

**MINUTES OF  
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
Stardust Dance Hall, Plant City, Florida  
Saturday, February 28th, 2009**

1. Presidents Paul & Cheryl Miller called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INVOCATION by Ken Brasfield
4. ROLL CALL - Val Newsome called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS - John Wall, (NE); Charlie Pergrossi, (NE).
6. MINUTES of the November 23rd, 2008 meeting were approved as written.
7. TREASURER'S REPORT

**November 1, 2008 – February 28, 2009**

**Beginning Balance – All Accounts (October 31, 2008)**

Wachovia Checking Balance	\$	
Convention Fund Checking Account		
Insurance		
CD		_____
<b>Total All Accounts</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
Checking Account Balance	11-1-08	\$ _____

**Federation Checking Account**

**Receipts**

Interest Earned (11-2-08 to 2-28-09)	\$	
Central & FASSARD Dues (2009)		_____
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**Disbursements**

Treasurer's Expense	\$	
Shriner's Hospital for Children (Jack Lascola)		
Miller (Gifts)		
Secretary's Expense		
Treasurer's Document Carrier		
Secretary's Document Carrier		
Miller (Flowers-Mary Butlak)		_____
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>(\$ _____)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance (2-28-09)</b>		

**24 Month Step Rate Commercial CD (purchased 8-12-08)**

Beginning Balance	\$	
3 mos. Interest		
CD Total	_____	\$
<b>Ending Balance – All Accounts (2-28-09)</b>		
Wachovia Checking Balance	\$	
Convention Fund Balance		
Insurance		
CD	\$ _____	
<b><u>Current Total All Accounts</u></b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**Outstanding Loans and Liabilities - No Activity; Same as Report on 10-31-08.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob & Maria Spence  
Treasurer

**8. SUNSHINE REPORT** - Cheryl Miller reported that since the last meeting we have lost Pee Wee Stewart (C), a past president of the Florida Federation, and Ann Millan (NE), wife of caller Eddie Millan. Ouida Taylor (NE) had back surgery 3 weeks ago but is in attendance today. Bessie Stovall (NE) has been in the hospital following gall bladder surgery; and Mary Starling (NE) had knee replacement surgery earlier this week; both are now home recuperating. Jack Taylor reported that Zonie had back surgery January 29th, and is also at the meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** - Cheryl Miller read Thank You notes from 1) Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, for the \$75.00 gift in memory of past president Jack Lascola, and 2) John & Linda Saunders on behalf of the Florida Winter Festival Staff, for our help in promoting the successful 2009 Festival.

**10. FLORIDA CALLER LIAISON** - Charlie Pergrossi, Florida Callers Association (FCA), said the FCA is happy to work with the Florida Federation in any way and at any time to promote our square dance activity. They are currently working on assignments for the 2009 State Convention.

**11. FLORIDA CUER LIAISON** - Lisa Wall, President of the Round Dance Council of Florida, reported that the cuers reinstated the current board for another year at their meeting in October. We are trying very hard to convince the cuers they need to participate more in pushing the fund raising for the State Convention since it's going to go to an all-State Convention.

Since John & I have been on the Board we have dropped the testing requirements, so if any of the cuers in your area are afraid to join the council, there is absolutely zero testing. You can cue at the State Convention regardless of what or where you have cued previously.

The Round Dance Council has the following new member cuers: David & Sandy Sturgis; Robert & Patricia Fuller-Gardner; Don & Loretta Hanhurst; Mark & Shelly Hilburn; Jim & Fran Soos; Zail Greenbain; Edward Hauck & Ann Hadsall; Terri & Tim Wilaby; and Jeanne Martin. Cuers Sturgis, Hanhurst, Soos and Wilaby are already programmed to cue at the 2009 Florida State Convention.

