

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
Imperial Swan
Lakeland, FL
Saturday, May 19, 2018- 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order:** meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Ray & Elsa Huddleston
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** was led by Vice President Cheryl Miller
- 3. Invocation:** was given by Walt Syphard.
- 4. Introduction of Visitors and Guests:**
- 5. Roll Call:** There was a quorum with 38 delegates attending the meeting
- 6. Correspondence:**
- 7. Minutes of May 19 & 20, 2018 meeting:** A motion was made(and carried) to dispense with reading the minutes Motion seconded and passed as corrected.
- 8. Financial Report:** Submitted by Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby, Treasurer

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Treasurer's Report

February 25, 2018 to May 17, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS as of 2/28/18

Wells Fargo Convention	\$	
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$	
Insurance	\$	
TOTAL ALL Accounts as of 2/28/2018		<u>\$</u>

CONVENTION CHECKING ACCOUNT 2033

Beginning Balance	\$
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Receipts

3/5/18 64th FSSRDC \$

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$

Disbursements

3/15/18 Ck 1002 Ocean Ctr \$

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (\$)

CONVENTION ENDING BALANCE \$

FEDERATION BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT... 3154

Beginning Balance \$

Receipts

2/28/18 Interest \$

3/5/18 NE Dues 2017 \$

3/5/18 NE Dues 2018 \$

3/30/18 Interest \$

4/30/18 Interest \$

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$

Disbursements

2/28/18 Ck 1034 L. Tester \$

3/5/18 Ck 1035 D. Taylor Dues \$

3/16/18 Ck 1036 D. Slocum Postage \$

3/20/18	Ck 1038 GRMAC	\$	
3/30/18	Ck 1033 E. Huddleston	\$	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			<u>(\$)</u>

BUSINESS CHECKING ENDING BALANCE \$

BUSINESS MARKET RATE SAVINGS... 9599

Beginning Balance \$

Receipts

2/28/18	Interest	\$	
3/30/18	Interest	\$	
4/30/18	Interest	\$	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$

Disbursements

NONE/

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (\$)

MARKET SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE \$

Ending Balance - All Accounts

Convention Checking (as of 5/17/18)	\$
Wells Fargo Business Checking (as of 5/17/18)	\$
Business Market Savings	\$
Insurance (per C. Poole)	\$
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$

9. Parliamentarian Report: Submitted by Terri Little. The Showcase is in sad condition. It is at least 10 years old and needs to be replaced. A motion was made (and carried) to approve up to \$500 to get the Showcase replaced/repaired.

10. Sunshine Report: A card was sent to the family of Zonie Taylor on her passing. Get well cards were sent to Bill Reid, Nancy Taylor who had TIA, and Alex and Kay Schmidt on the illness of their family member. Cheryl has a card for Jack McKinney for his surgery and also for Kathy McKinney for her illness and surgery.

11. Correspondence: Moved to New Business.

12. Florida Callers Assn. Liaison: Submitted by Bob Ormsbee. The Fall Callers Clinic for October 2018 will be held by National Caller Ed Foot. FCA will also sponsor a dance with Ed Foot calling and Susan Snider cueing. We are tuning up our engines so we can get in the race for the 2019 State Convention.

13. Round Dance Council of Florida Liaison: Submitted by Susan Snider. The Round Dance Council will be holding their clinic in Panama City the week of 9/15/18 with Bruce and Christine Nelson as the clinicians teaching Bolero. The RDC is working on the State Convention.

Florida Square Dance Campers Liaison: Submitted by Dennis Ramsey. The third weekend in April found 55 camping rigs gathered at Southern Palms in Eustis, FL for our second annual Spring Fling. We purely had a blast! Folks began gathering Thursday night for dancing and fellowship. Many of our group began our weekend celebration at a restaurant The Mason Jar where we had the most efficient servers ever. Friday and Saturday our callers included Bill Chesnut, Charlie Pergrossi, Ron Reardon, and Sonney McCartney. Our cuers were the lovely Ann Hadsall and Chuck Ryall. We had up to 8 squares dancing at one time and so many round dancers that the floor was full. Saturday's potluck was delicious- we have so many good cooks- Barbara Rosenthal, herself a birthday girl, supplied us with a Hummingbird cake which most of us rushed to get a piece of even before the buffet opened. I don't remember the 50-50 winners, but it sure wasn't me! The members agreed to continue the Spring Fling tradition and we're scheduled to return to Southern Palms in Eustis next year, April 19th and 20th for the 3rd annual Spring Fling.

