

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
MINUTES FROM FEDERATION MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019
(Homewood Inn & Suites, Daytona Beach, Florida)

1. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Miller at 9:00 am.
2. Invocation was given by Bill Reid.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Linda Tester.
4. Roll call by Linda Tester. A quorum was present.
5. No visitors or guests were in attendance.
6. Minutes of the February 24, 2019 were approved as corrected on motion by Don Slocum. Bruce Morgan seconded. The correction was to include the ASCAP report which had been omitted. Carol Douget stated the ASCAP/BMI was all fees had been paid.
7. The only correspondence was from the USDA requesting names of the USDA delegates to the June meeting in Atlanta, which were submitted Don & Ann Slocum and Bill & Linda Reid.

BEGINNING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 2/23/2019					
Wells Fargo Convention				\$	
Wells Fargo Business Checking				\$	
Wells Fargo Savings				\$	
Insurance				\$	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 4/30/2019					\$
Convention Checking Account ...2033					
Beginning Balance					\$
Receipts					
		65th FSDC loan & seed money repayment		\$	
		TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$
Disbursements					
	11/11/2018	None		\$	-
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$ -
Ending Balance					\$
Business Checking Account ...3154					
Beginning Balance					\$
Receipts					
	2/26/2019	65th deposit & seed money repayment		\$	
	2/28/2019	Interest		\$	
	3/29/2019	Interest		\$	
	4/20/2019	Refund from Ocean Center to 65th		\$	
	4/30/2019	Interest		\$	
		TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$
Disbursements					
	2/24/2019	Ck #1055 Don Slocum (shipping rack brochures)		\$	
	2/27/2019	Transfer to Convention Account		\$	
	3/30/2019	Ck #1056 Dennis Taylor (corporation fee)		\$	
	4/20/2019	Ck #1057 65th FSDC (refund from OC)		\$	
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$
Ending Balance					\$
Market Savings Account ...9599					
Beginning Balance					\$
Receipts					
	2/28/2019	Interest		\$	
	3/31/2019	Interest		\$	
	4/30/2019	Interest		\$	
		TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$
Disbursements					
		None		\$	-
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$
Ending Balance					\$
ENDING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 2/23/2019					
Wells Fargo Convention				\$	
Wells Fargo Business Checking				\$	
Wells Fargo Savings				\$	
Insurance (as of 4/30/2019 per Carol Poole)				\$	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 4/30/2019					\$

The Financial Report will be filed for audit with the date corrected to 2/23/19.

8. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT Ann and Cal Maki

At the last meeting we requested the associations make any changes they desired in the picture books for the display. Also, we requested that each association provide flyers of important dances within their association to add to the display.

We have received the photo book and a flyer from the Southeast and the photo book from West Coast. We expect any others that need changes will be made at the May meeting as we will be working on the display for the National Convention in June.

Also we look forward to the committee meeting to discuss ideas for the display.

9. Sunshine Report: Get well cards were available for signature for Kathy McKinney and Joy Vaccari. A sympathy card was for Frank Habersberger, and a congratulatory card for Jack Lewis for his 50 years of calling. Get well cards had also been sent to Bill Poyner, Whit Brown and Ernie Rollen.

10. FLORIDA CALLERS ASSN REPORT

We enjoyed calling at last year's convention and look forward to next year.

We have planned a fun dance at Strawberry Squares for October 19, 2019. We are happy to once again have Tom Miller calling and we are pleased to have Jimmy & Carol Griffin on rounds. The fee for this fantastic combination is only six dollars per dancer.

This October we will be selecting and scheduling our callers for next year's convention. All of the Callers Board have yet to reply their preference for dates so that will be unknown for now.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Boyd

11. ROUND DANCE COUNCIL REPORT-(this is a summary taken from the tape as no report was submitted)

Susan Snyder reported that the round dance council has a new president. They are Floyd and Ruth McKenrick. She also reported that the round dance council had a good attendance at the convention. They will have their round dance council weekend at Strawberry Square on Sept. 20,21, and 22. It will be Kurt and Tammy Warlock. Dancers are encouraged to attend and not to be intimidated because the purpose of this is to teach round dance teacher to teach and they will be starting with the basics. They will have a dance Saturday night.

12. FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS – No report

13. Association Reports

A. Southeast Association

We've entered the summer doldrums in the Southeast. Many of our dancers have migrated north to be with friends and family or just to enjoy the sometimes more moderate temperature and humidity. If they timed their departure right, they may have been able to avoid their colloquially named "mud season". The affect in the Southeast is that a number of clubs will be dark until October or later and attendance at others will be low.

On the bright side -we had a fabulous dance to celebrate Jack Lewis's becoming a member of CALLERLAB's "Half Century Club" – 50 years as a caller – first calling as a teenager. The Southeast now has two members of that exclusive club as Scotty Sharrer has been calling for some 53 years. He began his calling career as a 10 - year - old and, by the age of 11, was calling regularly.

Regarding classes and lessons

Chris Phillips is continuing his beginning class in Wilton Manors with the South Florida Mustangs and Scotty has just finished a 9-week program at the Floral Lakes community in Delray Beach. Chris Phillips is continuing his beginning class in Wilton Manors with the South Florida Mustangs and Scotty has just finished a 9

week program at the Floral Lakes community in Delray Beach. He will be starting a longer series at the end of this month also at Floral Lakes. Scotty and Marlene hope to have another beginner's class in Boynton Beach starting in January at the Scotty Dog Squares.

Additionally, Chuck and Mary Ryall are continuing their Sunday afternoon round dance classes and dances at the Whirlaways Round Dance Club in Fort Pierce.
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Additionally, Chuck and Mary Ryall are continuing their Sunday afternoon round dance classes and dances at the Whirlaways Round Dance Club in Fort Pierce. Thanks to Bruce Morgan – next season's Southeast dances have been added to the calendar section of the Federation website. Bruce also posts the Southeast dance schedule that is sent out to our email distribution list of this month – also at weekly.

Finally, we would like to thank both the Briny Breezes club for hosting our dances, which are held in the Briny Auditorium, as well as the Briny Board of Directors for their continued support.

Sally Galik and Steve Adler, Presidents, Southeast Association

B. CENTRAL REPORT

If you missed our Party Weekend in March this year, I'm sorry to report that CFA has decided to not have any more. The amount of work that goes into it isn't supported by attendance.

CFA is winding down its operating year. The new slate of officers will take over effective October 1, 2019.

Our next 5th Saturday dance will NOT be on the 5th Saturday of June! This is due to the fact that the National Convention is being held in Atlanta this year and most of our dancers will be there. We are hoping to finalize a venue for an earlier Saturday in June. Watch publications and the website for details.

As a word of caution, summer is here and a lot of our smaller clubs do NOT dance during the summer. If you're planning on attending a dance this summer, please be sure to check with the club to make sure they are still open.

Terri Little

C. NORTHEAST REPORT

Recruiting new members has been a priority with most square dance clubs for a long time. Spring in the North East is graduation time. The NEFSARDA Board as a whole aims to attend each of these club's graduation ceremony. We present each new graduate with a free pass to a Fifth Saturday dance. Our magazine, the "Grapevine" has been a free publication since it became an online magazine a year and a half ago, so we invite those who are not already receiving it to subscribe. NEFSARDA also presents a check for \$100 to each club who has a graduating class.

It is important to support our existing clubs. Our Visitations Committee, working with the NEFSARDA Board, has come up with a fresh idea surrounding "To its" promote visitations between clubs. "To it" comes from procrastinating phrase, "We'll get around to it." Banner chairmen are organizing banner raids and visitations with a goal of earning ice cream socials for their club (paid for by NEFSARDA) by collecting a "to it" at each visitation. Feel free to contact me if your organization would like details for establishing your own "to it" program.

On July 1st our 2 camping clubs will be officially merged and carry the name Square Wheels. The total membership will be 12 clubs of which one is a camping club, 2 are advanced level clubs and the rest are mainstream with announced plus with 3 of those also round dancing between tips. Our round dance club has yet to rejoin the fold -n but we live in hope.

Our Fall Festival is past the planning stage and shows signs of being another success. Mark your calendars for November 15 and 16, 2019 in Jacksonville Beach.

We extend a welcome to all square and round dancers anytime you're in the North East area of our state.