If I have one thing I'd like to impress those of you who run clubs in your area with, it's this. We

recently had an issue with a caller who used a cuer's tapes at his New Year's Eve dance -- he didn't ask if he could use them...someone brought the tapes to the dance and he used them. It has been reported to the Florida Callers Association. You are not allowed under any circumstances, whether the cuer has given permission or not, to use the tapes. It is against ASCAP/BMI rules to ever use anybody's tapes. The club is the one that gets nailed for it -- not the caller or the cuer. Please do not let any caller or cuer use a caller's or cuer's tapes at your dance event. It's against the rules, even if the caller or cuer agrees.

Flip-side cued records are ASCAP/BMI licensed devices. There are CD's out that have flip-side called or cued records. Those are 100% legal.

If there is a person that thinks they'd like to cue, I have a beautiful record collection they are welcome to go through. Phyllis Williams is retiring and getting rid of her records. If they want help, I'm willing to help anyone learn to cue. If they want to send me a tape and see whether or not their timing is good, I am glad to help anybody.

## **12. ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION**

This is our 2nd year as President of The Southeast and we are still delighted to have such a great Board. Unfortunately, many are unable to travel to Federation Meetings due to not being able to drive long distances, finances, or periodic health problems. But, they do attend meetings we hold at our club house and are willing to do whatever is asked of them.

Response to our dances has been great. We are making theme type dances. We had a Crazy Hat Dance (hope you read about it in the Bow & Swing) and we gave out gift certificates to various fast food places like McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King for the best, craziest, and prettiest hat.

We had our annual Cookie/Toy Dance in December with toys going to Child Net, an organization that works with children in distress and foster care. We had several large black garbage bags full of toys, everything from Dolls, Games, Cuddly Animals, Cars and Game Boards. Santa "Bobie Hutcheson" dressed the part of Santa. We wrapped about thirty \$1.00 or less gifts, and when anyone entered we placed stickers on the badges. The thirty people with certain color stickers won the gifts. Non-winners received candy canes. The Dancers enjoyed getting little things. They, of course, talk about the dances and it helps increase participation.

We had our Fund Raiser "Snowflake Frolic" on February 21st, put on by past Presidents Elsa and Ray Huddleston, with the help of our Board Members. We had a total of 110 Dancers attend and at least 2 squares of non-dancers that wanted to reacquaint friends. This was our yearly Fund Raiser and we were quite pleased with the turn out. The Ace of Hearts Dance was held on the 22nd which kept some of the dancers away. But, we expect to make sure next year it doesn't do the same. We had a beautiful God Bless America Cake, a Carrot Cake, as well as a Sugar Free cake. Of course, we removed all the calories.

Several more dances are planned for this year. Our March 15th Dance will be held at Holiday Park in Ft. Lauderdale. The Theme will be "It's Fun to be Irish" (because everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patty's Day.) We are still in the planning stages of what surprises will be in store. We never tell the dancers what to expect, just that there will be surprises.

Our Spring Dance held at Holiday Park in Ft. Lauderdale will be held on May 3, 2009 and just the

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thought, since we've had a cold winter, makes us think of flowers and May Poles. We expect and just know we'll have many dancers. "Our Motto". We believe if you think positive it works.

We contribute the upswing in dancers due to the emails sent to all members attaching a Flyer prior to the dances and another email reminder about a week before the dance. I send it to all our members, and even some non-members if I know their email address, with a notation to call friends and invite them to ride with them to the dances.

Another great help is that our callers are so supportive and continue to promote all of our dances. They invite us to speak at the dances of upcoming events and are even printing additional flyers for us when they run low at their dances.

We have ongoing beginner classes on Thursday Nights in Boynton Beach and even a small class of beginners in Miami. We have gotten some new dancers. Hey, it is contagious, my husband after all these years, has finally agreed to learn round dancing. Yes!

Advanced Dancing the last hour of each dance keeps many coming. It gives us a chance to clean up the few leftover goodies that haven't been devoured. We just continue to think positive and the rest will take care of itself. "Our motto". THINK POSITIVE.