14. Association Reports:

A. Southeast Association:

May 19, 2018

We are pleased to report that Jack Lewis is recovering nicely from his heart attack. He has, however, curtailed some activities. In particular, he will no longer be calling in Hollywood on Thursday evenings. However, Chris Phillips has a Thursday night dance in nearby Wilton Manors so that there will still be an opportunity to strut your stuff in the area.

Our dance venue in Boynton Beach, the Civic Center, is being demolished shortly as part of the Boynton Beach Town Square development. The old high school, which is across the street from the Civic Center, is currently being renovated. Eventually, all our dances in Boynton Beach will be held there. Unfortunately, there will be a gap between the demise of the Civic Center and the readiness of the high school. The Recreation Department is working with Scotty, Jack, and Joanne to find suitable temporary locations for our dances.

With thanks to Bruce Morgan, the schedule of dances in the Southeast is posted weekly on the Federation website. We will be sure to highlight any changes in venue. Additionally, some of the clubs may either have fewer dances or go dark for the summer period. Hopefully, all the dances in Boynton will be in our new home before our snowbirds return and we have a full program.

Looking ahead to next season – the Long Key Squares, celebrating their 40th year of dancing, will have a resident caller, Jackie McCorkle, and they will be moving their dances back to Tuesday evenings. They will also be offering Basic and Mainstream classes as well as a Plus workshop. For more info, search for “long key squares” in your browser.

The schedule of Southeast dances for the 2018-2019 season is now set. They will again be held at Briny Breezes under the sponsorship of the Briny Breezes club. The highlight of the year will be on the afternoon of Sunday, March 24th, when we will be celebrating Jack Lewis’s 50th anniversary. Thanks to Ilene and Jack, admission to this dance will be free. We are looking forward to a fun afternoon of dancing and reminiscing. All the Southeast dances are now listed on the Federation website. Flyers will be available soon.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we report to you that cuer Phyllis Kent passed away in March. We mourn her passing, but realize that because of the

severity of her injuries, Phyllis would have not been "Phyllis". Her smiling face is sorely missed by all her fellow dancers.

Sally Galik & Steve Adler – for the Southeast

B. Central Association:

Central Florida Association

President's Report

May 19, 2018

Lakeland, FL

CFA's Party Weekend was a success. This yearly event is Central's fund raiser for the state convention. We ended up with about 30 people staying the weekend, with 40 or so for dinner and the dance. The weather was wonderful...in the 70's during the day and no rain. We were met by a welcoming committee of 2 Sandhill Cranes, flanked by a pair of friendly wild pigs. The food was good, friends were plentiful, the dancing was fun, and bingo rocked with some awesome prizes. Keith Stevens called and Susan Snider cued.

At this time, I'd like to present the 65th FSDC with a check from CFA for \$1000.

Be sure to sign up for next year's Party Weekend, which will benefit the 66th FSDC.

John and Gail Swindle hosted a dance celebrating his 50th year of calling in April. There were about 10 squares in attendance. Not everyone danced, but it was nice seeing some dancers we hadn't seen in quite a while. Gail and John treated us all as we helped them celebrate this milestone. John called and Scott Vallee cued.

Our next 5th Saturday dance will be held on June 30 at the Merritt Island Presbyterian Church. The Central Florida Caller's Association will send their best callers and Scott Vallee will be cuing. Scott is a new cuer and we are his first "official" paying gig. We've had him cue a few times as a guest and he does an awesome job...nice voice and good timing. It's good to have another cuer in the area.

Terri Little

President, CFA

C. Northeast Association:

Northeast Association Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancers Association

FEDERATION REPORT - May, 2018

Thank You Randy Poole for getting this nice motel and meeting rooms! And thank you to Strawberry Squares for the use of the beautiful dance hall. With all the changes made this year.... Their hospitality has been welcomed!

We in the Northeast have had some changes in our meetings and dances as well. I guess we all have to be open to change! Perhaps that is why the State Convention this year was so successful...along with some hard work of the Chairmen and Committees! Back to the Northeast, Our 5th Saturday in March

was held on the 4th Saturday of April! And our Association meeting held the 2nd Sunday in April was held the 1st Sunday in May! All this due to Easter and other dance conflicts! However, we adapted and both were successful! We had Bill Chesnut and Rod Barngrover calling and Ann Hadsall cueing at our 5th Saturday Dance. The theme was “Happy Things” Each club decorated their tables with things that made them Happy! It was a FUN idea by our new Vice President, in charge of 5th Saturdays, Jane Johnson.