Mary Giera, NEFSARDA President

D. NORTHWEST REPORT

Greetings to all of you! We had great representation at the State Convention in February. I think Agape squares had the most in attendance, but we had someone from all our clubs represented. The callers were great to step up and call for those who couldn't come. We thank all of them and cuers. We had great weather so we could walk to the many restaurants in the area. Let's get ready for 2020! Northwest had a Sweetheart Swing in Panama City at Grand Square Hall with about 5 squares and Round dancing. They also hosted their annual Blue and White Ball on April 6, with most wearing blue and white. We had 6 squares and lots of fun. Even with Hurricane Michael, they carried on and had one day a month of plus class given by Bob Poyner.

Ragon Hall had a weekend of Round dancing the end of March and are celebrating Armed Forces Day with a cookout dinner and dancing today. They started a class in February and are close to graduating their students. July 20th they are hosting the July Jamboree at Ragon Hall. Dancing Dolphins started a class last June and they will be graduating from Mainstream the first of July. They had had a few setbacks and then started learning plus calls. They are taking the next 6 weeks off and when they come back the room will be completely renovated. Sand Spurs will host the Annual Billy Bowlegs Pirate Dance June 7th and 8th at PASARDA Hall in Ft. Walton Beach. We are sad to say they did not join Northwest in January but are still offering classes for squares and rounds. Capital Twirlers did not start a square dance class in January but they will in September. They have been learning Advanced and Sandy Sturgis is cueing for them. August and September the clubs will be starting classes again. We will have the 2020 Benefit Dance at Ragon Hall on September 28th, 2019 with Northwest callers calling. Our Annual 45th Northwest Roundup will be October 25-26th at PASARDA Hall with Skip Cleland calling and Terri and Tim Wilaby cueing. Hope to see you there!

You are all welcome to come visit any of our club which are listed in the Bow and Swing. Have a great summer dancing and be safe driving.
Brian and Barbara McDonald

E. West Coast Square and Round Dance Association

Well here it is May in Florida. High 80's, snowbirds gone or leaving soon, State Convention over, time to get ready for heat and a reduced Square Dance schedule. This winter has been good in the West Coast. We began at Strawberry Square with Curt Braffet and Bob Asp on New Year's Eve. We followed up this fun event with the Winter Fiesta at Strawberry Square featuring Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys. Yes,

whether it's a special program or our regular dance schedule, there's something for everyone in the West Coast.

This past year saw the introduction of social dancing at Strawberry Square. This program was well received, offering something for everyone. As we head toward summer, clubs will scale back their schedules. Strawberry Square, Lake Ashton, Buttons and Bows, Aradia to name a few will dance year-round. Be sure to check floridasquaredance.com or the Dancergram, the official publication of the West Coast for a club near you. Summer is a great time to meet new dancers or refine your dance technique. Whatever your interests, there's a club in the West Coast for you. Yes, there's always a lot going on in the West Coast. One thing is for sure. For Square or Round dancing in the State of Florida, you gotta go West!!

Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby, President, WCSRDA

14. Publication Reports

A. Web site report

As you know from my report at the last Federation Meeting in Daytona, it is time to renew the Federation hosting account and the domain name. Since they were due to expire the first week of July I decided to get it done early because of attending the National Convention and we will be gone for a few days after the convention.

The cost was just a little more than originally proposed. It was originally going to be \$1,169.61 for the hosting and \$90.85 for the domain. This was a total of \$1,260.45. This equated to a \$252.09 cost to the conventions for the next 5 years.

Attached are all the receipts. It is a little confusing but here are the details.

(\$899.40) for the In-Store Credit. This is the refunded amount. They did not credit my credit card.

\$899.40 In-Store Credit. This is for a portion of the correct hosting account

\$270.21 this for the remaining portion of the correct hosting account.

\$90.85 This is for the domain renewal

\$99.99 This is to have them transfer all the files from the old hosting account to the new account.

I am glad I had them to this and it was well worth the \$99.99. It took them 2 weeks. It would have probably taken me over 60 days. They could work on it full time. I could have only worked on it when I had time. There are a lot of files that had to be moved.

To summarize the billing.

\$899.40 partial hosting

\$270.21 remaining portion of hosting

\$90.85 domain renewal

\$99.99 migration charge.

\$1,360.45 Total \$272.09 per year for the next 5 conventions.

Bruce Morgan made the motion to renew hosting and domain name for the next five years not to exceed \$1115.00. Seconded by Jack Hoffman. Motion carried.