What more can you want, good friends, helpers and dancing? This all adds to our continued good health, moving on the dance floor and being with people you care about and who care about you. We are so fortunate to live in this wonderful country and have freedom of choice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie & Carol Hutcheson  
Presidents

#### **NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION**

First, I would like to say that the dancers in the Northeast are doing a great job planning their special dances. Thomas and I have been very impressed with the organization of the dances we have attended and we have enjoyed each dance. The dancers in the Northeast, and the other associations in the state, have great talent and it shows at your dances.

In January we enjoyed a Sadie Hawkins dance sponsored by Seabreeze Singles with a real wedding. Silver Fox again sponsored their annual Circus Dance which benefits "Dreams Come True". They held a silent auction and a recycle clothes sale and a bake sale. The 5th Saturday Dance, sponsored by NEFSARDA, was held at Jax Heights and was a dance to help support *The Grapevine*. These dances were not only fun but each had a great purpose.

The President's Ball, sponsored by the Moose Promenaders, was held on February 12th; the Trails End Dance, sponsored by Square Wheels, was held on the 13th; and the Blue-Grey Dance, sponsored by the Dixie Dancers, was held on the 14th. All these dances were in addition to regular dances, but they were well attended and we thank all of you for that.

Now, this weekend we have the pleasure and responsibility of working on committees to come up with ideas to help improve square dancing. And, to help relieve our stress from all our meetings, there will be a dance on Saturday night which will help support the 2010 Florida State Square Dance Convention.

Many dances are planned in March and April starting with, Fear of Friday the 13th, Shamrock Swing, Fuzzy Navel, anniversary dances and then the BIG party weekend held in Paisley, Florida which will be a benefit dance for the 55th & 56th Florida State Square Dance Conventions. Many plans have been made for that dance so please try to attend. Graduations will also start in April, and we are looking forward to welcoming new dancers to our activity of square dancing.

Next, it's "ROCK AND ROLL TIME" at the 55th Florida State Square Dance Convention at The Lakeland Center and I hope everyone has made plans to attend this dance May 22-24. Let's not miss out on a fun time with friends. It takes everyone, dancers, callers and cuers to have a successful dance at any level. Work as if the dance depends on you, because it does.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel  
Presidents

#### **WEST COAST ASSOCIATION**

The West Coast Association has been running smoothly with only a few minor hic-cups along the way. We have had four Association dances up to this point and all have been well attended, with 15-18 squares at each. We have been to Sun City, Bonita Springs, Zephyrhills and Bartow and in two weeks we will be heading to Sebring. At our dance in Bartow, the Slocums presented the Circle of Service award to a most deserving couple, Jan and Fred Smith.

Like the Smiths, we in the West Coast are fortunate to have others who do much for the promotion of square dancing. I would like to tell you about another. On February 11th we once again had our promotion at the State Fair, this has been going on for about 18 years. I know the first one was in 1987 and was chaired by Elvin and Doloris Mahan, two callers, Jack Pahl, and Buss Nocera. It wasn't picked again until 1992 by Joanne and Merle Lewis who chaired it together, until about 5 years ago when we lost Joanne to cancer. Merle never missed a beat and kept them going year after year. This year Merle had 296 dancers, in square dance dress, that signed up and a total of 12 callers and cuers. There was always 50-75 people watching at all times. Several times during the day the caller would get them up and teach some basics to them. This went on from 11am til 4pm. This was definitely a positive and we thank Merle Lewis for it. There is always things that can be done to promote Square dancing, just talking about it doesn't get it done, you have to get involved like Merle.

There is a saying I like a lot; It goes like this, "God gave us two ends, one to sit on and one to think with. The one you use most will determine how successful you will be." So remember, "Heads you win, Tails you lose."