Not included in our last report was the association dance hosted by Susan Snider for Dreams Come True. We raised over \$7,000 and 2 dreamers were given their dream.

Thank You Susan...Great Job!

The Rollaways Square Dance Club had a graduation of 10 new dancers. The amazing thing was...half of them were under the age of 10! We are hoping this trend will continue! This is an exciting time of year and we plan to attend another graduation next week in Gainesville at Grand Squares.

Now we have to use the next few months visiting clubs to help the attendance while so many dancers travel during the summer and also gathering info of prospective dancers in the Fall.

While traveling...try to attend the National Convention in Kansas City. National Conventions take a LOT of work to put on and they definitely need your support!

For all the Snow Birds and other travelers...Safe Travels! See you in the Fall!

As Fall approaches, we are gearing up for our Fall Festival, “Murder in Maui A Luau To Die For”! This is going to be a very unique Fall Festival that you definitely do NOT want to miss!!! Someone is going to get KILLED! You will be the murder solvers. As you dance throughout the weekend... you will be dancing with several suspects! Ask questions, be aware of the answers and your surroundings. Joan Amarino and Sherry Boatman-Burris have sleuths everywhere and a cast of characters from all over the state! There will be a “Luau” type dinner on Saturday at the dance hall. You will have a true Hawaiian experience, so drag out your leis and be ready for a really FUN-FILLED weekend! Bobby Poyner, National Caller from Chicago and son of our own FL caller, Bob Poyner of the NW is the Fall Festival Caller. The cuers are Doug & Cheryel Byrd of Chattanooga Tennessee, highly recommended by Susan Snider. This staff is really going to make this weekend amazing!

Jack & Kathy McKinney, President
NEFSARDA

C. Northwest Association: Northwest Federation Report

May 20, 2018

The kids will be out of school, thus beginning summer vacations and time spent with family and grandchildren. Dancing Dolphins is having open house on June 2nd and I am sure it will go well. Agape Square folks are really practicing what they have learned by going to other dances and knowing the moves of what they will be reviewing on their Monday night dance. They a planning a September class. Capital Twirlers had an open house in January and will be having a graduation soon.

In April we celebrated a surprise 50th anniversary for Joe and Kathy Haywood on April 14th. Then on May 12th we celebrated the marriage of dancers Glenn Smith and Betty Liles. Congratulations to them both!

One of our local callers Miriam Mettiwether will be cuer with Nick Hardley at the GA State Singles Assoc. of Square and Round Dancers May 18th & 19th. Miriam has been teaching square dance classes on Wednesdays, also, round and line dancing. Also in May, the Swinging Squares are sponsoring a “Celebration of Our Armed Forces” on May 19th at Grand Square Hall in Panama City. There will be a workshop in the afternoon and an evening dance. Caller Ted Kennedy and cuer Sandy Sturges

We look forward to the July Jamboree on July 21st at Ragon Hall in Pensacola with a workshop in the afternoon, quarterly meeting at 5:00 p.m. and evening dance. We have a following that likes to attend the Tennessee State Convention in Gatlinburg on August 2nd-4th. So hope to see you there.

Please come to our October Roundup in Panama City at the Grand Square Hall Oct. 26-27th. Our callers are Ted Kennedy and cuer Sandy Sturgis. Ribbons are on sale and the flier is posted on the Northwest Federation website.

Our prayers are with those that are sick. Hope you all have a happy summer.
Brian and Barbara McDonald
Northwest Presidents

West Coast Association:

WEST COAST SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Here we are approaching the end of May and Memorial Day is here!!

As I mentioned in my last report, this has been a tough year in the West Coast. Attendance is down across the board and clubs that seemed to be benchmarks of success suddenly are in jeopardy. The Sun City Swingers will close at the end of the year. Even the Temple Twirlers and Promenaders in Pinellas Park are having issues.

Attendance is also down dramatically at Strawberry Square. Their 'big dance', the Saturday Plus/Rounds dance drew 3 - 4 squares in January and February, not June and July.