Bruce Morgan made a motion to apply for credit/debit card for the web site use with a limit of \$400 on the Google map program. Motion carried.

B. Bow & Swing –

Good morning, it's a great day and Bow & Swing is alive, well and having fun. We continue to hover around one thousand subscriptions. Not bad for a state magazine. As many of you know we use our American Square Dance booth at the National Conventions to present Bow and Swing to the broader audience of dancers than just Florida. If you among the several hundred going to Atlanta this year stop by

and say hi. We thoroughly enjoy all of your photographs and we have noticed many of you send your captions. Almost as you don't trust what we might say. We enjoy our Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention and as a plug. We like Daytona Beach. Especially when we can dance on the beach, sun and a beach, what fun! Keep dancing have fun and enjoy our dancing lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Boyd

C. Grapevine – No report

D. Keepin Posted –

The April issue was a month late because I was in the hospital for a hip replacement. And there was some re-coop time. The magazine has been mailed and emailed to CFA members, clubs and other organizations of interest.

The July issue will go out on schedule. Send in your articles now.

Regarding the State Conventions Program book ads:

For all Association Presidents and Publication Editors, please send me the names of anyone in your area who passes away, so I can add their name to the Memoriam page in the Program Book for the State Convention. I try to send a reminder in January before the Convention. (December is a lost month for obtaining any ads or information for the convention.)

Respectfully submitted,
Ailene Picheco, Editor/Publisher

E. Panhandle Press – No report

F. DANCERgram/West Coast Dancer

As you know, the DANCERgram and the West Coast Dancer merged back in February of this year and the DANCERgram is now the official publication of the West Coast Association. Cliff Reiss, my webmaster, and I have been busy over the past few months re-designing the newsletter and website as well as adding new information. I have developed is a Publication Deadline list that provides the publications: Bow & Swing, American Square Dance, each Association newsletter, USDA News www.floridasquaredance.com, Florida email tree submission to all the West Coast officers, convention chairman, publicity chairman, all the Suncoast Callers and Cuers, Florida Callers Association, and the Round Dance Council of Florida for their use in advertising their weekend festivals or celebrations and association dances.

As part of producing the DANCERgram, I maintain an approximately 45 – 50 page Master Calendar that has all of the clubs, dances, holidays, conventions and festivals. While posting information to the calendar, I occasionally find conflicts so I contact the club contact and let them know in case they want to re-schedule their event.

I also work closely with the floridasquaredance.com webmaster providing history information from the West Coast Association and notifying him of things that need to be corrected on the Florida site.

Penny T. Green, Editor

15. Convention Reports

A. 2019 –

The Convention is over and the Checkered Flag has waved. Terry and I thank everyone who helped make 2019 a resounding success.

Terry and I like to dance loud and fast, and we like to have fun! As a result, our goal was to incorporate many things that we enjoy about square dancing into the 2019 Convention.

- We had Hot Hash during the entire evening both Friday and Saturday
- We introduced Hex dancing to Florida
- We added a Sewing class to the Convention
- We also introduced the “Rubber Band” dance which was received very well

For 2019, we tried to be different and give everyone a great Convention. Our Caller Chairman scheduled the Convention with a focus on the dancer. The sessions were longer than prior years. He also scheduled with a focus on providing quality sessions during the evening. These changes were positively received by all.

This year, again with a focus on the dancer, our Round Dance Chairman introduced Round Dance By Request. This was offered in the afternoon both Friday and Saturday and again, this program was extremely well received by the dancers.

With a goal of providing a “Loud and Fast” Convention with the focus on giving the dancer a fun experience, everyone seemed to have a great time. This is key because as our dancer population decreases, it is important that the word gets out that Florida is a “Fun Convention”.

Our Total Attendance was 612 (Paid = 536)

(Callers = 43, Cuers = 19, Vendor =7, Comps =7)

TOTAL PROFIT \$8,414.74

Refunds 29

Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby Chairman

B. 2020 –

We have a total of 144+ paid registrations so far.

There are Greeter sign-up sheet packages for each Association. The Hospitality Chairman, Judy Anderson, is asking each Association to assist her in finding people to work 45 minutes to an hour during the convention greeting dancers as they enter the Convention Center.

Due to an oversight by one of our Chairmen (Terri Little), we missed our opportunity to book the Gold Star Ballroom for our Trail End Dance. We are currently working on a venue that will be equally exciting. Look for details in a future communique.