Thank you.  
Ken and Sandy Brasfield  
Co-Presidents

#### **CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

We are now 20 days away from the CFA's Shamrock Swing. Things are going along quite well. We have approximately 29 squares of dancers who have already bought their ribbons for this event that will be held on March 20 & 21 at the LaHacienda Center in The Villages. Our national caller will be Tony Oxendine, local caller Bob Stern and our Cuers will be Ken & Joann Helton. We start on Friday night and will dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., with a variety of programs held in two halls. On

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Saturday, doors open at 1:00 to 5:30 p.m., with workshops. On Saturday evening, we will begin at 7:15 p.m. with opening ceremonies and announcements. Dancing will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Of course, we just happen to have ribbons and flyers with us. We hope, if you have not already bought your ribbons, you will consider getting them today and joining us for this event. Randy & Carol Poole will be happy to help you with room reservations. Next year the Shamrock Swing will be held at the same place, with Tim Marriner and Bob Stern calling.

Our next Fifth Saturday dance will be held on May 30th at On Top of the World in Ocala with Whit Brown and Bev Landwehr.

At this time all CFA clubs seem to be enjoying the winter season of dancing, and are happy to have all of our northern neighbors here to help support their clubs.

Our new Keepin' Posted editors, Dick & Jeanne Lysobey, have done a great job updating our CFA publication. We are all very pleased with the new looks and items that have been included.

Of course, the next main attraction after Shamrock Swing is the 55th State Convention with its Rock & Roll time theme. Randy & Carol Poole will be providing you with updates regarding the convention and their wonderful surprises for the weekend. By the way, the CFA honored Randy and Carol at our 5th Saturday Dance in January with a Certificate of Honorary Lifetime Membership for their five years of service on The Florida Federation Board. As most of us know, Randy & Carol are very strong advocates of Square Dancing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob & Jennie Courter  
President

### **NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION**

The year ended on a sad note. The Special Steppers have closed down after 30 years. Paul and Cheryl were there for their last party. Cheryl presented Frank Cherry with a plaque from the Northwest Association thanking the Special Steppers for their 30 years as Florida's Ambassadors to Square Dancing.

Northwest Association clubs have been busy with graduations. Panama City's Swinging Squares graduated 9 students in December and our newest Fort Walton Beach club, Dancing Dolphins, graduated 12 students, as well as working on 2 new caller trainees within the club. Miriam Merriwether debuted her talents at the Sweetheart Swing on February 14th, and she has a star quality voice. We are so glad she decided to learn to call square dances instead of performing on the "American Idol." We look for her to be popular. Look for her to perform at the upcoming Northwest Round-Up in October.

Northwest is doing its part to raise funds for the 2010 Convention. At the Northwest Callers Sweetheart Swing on February 14th, we featured a "Kissing & Hugging Booth" to raise funds. The \$1.00 Kisses and 50 cent Hugs were the sweetest imaginable and we raised \$50.00!! We have a 2010 Benefit Dance planned at PASARDA Hall on Saturday, March 28th. The hall has been donated as well as our Northwest Callers and Cuers; Bob Poyner, Bill Van Hoesen, Jack White, Sandy Sturgis and Terri Wilaby, who have all donated their talents.

Caller Bill Van Hoesen is still calling for his ABC Dance group at the Navarre Senior Center in

Navarre. Paul and Cheryl attended the dance on February 4th and had a wonderful time with the group. Presently, they have six couples that consistently attend, and they appear to be happy just learning something new twice a month with no stress to graduate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller  
Presidents

### FASSRD

The Florida and Georgia Singles will be converging on Jekyll Island, GA, March 27th & 28th for the 18th Fuzzy Navel. Bud Witten of Georgia will be calling and Shirley Wilson, also of Georgia, will be cueing for us. At our joint meeting on Saturday morning, we will be voting on whether to continue with this annual weekend as the attendance has continued to drop each year and we have lost money for the past two years.

This week I sent an email to my Singles Distribution List encouraging everyone to support not only the Fuzzy Navel, but the Shamrock Swing and the State Convention.