At our West Coast Fall Fun Fest, I was talking to Don Moger. We know Don from Summer Magic and Albany Magic. Don is a Canadian caller who calls all over the world, probably at least 360 days a year. He sees it all. Don said to me that he had come to Bartow directly from San Diego. He said "they gave me a contract for 2021. What good is that, we won't be dancing in 2021!". Don would know!

Everyone in Square Dancing says we have to attract new dancers. That's easier said than done. Clubs in the West Coast are reacting to this changing climate.

In Tampa, the Temple Twirlers have increased their admission price to \$8, renegotiated caller and cuer contracts, and have started lessons in a different facility to try and appeal to a different crowd. At Shufflin Squares, members of the club sell coffee and donuts every Monday as a fundraiser. This money is key to the clubs' operation.

In almost every West Coast report, I refer to Strawberry Square as the Premier Square dance facility in the state of Florida. Well to address the changing climate, Strawberry Square will begin to offer 'Social Dancing' on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Think about that for a minute, the most popular dance at Strawberry has long been the Saturday Plus/Rounds dance. They are taking the 2nd and 4th Saturday and offering 'social dancing'. Keith Stevens is going to try and work with the DJ's to introduce Square Dancing to this new audience. With that said, this change in programs is not a good sign!!!

The club in the West Coast that continues to succeed is without question, Suncoast Squares. They consistently attract a large beginner class and have frequent special 'fun' events. They actively recruit new dancers, bring them to the club and show them a good time, and they stay. They love to fool around

on the dance floor and embellish! Everyone says “that’s a fun club. A recent Facebook picture of the club and new dancers showed at least 60 people, all smiling!

Nothing worthwhile is ever easy. I’m a relatively new dancer. I never saw the glory days of square dancing. What I do know is if you continue to do the same thing, you probably should expect similar results. Square dancing is hurting and the West Coast has started to react.

Sincerely,

Ed Drexel, President, WCSRDA

15. Website/Master

The web site is running just fine. At the last meeting it was decided that the presidents of each association would verify all the club information from their area and make sure that the sites are up to date. The only association that is trying to comply with this is the Southeast. I am getting a list of where to dance in the Southeast area each Sunday that I am posting on the Southeast portion of the web site. I still do not know for sure that they location and contact information for the Southeast, or any other association, is current.

As I mentioned at the last meeting I will be requesting permission to renew the Web Hosting Account and the three (3) domain names in June of 2019. Then at the November 2019 meeting I will be turning over the reins of the web site to someone else. If you have not found someone to take over, you better start looking. It will take a while for the new person to get up to speed.

Respectively submitted

Bruce Morgan

Web Master

16. Publication Reports:

a. Bow & Swing

No Report

b. Grapevine

No Report

c. Keepin’ Posted

Keepin Posted Report 2018 05 19-20

The next edition of Keepin Posted is scheduled for publication on July 1st, 2018 Printed copies are mailed to the Central Florida Clubs so they can display it for their members.

Copies are Emailed to Members. For those who don’t have email, a printed copy is mailed.

Many members still prefer a printed copy.

Copies are also Emailed to the Florida Association Presidents, the Federation Board, and to various publications and other organizations.

I would like to receive more club articles, pictures and other information from the clubs throughout the Central Association.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ailene Picheco, Editor/Publisher**

d. Panhandle Press

No Report

e. West Coast Dancer

No Report

17. Convention Reports:

a. 2018

Louis and Linda Wasserman were not able to attend our Working Weekend. They did send to Linda Tester one printed copy of their final report (33 pages) and CD's for the Federation Board members and all future State Convention Chairmen. A copy will be put out on the website. Jack Hoffman, the treasurer for their convention distributed the convention checks. He asked that all checks be deposited so they will clear by the last day of this month (May).

b. 2019

65th FSSDC REPORT (aka 2019 State Convention)

Here we are, the morning of the 2020 Benefit Dance. Wow !!! It seems like we just had the 2019 Benefit Dance.

Yes, time flies when you are having fun!! The GREEN Flag continues to gain momentum. Merchandise sales are good and ribbon sales are progressing. According to the 'Man with the money', we're well into the \$9,000 range. What that means is we have money to spend. It also means we need a lot more!! Hey, if you have extra money that you aren't spending tonight, why not swing by Mr. Slocum and make a donation!!!

If you're wearing your 'Gold Star' button we Thank You. If you're not, it's time to buy another polo shirt, a great looking Tee or the Limited Edition, 2019 Tote. Cheryl and I will continue to hound you!!! As I said before, that Gold Star sponsor looks like a pretty good deal for \$25.

