & September advertising their Square & Round Dance Classes. Connie Kelly, Bay County Health Department, author of BFIT BYWAYS, an article in THE NEWS HERALD in the Food and Fitness section, asked Panama City Square & Round Dance Association to have a **Night of Dance** to promote the state sponsored program, "Step Up Florida". The Department of Health and the Governor's office have initiated a state wide program to promote physical activity and healthy nutrition celebrating February and March as STEP UP FLORIDA months.

March 15 will be a Free Open House at Grand Square Hall with each club putting on demos and encouraging visitors to join in on the dancing. There will be a sign up sheet for people to indicate their dance of interest. We are hoping this partnership with Step Up Florida will generate interest in some, if not all, of our clubs.

Paul & I will be attending the upcoming Class Graduation for the Agape Squares in Niceville on April 28<sup>th</sup>, expected class graduation will be 2 squares of new Mainstream Dancers! Fort Walton will be starting a Tuesday night class with Bill Van Hoesen and we are excited to have a class at PASARDA Hall.

Northwest Florida helped the Alliance of Round Traditional and Square Dance (ARTS) on February 29<sup>th</sup> for the Dance America Benefit Dance. We had dances at the same time in Fort Walton Beach at Liza Jackson Park and Ragon Hall in Pensacola. All in all, there were ninety-seven dancers, seven callers, and one cuer. Everyone had a great time, danced their feet off, and had tons of food and snacks. A total of \$593.00 was raised to help the ARTS, continue to advertise and promote our dance activities throughout the United States. Special thanks to the Northwest Callers, Paul Bischoff, Berlon Graham, Dave Muller, Patty Ping, Bob Poyner, Bill Van Hoesen and Jack White and upcoming Cuer Terri Wilaby for donating their talents.

**DON'T FORGET to Celebrate in 2008** at the State Square and Round Dance Convention. Northwest has been traveling with "Hedley" to our functions. And what fun we have been having.

Respectfully submitted, Paul &  
Cheryl Miller President

### NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION

The Northeast held its Fall Festival on November 16-17, 2007. The theme was "Viva Las Vegas" and the theme was carried out tremendously. Christ the King Catholic Church was the setting for the dance. Friday night the dancers were entertained by the singing of "Patsy Cline" played by (Debbie Shirley). The weekend guest caller was Lottie Ainsworth and the guest cuers were Curt & Tammy Worlock. Charlie Pergrossi was the emcee for the weekend and did a great job keeping everyone on schedule. Saturday morning Curt and Tammy held a round dance workshop. Pat and Joe seelhoefler conducted a line dance workshop. The Northeast callers did a great job calling for the square dancers in the afternoon. We all took a break and went out for a delicious dinner then back to fun evening of square dancing and round dancing.

A "Big" thank you goes to Shirley White and Smitty Smith (General Chairmen of the Fall Festival) for a fantastic week end.

Now Joe and Martha Hardcastle are making plans for the Fall Festival for 2008 with "Aloha" as their theme. Make plans now to attend.

The Northeast Clubs have held many charity dances and have several more planned for the near future. Silver Fox held a dance to benefit Dreams Come True, Plus Fox hosted a dance to benefit cancer research; Seabreeze Singles have a dance scheduled that will benefit City Rescue Mission, River Ramblers will host a dance for Shriners' Crippled Children, then the Gateway and Rural Callers Association will host "Christmas in July" which also benefits Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital.

On February 7<sup>th</sup> the Moose Promenadors hosted the President's Ball honoring the presidents from each club. Tony Oxendme was the caller and Lisa Wall was the cuer. This is always a fun dance.

Now it is time for graduations for our new dancers, which is a very exciting and busy time for us. We are looking forward to including the new dancers in our activity of square dancing.

We are looking forward to our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, (Wear Blue & Green) Dance on March 29<sup>th</sup> which will be held at Sandalwood High School. Bill Chesnut and Ken Perez will be the callers for the dance and the guest cuer will be Loretta Hanhurst. Host clubs are Seabreeze Singles and Teddy Bears. There will be lots of surprises!

Last, we are looking forward to "Celebrating in 2008" at the 54<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Ouida Taylor/Thomas Tramel

### FASSRD Report

The Fuzzy Navel will be next weekend at the Oceanside Inn & Suites, Jekyll Island, GA. The caller is Sam Dunn from Sebring, and the cuer is Lisa Wall from Jacksonville. It will be a fun time.

There will be a Single's Hall at the Convention on Friday night for all the singles to meet and start the weekend. Single areas will be marked in the three main halls during the weekend: Plus, Mainstream and Advanced.

The National Single Dance-A-Rama will be in Nashville, TN this year, August 28 to the 31<sup>st</sup>. Friday night there will be a tour of the Grand Ole' Opry. All dancers will be in Square Dance clothes.

The Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers Single-Rama will be in Sebring October 24 and 25. The caller is Mike Doughty and the cuers are Charlie and Leona Lovelace.

Singles, Couples, Married and solos are always welcome at our dances. After parties are planned for the Fuzzy Navel and the Single-Rama dances with DJs, more dancing and food.

Ailene Picheco

Hall of Fame Don Slocum reported that the association boards will be upgraded.

**Historian** – Randy Poole said the Federation is paying about \$700 a year for storage. He will be appointing a committee to study alternatives.

**USDA** - Cheryl Miller, Vice President for Southeast Area, announced an opening for the position of Central Regional Vice President. Tom and Miriam James would like the Federation to nominate them for this position in the USDA. Cheryl read his resume. Tom and Miriam are aware they may not be elected, but would like to have the nomination so that if other positions become available their names would be familiar. Cheryl Miller moved for the Florida Federation to nominate James and Miriam for the position of Central Regional Vice President of the USDA. Jack Hoffman seconded. Motion passed.

**USDA Insurance**

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS INSURANCE  
REPORT 8 MARCH 2008**

Beginning Balance      October 31, 2007      \$

**Income**

Central	\$	
Northeast	\$	
Northwest	\$	
Southeast	\$	
Westcoast	\$	

**Total Income**      \$

**Expenses**

USDA Insurance      \$

**Total Expense**      \$

Ending Balance      March 1, 2008      \$

	CLUBS	DANCERS	
Central	20	975	
Northeast	16	516	
Northwest	1 + 7	257	
Southeast	1 + 1	98	
West Coast	10	398	
	2 + 54	2245	

2 accidents have been reported this year. Most of the clubs have renewed.

Submitted by Randy & Carol Poole, Florida Insurance Chairman

**USDA Report** - The purpose of our United Square Dancers of America display at special dances is to give this educational literature to dancers, callers and cuers. Not every long-time dancer knows about this informative program. This literature is helpful for both the beginner and experienced dancers and for clubs.

**On-line Shopping Tri-fold**

We have given out over three hundred on-line shopping tri-folds to dancers, callers and cuers over the past year. Cheryl and Paul Miller, also USDA Florida Delegates, have been promoting this almost new program as well. Many dancers, callers and cuers from Florida and other states are doing the same. The results of this program will become known in June during the USDA annual meeting at the National Square and Round Dance Convention in Wichita, Kansas.

**Class Graduation Pamphlet**

In November, at the Northeast Fall Festival in Jacksonville, a lady stopped at our display to tell us that she had gotten literature from us there the previous year. She told us that her club has been using the Class Graduation pamphlet for their graduation classes.

**Club Erosion Pamphlet**

To keep up the membership of clubs we feel this pamphlet will come in handy. With the help of great members we hope it will help the clubs retain current dancers and retrieve former dancers.

**Retaining Dancers Tri-fold**

Square dance graduates have invested money and time to learn square dancing. As experienced dancers, we need to encourage and help the new dancers at all of our clubs.

The above four examples are just a few of the fifty USDA Educational tri-folds, pamphlets and booklets that are available to you.

Tom and Miriam James USDA  
Florida Delegates

**ASCAP/BMI** – Dues for BMI have increased to \$135.00 and have been paid. ASCAP has increased their fees to \$0.71 per attendee plus one half of vendors. Minimum fee remains \$80.00.

Respectfully,  
Dave and Shirley Nihart

**ARTS** - The ARTS meeting was just last week, so I don't have any news from the content at this time. But, Dance America, sponsored by ARTS, was during the month of February. The Canaveral Squares from Rockledge, FL raised \$855.00 for ARTS-Dance America through the



dance and donations. Tony Oxendine called a great dance and there were many dancers from around the state attending. Many traveled a long way.

There are dances still going on across the nation and it will be a while before an announcement is made as to the total raised. The goal for this event is to promote public awareness, and create a positive image of square dancing.

Submitted by  
Ailene Picheco

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

President Randy Poole asked to be notified of any dancers who may have been injured from the tornado in the Lake City area.

Randy Poole said he has been approached regarding the possibility of either discontinuing the working weekend or shortening it to one day. He has appointed a committee to do research on this issue and report back at the May Federation meeting and present their recommendations at that time. The committee is composed of Jack Hoffman, Chairman, Val Newsome, and Mary Lee Van Valkenburg.

Randy Poole said Cheryl Miller had reviewed the Federation minutes for the past five years relating to issues that have been voted on affecting changes to any of the federation documents, i.e., By-Laws, Standing Rules, etc. Paul Miller stated that there had been numerous important changes that had been voted on during this time period, but these changes were not made to any of the official Federation documents, including but not limited to, the change of the corporate address, meeting schedule, contingency fund amounts, etc. Randy appointed a Federation Document Review Committee to review, rewrite and/or update the wording of all official Federation documents to incorporate all changes that had been made over the last five years. He appointed Dee Dee Stovall to chair the Document Review Committee consisting of Cheryl Miller and Elsa Huddleston.