In my role as president of FASSRD, I am making every attempt to keep the solo dancers informed regarding our association and activities, as well as encouraging them to support their area dances, festivals and the State Convention. The articles that I have written for the various publications are not only to inform every one of our activities but to hopefully also educate all dancers about dancing solo and to encourage the solo dancers to not give up if they don't have a partner.

Our FASSRD brochure and flyers for our dances are displayed at every dance I attend. I am pleased to note that we have started receiving FASSRD membership applications as a result of the brochures. I have also had some contacts from the Northwest Association as a result of the articles I write in the *Panhandle Press*. Up to this point we have not had any participation from the Northwest so we hope this will be the start of more people from that area joining our association.

Our 30th Annual Single-Rama will be held October 23rd & 24th at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring with Sam Dunn calling and Lisa Wall cueing. Please mark these dates on your calendar and come support our association festival as we support yours.

Penny Green  
President

### 13. HALL OF FAME

There have been no nominations for the Hall of Fame and the deadline has now passed. Therefore, there will be no presentation made at the State Convention in May.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave & Shirley Nihart

### 14. HISTORIAN RECORDS - WEB SITE

The scanning of the publications is moving along, slowly. As most of you know, I had surgery on my neck in November. That slowed me down. Now I am going in on Monday to have surgery on my lower back. That will stop the scanning for about 2 months. I won't be able to sit in the chair for very long during that recovery time.

The Southeast publication is complete except for a few copies of the 4Ws that Garland & Carole gave to me this weekend. The West Coast is complete. They send me the current issue and I scan it as soon as I get it. The Northwest Panhandle Press is being done by Terri Wilaby. She has been scanning them and sending them to me. The Northeast is the main one that I am working on at the present time. I have finished all the copies that were in the Historian files. Sarah Pergrossi has furnished me with some that she has in her files. I just received them last Sunday and haven't had time to work on them yet. Once I finish those then they will pull what additional issues that I need from their history files. Central and Bow & Swing are the ones that I haven't really gotten into yet. I have talked to Bill Boyd to see if they could help me out but, as of yet, I haven't heard back from him.

It is almost time to pay for the storage unit again. I will pay that before the State Convention and have the receipt for the Federation Treasurer at the Convention.

I haven't figured out what I will do with the dresses and other larger items that are in the storage unit. But we have a while to go yet. It will be quite a long time before I finish the publications.

Now for the web site. We are getting a few more clubs on the web site. We have all the camping clubs, except for the Tent 'n Trailers 081, the Limonaders 139 and the Florida Wheelers 143. Sarah Pergrossi has been the driving force in getting all the others represented.

As for the map program on the web, we are still missing a lot of clubs. I think the Northeast is the only area that is completely represented. All the others are missing a lot of clubs. The Northwest, West Coast and Southeast have the least amount listed. Central still is missing a few. I need for someone from each area to send me a note with the information. I need the name of the club, the facility where they dance, the address of the facility, (I need a good address), the county where they dance, the times, day of week, caller, cuer, contact name, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for each. If they have a web site include that also. The map program is really getting a lot of hits. If your club is not listed then people that visit the site cannot find you. There is no better way for people that are traveling to find you. You may be listed in the Bow & Swing but people passing through will not have a copy of Bow & Swing. The web is your best and cheapest form of advertisement. Don't miss the boat!

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Morgan  
Web Master & Temporary Historian

**15. USDA**

President Paul Miller announced this report would be a part of the new business on Sunday.

**16. USDA INSURANCE**

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
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28 February 2009

Beginning Balance	October 31, 2008		\$
		<u>Income</u>	
Central	\$		
Northeast	\$		



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Northwest        \$  
Southeast  
West Coast      \$  
FASSARD  
Total Income    \$                                \$

Expenses:

USDA Insurance    \$  
Admin Expense    \$  
Premium Refund    \$  
  
Total Expense                                \$

Ending Balance January 31, 2009                                \$

As of 2/28	CLUBS	DANCERS
Central	20	833
Northeast	16	476
Northwest	1 + 7	255
Southeast	1 + 1	90
West Coast	10	427
Totals	2 + 54	2081

No accidents to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy & Carol Poole  
Federation Insurance Chairman

**17. ASCAP/BMI**

Our latest correspondence from ASCAP was in the amount of \$.075 for 2008. We have not received any rates for the year 2009.