Terry and I attended the Deerhaven Party Weekend. Our thanks to the Central Association for a fun time. Keith Stevens and Susan Snider did a great job calling and cueing. It's a fun weekend... and again Terry and I thank you.

Terry and I ask everyone for their help. We have tried to create momentum and now that we're underway, it's important that we keep it going. If anyone has any ideas, please pass them along. Please do everything you can to push ribbon sales.

Our 3 most urgent needs are 1) ribbon sales, 2) Trail end location and 3) room layouts/flooring. As I mentioned, ribbon sales are progressing. People are hesitant to spend on an event in February but sales continue.

We have a few ideas on the Trail End dance location. Randy Poole has a potential location in Daytona and once we can get into that facility to take a look, we'll visit both locations that have been identified to date and hopefully have our venue.

Don and I have been evaluating room layouts and flooring needs. Both Terry Willoughby and Susan Snider have been receptive to our ideas and we thank them. Everyone has the same goal, give our dancers a fun convention!

Terry and I will be roaming the state to push sales and generate revenue. You will be seeing see 'Green' soon at a club near you. Any help you guys can give us is greatly appreciated.

One thing for sure the 65th FSSDC in February 2019 will be the PLACE TO BE!!! It's gonna be huge! Mark your calendars now!!

Sincerely,

Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby

2019 General Chairman

c. 2020

The Firm had a board meeting at the Party Weekend. And now we're at our benefit dance. The dance starts at 7:00 pm with Susan on early rounds, 7:30 with Dave Muller on squares and advance dancing at 9:30. The dance is by donation only so PLEASE be generous! We will have a Ways and Means table set up tonight. Purple polo shirts for women and navy-blue polo with pockets for men. VIP buttons will be on sale for \$25.00. Shoe and garment bags with personalization available on site. We also have raffle ticket for a gift basket with \$250.00 worth of gift cards on sale. We will accept cash, check and credit cards. A big thank you out to the Associations for their donations and the Federation for getting the hall for tonight's dance.

d. 2021

As we reported in January, we still do not know our location yet. Our theme is “Lighting the Way to Friendship and Fun in Twenty-One”. The décor will be lighthouses and the colors are red and white. We have recruited some committee members but need more volunteers. Although we have contacted a couple of callers, they have not agreed yet. We have some raffles planned – a lighthouse quilt made by Terri Little. Two lighthouse structures made by Richard Douget and Tom Leaf. The lighthouses will be used as part of the décor and then raffled off the last night of the convention. We plan to ask each Association to donate a basket to be raffled at our Benefit Dance next May. Please consider volunteering for a committee position. If anyone has suggestions to help make this convention a success, do not hesitate to tell us. (Carol ask when they could get their seed money and was advised to write a letter to request their funding).

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard and Carol Douget.

18. Facilities:

Facilities Report

May 19, 2018

The contracts for Ocean Center are signed for 2019 & 2020 FSSRDCs. The 2021 contract is being held for confirmation of the 500 Race dates. Once the Ocean Center has confirmed the dates for the Race the contract will be signed for the weekend FOLLOWING Presidents’ Day weekend. If the Race is being moved to our week end we will have to decide on how to proceed. I make a motion that if the race stays on Presidents Day weekend, we should sign the contract for the 2021 Convention. Motion was seconded and carried.

We have been in contact with Brenda Day at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland and the word is that the carpet will be going down.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don & Ann Slocum, Facilities Chairmen

19. Florida Hall of Fame Report:

Hall of Fame 2018 05 19-20

It is time to get your nominations in to the Hall of Fame committee for next year’s convention.

The criteria is listed on the website.

The more information submitted in the nominations, the better.

The deadline is November 1st. This gives the Committee time to review the nominations and submit them by mail to the Selection Committee for final consideration in time for presentation at the Florida State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Ailene Picheco, Chairman

20. History Report:

Pictures are being sent to Bruce Morgan to put on the website as I get them. Pictures can be sent to me at islandmom74@att.net or directly to Bruce at brucemorgan@embarqmail.com. I was given this today from Flo and Bob Ormsbee. It is badges and ribbons that Mary Lee Van Valkenburg collected from everywhere she danced while she was still dancing. We will take a picture of it and have Bruce put it on the Federations website in the history section. We will discuss what to do with it during our breakout meeting and report on a recommendation.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Little

