

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Working Weekend Minutes

Sunday, January 14, 2018

1. **Meeting** Called to order by Ray and Elsa Huddleston
2. **Invocation** by Dennis Taylor
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** lead by Cheryle Miller
4. **Roll Call** by Linda Tester. We had a quorum with 43 delegates present
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Association Presidents & USDA Insurance Breakout Meeting** – Chaired by Randy & Carol Poole.

Attending;

Randy & Carol Poole, CFA

Jack & Kathy McKinney, NEA

Brian & Barbara McDonald, NWA

Lance & Rita Baxter, WC

Linda Tester, NEA Insurance Chairman

The importance of having the combination of insurance & presidents is we do not have insurance people as delegates. The presidents are responsible for the insurance of their association.

We covered the changes to the certificates and the importance of the association insurance chairmen to explain the information to the clubs. We gave a handout and had a full discussion of insurance matter.

1. The discussion started with association meetings. Some delegated live a far distance from the meeting place and inquired about having the meeting by skype. This would benefit those living far, however, people attending a meeting would probably be more vocal. Would local dancers also want to skype? It was decided if

you allow to skype limit it to those that have to drive a long distance.

One association has a meeting prior to their Fifth Saturday dance in a back room of a restaurant. This also helps with dance attendance. Another suggestion was to have it in conjunction with an activity such as a picnic or a dance.

The insurance financial records were audited by Jack McKinney and Ailene Picheco and found to be in order.

b. Finance – Chaired by Terry Wetherby

Attending

Terry Wetherby

Ann Slocum

Dennis Taylor

Jenny Green

We took last years budget as a guideline.

Income

Association Dues. We show only one association paid their dues last year, so we will be sending out a bill for last years dues. This will be an income of \$450.00.

State Convention Profit is being recorded as \$2.500.00 because the state convention is not until last week of February

Internet is being recorded as \$120.00 which is about the sane as last year

Our interest was \$1.00.

Expenses

President paid out \$19.89 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$100.00 this year.

Vice president paid out \$236.33 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$250.00 this year.

Secretary paid out \$34.68 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$75.00 this year.

Treasurer paid out \$38.17 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$70.00 this year.

Parliamentarian paid out \$160.57 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$100.00 this year.

USDA paid out \$100.00 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$100.00 this year.

Corp. Tax was \$61.25 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$61.25 this year.

Honorariums paid out \$75.00 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$250.00 this year.

Historian did not have any expenses last year. We are proposing a budget of \$50.00 this year.

\$260.40 was paid out last year for delegates badges. We are proposing a budget of \$100.00 this year as we don't feel as many badges will need to be ordered.

Welcome Center Cards paid out \$1,491.85 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$1,500.00 this year.

Working Weekend Benefit Dance Hall Rental paid out \$100.00 last year. We are proposing a budget of \$200.00 this year.

Advertising Federation "Past, Present and Future" paid out \$300.00 last year.

We are proposing a budget of \$300.00 this year.

The budget was seconded and passed

c. Public Awareness, Publicity, Preservation, History & Education.

History, Education, Public Awareness, and Preservation Committee Meeting Saturday, January 13, 2018

Attendees: Ailene Picheco, Chairman, from Central; Ken and Carolyn Shacter from Northeast; and Penny Green from West Coast.

History

Penny has inherited some square dance files from a former member of Buttons & Bows of Lakeland who became a member in 1958.

Larry and Dorry kept every issue of *Bow & Swing* and the *West Coast Dancer* they received. As many of you know, Bruce has uploaded all the copies of the *Bow & Swing* and the *West Coast Dancer* that he could find, but there were some missing issues. Penny was able to locate the missing issues. There were also some hardback books on square dancing, cassette tapes of Art Springer and Singin' Sam Mitchell calling were donated to the New England Square Dance Museum.

Larry and Dorry had also collected all the meeting minutes, financial reports, special event flyers and Knothead Konvention flyers. Bruce has digitized the Knothead flyers and uploaded them to floridasquaredance.com. Penny is in the process of digitizing all the paper files. There is also a collection of every badge and dangle they received and other miscellaneous square dance memorabilia.

Since this committee is a catch all of square dance related issues that don't fall under the other committees, we also discussed some additional issues.

In an effort to encourage our associations to exchange information with each other, a matrix was created listing all the association publications, *Bow & Swing*, *American Square Dance*, DANCERgram, floridasquaredance.com, *USDA News*, the deadlines to submit information to

each publication, and the name and contact information for each. A copy of the matrix was sent to the WC officers, the newsletter editors, and the convention chairman.

Penny has agreed to be the point person for the USDA email tree. When she receives communications from the USDA, she will forward them to each association president or designate. The president should then forward the communication to their respective distribution lists with instructions to keep forwarding the email.