Rates for BMI increased to \$140.00 for 2009 and have already been paid.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave & Shirley Nihart

**18. ARTS**

At the ARTS meeting in Louisville, KY earlier this month, Betsy Gotta gave a Power Point presentation for a Square and Round Dance Website and Videos. The goal, of course, is to produce a marketing tool that will help raise awareness and bring new members into square and round dancing. The square and round dancing niche is well represented online with a variety of informational sites

The glaring omission to these sites however, is a lack of branding and a higher level of professional presentation. This branding element cannot be overstated enough and if approached properly can easily become the number one online destination for the community. Branding

should be approached with the upbeat and dedicated mindset of the community while not being afraid to inject some humor and tongue in cheek elements. It should scream "FUN". The timeline for this project will be 12 – 16 weeks. The total cost will be \$22,000.00 (plus New Jersey state sales tax) for the complete project, which includes Branding, Website and Videos. The ARTS Board voted to approve the proposal and Roy Gotta will be serving as the Project Coordinator for the project.

Who are Betsy and Roy Gotta?

Betsy and Roy Gotta live in North Brunswick, New Jersey. Betsy has been a square dance caller for 46 years. She calls all programs from Contra through C-3B and is an accredited Callerlab Caller Coach. She averages approximately 300 dances/classes per year.

Roy started Square Dancing in 1972 while still a student at Rutgers University. He was so impressed with the teacher (Betsy Gotta) that he married her in 1974. He and Betsy began Round Dancing in 1975 and began teaching Round Dancing in 1978. Roy currently cues and teaches through phase IV.

Betsy is the featured caller for instructional videos produced by Square Dance Videos Inc. and sold by Gottadance Videos, and has recorded for County Line and Desert Gold Records. So they certainly have the experience for this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aileen Pichiceo

## **19. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Document Review Committee Report**

Elsa Huddleston, a member of the Document Review Committee, reported that the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Articles of Incorporation, and Constitution were the documents that had been reviewed. Over the last 5 years, motions that were made and approved in the minutes had not been picked up in these referenced documents. Dee Dee Stovall, Document Review Chairman, went back through the minutes and the documents and made sure any reference to a document was carried through in these recommendations. There are about 18 of them. and they were emailed to all delegates. I can read each one of these and we can vote on them separately and be here until the cows come home, or I can make a motion we accept them en masse and apply the changes to the appropriate documents and be done with it.

The following motions were submitted:

**(1) I make a motion to amend Article VII 4. of the Articles of Incorporation to read: A contingency fund in the amount of \$12000 to sponsor the annual Florida State Convention shall be maintained by the Federation Treasurer as a separate line item. In case the convention has a loss and can not repay the seed money, all three organizations, Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Florida Callers Association, and the Round Dance Council of Florida, shall repay the loss equally. The fund shall be reimbursed annually from the net proceeds of the State Convention prior to division of the proceeds.**