21. USDA Report:

No Report

22. USDA Insurance Report:

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT

May 19, 2018

Beginning Balance	January 31, 2018	\$
Income		
Central	\$	
Northeast	\$	
Northwest	\$	
Southeast	\$	
West Coast	\$	
Total Income	\$	\$

Expenses

USDA Insurance	\$	
Carol Poole Postage	\$	
Total Expense		\$

Ending Balance April 30, 2018 \$

As of April 30, 2018	Association/Clubs	Dancers
Central	12	452
Northeast	9	267
Northwest	1 & 8	178
Southeast	1	72
West Coast	7	229
Total	2 Associations 36 Clubs	1198

There have been four reported accidents and three claims filed.

This year there was concern about liability insurance for the state convention. Our USDA insurance with Markel covers us for one million dollars. That figure works well with most facilities. The question came up regarding the personal liability our officers have in the case of being sued. From the beginning of the square dancer's insurance it was understood all the officers were covered. Over the more than 30 years, change of insurance carriers, and new people working at Markel, there have been changes and clarification. If you remember one time we needed all dancer's names, addresses and phone numbers, now all we send in is a name. Forms have been added and others changed.

Currently, clubs are required to send in a complete roster of their club to include only their name. Every member must be paid for. Members joining after the initial enrollment must also be enrolled for coverage to ensure that the club has 100% participation in the program. The club officers are covered by Markel should the club be sued. If we don't follow these rules and are audited, the entire state could lose the privilege of buying this insurance.

Three of our associations insure the dancers by clubs. Two of our associations insure their dancers by club and by enrollment in the association. All five associations are entitled to Certificates of Insurance for their dances. Most of the

association officers are insured through their club; however, there is no specific liability coverage for association officers as given to the club officers.

Until this year the Federation was listed on every certificate of insurance issued for the dances. We believed this covered the officers. Now, Florida Federation nor the associations are not listed on every certificate. It was explained that if more than one name is listed as insured and a claim was filed that the coverage received would have to be shared instead of the one insured receiving the entire amount.

It was suggested we might consider insuring our Federation and association officers for liability coverage. We have discussed this with the USDA Insurance Coordinator. She in turn talked with Markel for further guidance. It was decided the Federation Board & Delegates could be insured by enrolling and submitting a roster of all members like a club does. Those dancers that are already insured through their club insurance would be submitted on the Insured Through Another Club Roster Form. The uninsured would have to be paid for. I checked the February 18, 2018, roster and found only three delegates not already insured through a club or association. This would require the minimum fee of \$45.00. (We can insure up to nine dancers without going over the \$45 limit.)

We also discussed the associations' coverage. The Associations making up the Federation would be included in the Federation enrollment using a Club Roster Form or Insured Through Another Club Form for each Association. I checked the April issue of Bow & Swing for Association officers and all are currently insured by a club or association.

We could cover the officers of the Federation & Associations for \$45. Let me say there has never been a Federation sued but we must be aware of legally how anything can happen even in square dancing.

At the Break-Out meetings I would like you to discuss this and tomorrow we can decide if we want to consider this for 2019. Something to consider would be who pays? The Federation, the Insurance Account or the three associations that insures by clubs.

I can see one major problem with this. It may be difficult for the Federation to be insured for \$45 before the convention since all clubs are not insured by February 1st.

Even though the Federation is one of three sponsors of the convention, the convention has its own officers. It is best to treat it like a club and insure its own

officers. The committee members could also be enrolled. Most of them may already be insured through their club so there should be no added cost to the convention except for the \$45.

23. ASCAP/BMI Report:

No Report,

24. ARTS Report:

ARTS Report 2018 05 19-20

The next meeting will be held Sunday July 1, 2018 in Kansas City, MO immediately following the 67th NSDC. During the NSDC we will be participating in an Organizational Round Table discussion of dancer retention. Additional support to the NSDC includes participation in the Showcase of Ideas and hosting two Education seminars. We will also host two After Party dances, 1) on Thursday night a Mainstream dance with Rounds and on Friday night a Plus dance with Rounds.

In addition to our support to the NSDCs, we also support the USAWest conventions

Other support for the square dance activity includes the Education Grant program which provides money to organizations which sponsor gatherings or working weekends which include a presentation of information about the ARTS.