West Coast, Southeast, and Northeast each have distribution lists. The three of them are on each other's distribution lists and they have been sharing information. Northwest has a list but it appears to only be used for information coming out of that association. As far as we know, Central does not have a list. Ailene and Penny are part of the ARTS email tree. Since the majority of the publications publish once a quarter, we need a way to communicate information to the entire state that can't wait until the next issue of a magazine. The DANCERgram distribution list is used to notify the dancers of dance cancellations, change of callers or cuers, joys and concerns, information that didn't make it into the weekly publication, reminders about deadlines, meetings, WC membership dances, etc.

Updating floridasquaredance.com should be at the top of the to-do list and should be a scheduled task that is completed every six months or once a year. Assigning this task to a particular position, like secretary, and adding it to the job description might ensure that updating isn't overlooked.

The New Dancer Handbook needs to be updated. Penny Green has volunteered to take over this project.

Some associations have been using yard signs to advertise classes. West Coast ordered **50** signs that state, "Learn to square dance" and there is a place to add a phone number. The signs are free to any club that requests them. Everyone is cautioned to find out the rules/laws for your area in regards to placement of yard signs or you may put them up and they'll be gone when you come back!

Respectfully submitted

Penny Green

Approved by Ailene Picheco, chairman

d. Showcase of Ideas

Showcase of Ideas Breakout Meeting

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Orlando

Attendees:

Terri Little, Parliamentarian

Barbara Hoffman, Central

Wayne & Debbie Miller, Northeast
Flo Ormsbee, West Coast
Barbara McDonald, Northwest
Jane Johnson, Northeast

Terri explained to all attendees what the Showcase of Ideas is and its purpose and uses.

Each Association was given a chance to review their portion of the display and decide if they needed to update anything. Terri will print each Association's current dance flyer for the board.

Each Association was given their photo album to review. Some associations were happy with their albums the way they are and gave them back to me. Others will update their albums and return them to me at the Florida convention in February. The display will be set up at the Florida convention in February and at the National convention in June.

Terri also went over the "give-aways" available for the National Convention. We have a few alligators, a few shell magnets and plenty of oranges to place on the table. Elsa Huddleston and Dennis Taylor have contact information for getting the Florida maps and "Visit Florida" magazines.

Wayne Miller suggested he could provide some wooded Square and Round dancers (but probably not in time for this year). It was suggested we consider putting a magnet on the back.

Some of the display is starting to show wear-and-tear so that will need to be addressed after this year's trip to Kansas City. We may need to look into repairing, if not replacing the Showcase.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Little, Parliamentarian

e. Flooring Committee Chaired by Ed Drexel

Attending;

Don Slocum

Bob Ormsbee

This is a big expense. \$13,500 as a one-time expense. There are many problems and unknowns which make it hard for any recommendations at this time. We think we should evaluate the Ocean Center usage for 2018. We would like to make a recommendation on how to proceed with the flooring before the disbursement of the 2018 funds. At this

point we have many questions, but only a few answers. We will have to meet after the 2018 convention.

f. State Convention

Chaired by Lewis Wasserman

Attending:

Lewis & Linda Wasserman

Cheryle Miller

Jenny Green

Cheryl launched our last ways and means, Wish Tree. Wishes will be sold for \$1.00, written on wish cards, and hung on the wish tree. The tree will be part of the Enchanted Forest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Wasserman

6. Announcements

- a. Cheryle Miller's task as V.P. is to find a location for the Working Weekends. 1) May 19-20, 2018. Meeting in Plant City/Lakecity area
Benefit dance for the 2020 State Convention will be held on Saturday May 19, 2018 at Strawberry Squares. Randy will work his magic for housing. Hotel will be 5/18 & 19, 2018.
- b. 2) May 18-19, 2019/ Meeting in Orlando with benefit dance for the 2021 State Convention to be held Saturday 5/18/2019 at the Whirl and Twirl. Randy will work his magic for housing. Hotel will be 5/17 & 18, 2019
- c. Per Secretary, Linda Tester;
- d. Bob Ormsbee is now our Caller Liaison.
- e. The Federation will be sending Sandy Sturgis a sympathy card for the death of her husband David .
- f. I will be going through the Roll Call list and Elsa has ask me to send letters of inactivity to anyone who has not attended a Federation meeting for the last year.
- g. We welcome Jane Johnson and Ken & Carolyn Shacter to the Federation as delegates for NE.
- h. Elsa has ask for each association to update the information that is on the website. Bruce is to make a report at our next meeting.

- i. Ed Drexel thanked every one for supporting he 2019 State Convention. The benefit dance made \$1583.00.
- j. Welcome back to Bill Reid. Great to see him and so very glad for his recovery. And he was on the dance floor Saturday night!!!!

NEXT MEETING: After the Florida State Convention, February 25, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Homewood Suites, Daytona Beach.

7. Adjourned