- (2) I make a motion that Article XVIII of the Bylaws be amended to read: A contingency fund to sponsor the annual Florida State Convention shall be maintained by the Florida Federation Treasurer as a separate line item. The fund shall be reimbursed annually from net proceeds of the State Convention, prior to division of the proceeds.
- (3) I make a motion that Section 8 of the Standing Rules be amended to read: The State Convention Contingency Fund shall be controlled by the Federation Treasurer as a separate line item. The Federation President shall approve the issuance of the convention seed money for the upcoming convention. The Federation Treasurer will issue seed money at the direction of the Federation President and the Treasurer will receive repayment from the convention. The current year State Convention Chairman, shall report Committee activities at each Federation meeting.”
- (4) I make a motion that in Standing Rules Section 13, the words “Article XIX (19)” be rescinded and replaced with Article XVIII, (18)
- (5) I make a motion that Standing Rules Section 9 be deleted. (“Where to Dance” Contact Brochure)
- (6) I make a motion that Section 9 of the Standing Rules read: The proceeds from the State Convention will be divided equally between the Federation, Callers, Cuers and the Associations. Each Association would receive a share from each convention, an amount equal to one-fifth of the Association share, which is one fourth of the total.
- (7) I make a motion that we delete Section 16 e 4 of the Standing rules.
- (8) I make a motion that the Standing Rules, Section 16 d 5 be amended to read, “To obtain bank resolution forms and bank signature cards prior to the Annual meeting to facilitate the orderly transfer of the office of Treasurer.
- (9) I make a motion that Standing Rules Section 16 d 6 be amended to read, “To ensure the financial records for the complete year are in audit form at the Annual meeting or any other meeting after the close of the financial year as directed by the President.”
- (10) I make a motion that the Standing Rules Section 16 a 6 be amended to change the last two words from “working weekend” to “annual meeting”.

(11) I make a motion that this be inserted in to our Standing Rules, under Presidents duties, Section 16 a 8 to read:

8. To appoint the General Chairman of the state convention five years ahead.

(12) I make a motion that By-laws Article IV (4) Section 3 be amended to add "Manager of the Square Dance Hall of Fame" .

(13) In February 2003 a motion was made which reads as follows: The Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers be added as a Delegate at Large in the By-laws of the Florida Federation. Article IV, Section 3.

In the same minutes a motion was made that reads: Florida Federation By-laws , Article IV, Section 3 - Add a sentence to this Section to read as follows: They shall remain Delegates at Large as long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one Federation meeting per year.

There was no indication as to pass or fail of either motion.

I make a motion that the February 2003 minutes be amended to indicate that both passed.

(14) I make a motion that we amend Article IV, Section 3 of the By-laws by adding the following sentence to read: "President of the Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers" .

(15) I make a motion to rescind the motion of February 2003 that read "They shall remain Delegates at Large as long as they remain active square dancers and attend at least one Federation meeting per year." (Bylaws, Article IV (4) Section 3)

(16) I make a motion to change the By-laws Article IX Section 2 e., by adding the following sentence: "The working weekend will be the last weekend in February, at a location set by the Federation President and he will arrange for a Saturday night dance to benefit the upcoming state convention."

(17) I make a motion that Section 16 b. 6 be added and to read:  
To be responsible for ordering new delegate badges and delegate association bars.

(18) I make a motion to amend Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation, Article 1 of the Constitution of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and Article One of the By-laws by deleting "1949 Snook Drive, Deltona, Florida, 32738" and replacing it with "5150 Mt. Plymouth Road, Apopka, Fl. 32712"

Bruce Morgan moved that we accept the motions stated above en masse; it was seconded. Much discussion followed and Jim McConnaha called for the question; it was seconded, and approved. Voting was then held on the original motion made by Bruce Morgan; it was unanimously approved.

George Knapp stated his contention was that we have the same wording in two places. He made a motion that we remove Article VII, 4 from the Articles of Incorporation, and add to Article XVIII of the Bylaws, the following sentence, "In case the convention has a loss and can not repay the seed money, all three organizations, Florida Federation of Square Dancers, Florida Callers Association, and the Round Dance Council of Florida, shall repay the loss equally." Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

## **20. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Committee Assignments**

Assignments were emailed to everyone. Delegate changes to the committees were made and Committees met in the same hall immediately after we adjourned. We were asked to return by 1:00 p.m. to help with setting up the hall.

## **21. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Federation Meeting will be held Sunday, March 1st, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Stardust Hall, Plant City, Florida.

## **22. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charlie & Val Newsome,  
Federation Secretary**