Respectfully submitted

By Ailene Picheco for Jerry Reed, Executive Director ARTS

25. Old Business:

a. Email Tree

Florida Federation Working Weekend

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Imperial Swan Hotel

Lakeland, Florida

FLORIDA EMAIL TREE REPORT

At the last Working Weekend, Elsa reported that she received a communication from the USDA asking if Florida had an email tree. At the time, we didn't have one. Elsa asked me to coordinate establishing a Tree. I had been trying for quite awhile to establish a tree

using the association publication editors as my contacts and Steve Adler, President of the Southeast Association, because they don't have a publication. I wasn't getting any cooperation from two different associations, which was very frustrating. I was asked to do this for the Federation, I decided to go another way. I went to the association presidents asking that they appoint someone to serve as a Tree contact. My contact at this time are Brian and Barbara McDonald, NW Presidents; Linda Tester, NE Joys and Concerns; Terri Little, Central President, Ailene Picheco, Central's Keepin' Posted Editor; Steve Adler, Southeast President; and me for WC. All of these contacts have received information on how this will operate. Any communication that needs to be sent out to the entire state will be sent to me as the coordinator. I will forward the message to the individuals I just named, and then each them will forward it to their respective distribution list. Even though USDA requested this email tree, I see it being used for other pieces of news i.e. Florida state conventions, Florida association annual festivals, and health and sympathy for well-known callers and cuers, current and past Federation officers, and current and past association officers. We have to draw the line somewhere, or we will be inundated with communications that people think should go to the entire state. I don't want to "drown" the dancers with too many emails. Envision a tree. The coordinator is at the top of the tree. When a communication is received that needs to go to the entire state, it will be cascaded down to the next level of branches. They in turn cascade down to the next level of branches, and so forth. I hope that club presidents will take the initiative to make copies of the communication for the people without email. I ask that if you have a communication that needs to be sent to the entire state, please send it to the coordinator and not someone in the middle level or bottom of the tree so that we can ensure no one is left out. I will be writing an article for the DANCERgram, Bow & Swing, and the association newsletters explaining about the tree and how it will work. People will be invited to join the tree and I will give them contact information.

Penny Green

Florida Email Tree Coordinator

b. Tax Status

Carol Douget will be helping Cheryl get everything in order and filed to the IRS.

c. Flooring

Flooring Committee Ed Drexel

- Our charter was to look at flooring options to be used at the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.
- Terry and I have attended the Tennessee State Square Dance Convention and have been in touch with the powers that be in Tennessee.
- We have talked to the Chairman of Tennessee as well as their tape supplier in NC.
- Based on the information we have received, it is slightly cheaper to buy flooring as opposed to rent it from Bob Bahrs.
- It has been our opinion that each Convention should purchase a portion of flooring (1 or 2

rooms) each year until we have enough to floor the entire event. This approach allows you to learn, grow an inventory and save money.

- This approach would stockpile flooring and in 3 to 4 years you would own enough to floor the entire event.
- It is our view that this approach is cost effective. Each room of purchase is cheaper than renting it. Even if you disposed of the floor after the event. It would be cheaper.
- Tennessee does not store the floor in climate-controlled storage. It is stored in a barn.
- The idea of purchasing flooring has been 'lightening rod' for many.
- Who is going to put it down?
- Who is going to take it up?
- How do you transport it?
- "We're too old for this".
- Where are you going to store it?
- Square dancing is dying.
- Clubs all over the state are experiencing a sharp decrease in attendance,
- Attendance is down at special events.
- The dancer population is getting older by the day.
- Considering the state of square dancing in the state, and the overwhelming concerns that people have expressed, we will continue 'status quo' for the 65thFSSRDC.
- We will rent flooring from Bob Bahrs, even considering the falls we had last year.
- We will utilize the available Ocean Center flooring.
- We recommend reevaluating this for 2020.

d. Roster Penny Green made a motion the Inactive Members/Past Presidents be removed from the roster. The motion was seconded but not carried.

27. New Business:

a. Nominating Chairman

Jack and Kathy McKinney have been appointed as the Nominating Chairman. Kathy has ask the Federation officers if they are willing to move up and all have agreed. She is working on someone from Southeast to join the board.

b. Correspondence

Elea received correspondence from Jeff Worthington with Florida News Network. He saw our info at the Welcome Station. He wants to see if we would be interested in advertising with him. The information he sent was given to Cheryl to discuss in the breakout meeting.

Our next meeting will be tomorrow May 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the same location as today.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Prepared and submitted by
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