Randy Poole appointed an Audit Committee consisting of Dee Dee Stovall, Jack Hoffman and Dewey Hendricks to review the books before transferring to the new treasurer.

Jack Hoffman asked for volunteers who will be attending the national convention in Wichita, Kansas, to perform a demo dance in his mother's retirement home in that area. He would also like a Florida caller, but may be able to get a local one if necessary.

Bob Spence said nominating forms for the fashion show would be more of a personal honor to the volunteers rather than a fashion show.

Convention Reports

54<sup>th</sup> FSSRDC Report (2008-West Coast)

March 8, 2008

Since our last meeting the Convention has been promoted at: Estero, Ft Myers Beach, Bonita Springs, Lakeland, Boynton Beach, Bartow, Melbourne, Lake City, Plant City, Venice and here at Maitland.

Our Convention Committee reports have been received and plans are on schedule.

We have sold only 371 ribbons so we need a lot of effort by everyone to push for ribbon sales. If you need ribbons to sell see MaryLee VanValkenburg.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup> we have \$3015.00 in ads and more are pending.

We have 354 Booster names and more coming.

All of the Vendors are paid except for one who is paying this week.

Ways & Means have done exceptional. raising \$3370.50 in the silent auctions, \$6608.00 from Enjoyment Book sales, and 165 shirts have been sold so far.

The Crafty Dancer has set their schedule for workshops and have give aways ready.

The Fashion Show Chairman have a list of participants, those who have contributed to square dancing and were nominated by other dancers, and are getting the details for their contributions and there outfits.

The Caller & Cuer schedules are set and Bruce Morgan, our Program Book Chairman has them in the computer.

We are about set with the rest of the schedule for evening activities.

Finances look good! We are well into the black at this point.

Don & Ann Slocum. Gen. Chair.

55<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION REPORT - 2009 Central

March 8, 2008

The 55<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION is close to being on the front page. In fact were next.

We have designed the badge and it is at the engraver waiting for the names. The ribbons have been designed and are at the printer being printed now.

Don Slocum picked up our tee shirts and they are here in boxes just waiting to be sold in May.

We have bought the TV for the raffle. Sales have already paid for the TV, everything from here on should be profit. We have produced an ad to play on the TV advertising the State Convention, Party Weekend, CFA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance and the TV raffle. It will be played on the TV at all CFA events between now and the kick-off. We will have our first Kick-off practice just prior to the CFA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance. If you are planning on being in the kick-off please be at the practice. The kick-off practice will start at 6:00.

Our second party weekend fund raiser is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't made plans to join us in a fun weekend do so now.

Randy & Carol Poole, General Chairman

**56<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE ONVENTION REPORT - 2010 (Northeast)**

MARCH 8, 2008

The first meeting of the 56<sup>th</sup> State Convention was held on March 2, 2008. We had a lot of people with excellent ideas for 2010. We even had the input of three Callers and a Cuer. We really appreciated their unique ideas.

We came up with a theme, and I think that you will enjoy it. It is very simplistic yet unique. Best of all there will be no special material purchased by the committee and the dancers will be able to be as creative as they choose. We already have ideas for the traveling artifacts. Hopefully the decorations will be also be kept simple.

We believe that a certain amount of fund raising will have to be done by each association. In the Northeast we will be having special dances . We are going to re-institute the Sundae on Sunday dance. A date has not been set for this event, but we have found that in the past, the Sunday afternoon dances have been well attended and the build your own Sundae is an extra special enticement.

We will now begin to firm up our ideas and start exploring Ways and Means. The Slocum's have the right idea in selecting and limiting the items they have to transport around the state and sell. We will also be watching the next two Conventions and try to keep things that work, and have the courage to drop things that don't work.

We still have positions to fill. We are hoping to limit meetings and to certainly be understanding, that you can't attend everything, and that goes for us also, especially with the price of gas. We know this is going to take everyone in Florida to change from Association run Conventions to Federation run Conventions. We welcome all advise, suggestions, and help, you are willing to give. Remember this is not MY Convention, or the NORTHEAST'S Convention, but EVERYONE'S Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bud and Anita Taylor  
Chairman 56<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention

**57th Florida State Convention Report (2011)**

Terri Little (Central) said no formal meeting has been held yet, although some positions have already been filled. After the Shamrock Swing, work will start full force.

**Storage Facility** - Randy reminded everyone that we are paying about \$700 a year for storage rental for historical documents and items. At the meeting tomorrow he will appoint a committee to decide how to store and/or preserve this material.

**Committee Assignments** - The committees will meet in their respective locations immediately following this meeting.

Next meeting will be Sunday, March 9, at LaQuinta Inn, Maitland at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned to breakout meetings at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
Federation Secretary