Shannon Reid is working on her Senior Project in conjunction with our convention. She is collecting soda can pop tops (or any pop top from any can, really). So please pass the word...ask all your dancers to pop those tops and place them in a baggie and bring to any dance where the convention is being advertised. Someone from the convention will be willing to take them off your hands. Once she has them all collected, she will turn them into the local Ronald McDonald House (probably in Daytona Beach) and they, in turn, will turn them into MONEY! What a great way to help sick kids and our environment at the same time!

Get your ribbons now! The prices will go up after May 31st and then again at the end of the year. We also have ribbons available to sell this weekend (but NOT at the benefit dance tonight) or for you to take back to your areas to sell.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FIRM

C. 2021 –

Lighting the Way to Friendship & Fun in “21 The 67th Florida State Convention will be held February 19th and 20th 2021 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Our theme for the 2021 Convention is “Lighting the Way to Friendship and Fun in Twenty-One”. The décor will be lighthouses and the colors red & white. Our logo was designed by Shannon Reid and Carol Douget. We have some raffles planned – a lighthouse quilt by Terri Little and two lighthouse structures by Richard Douget and Tom Leaf. The two lighthouses will be used as part of the décor and raffled off the last night of the convention. Our benefit dance is tonight at the Port Orange Adult Center 4970 Ridgewood Ave. Early rounds at 6:30 and squares start at 7:00. We asked each association including the caller and cuer associations to donate a basket to be auctioned tonight at our benefit dance. We have four promised so far. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Our polo shirts and buttons have arrived and will be available for sale tonight. Buttons are \$1 each and the shirts are \$25 each or 2 for \$45. We have recruited some committee members but are in need of more volunteers. Our current committee consists of:

General Chairperson - Carol & Richard Douget

Secretary - Mary & Bob Gibson

Treasurer - Terri Little & Sheila Reid

Program Book & Advertising - Ailene Picheco

Cuer Coordinator - Earle & Carol Collins

Caller Coordinator - Bob Ormsbee

Web Master - Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Housing - Randy & Carole Poole

Décor - Keith & Angie Olds

Registration - Linda & Bill Reid

Asst. Registration – Jenny Green

Dangle Dances - Judy Anderson

50/50 Raffle - Jack & Barbara Hoffman

Facilities – Don & Ann Slocum

Photographer – Jack McKinney

After Party – Kathy McKinney

Still Need:

Ways and Means – Chairman- all associations

Vendor Chairperson

Publicity Chairperson

Hospitality Chairperson

Camping Chairperson

Please consider volunteering for a committee position. We need all the help we can get. If anyone has suggestions to help make this convention a success, please do not hesitate to tell us.

Respectfully submitted, Richard & Carol Douget 2021 State Convention

D. 2022 – (See Facilities report below)

16. Facility Report:

The contract with the Ocean Center/Daytona Beach for the February 22-23, 2019, 65th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention was finalized in October 2015. The rent was paid according to the contract. The room layouts were submitted as requested in January 2019. We had a review with Ocean Center Event Coordinator, Jen Adams, on Jan. 16, 2019 for a final review of the room layouts and the concessions that were to be offered. The water stations for the rooms were refused because of the high cost. Alternatively, there are water fountains in the hallways and we were told that each person could bring a water capped bottle in with them and they could be refilled at the water fountains. On Friday of the Convention we met with Jen Adams at 8:00am at the Ocean Center to do a walk-through to inspect

that the rooms were laid out as requested, except for an un-requested water station that was set in the A Hall, otherwise we found them to be correct. When the Convention was getting underway it was realized that there were not enough tables requested for future Square Dance information flyers and the upcoming National Conventions, so some shuffling of tables took place to make it work out.

There was a problem encountered in the Mainstream Hall Friday afternoon when the Ocean Center wood flooring overlay started pulling apart. When notified, the Ocean Center made arrangements with a local vendor to lay replacement flooring during our dinner hour, at no cost to us. Wood flooring overlay was not put down in the Advanced and C-1 halls and we heard no complaints. We would recommend, due to the high cost, \$12,210.00 for the flooring that the future Conventions only put the wood overlay in the halls where there is Round dancing, as was the original idea when we agreed on the Ocean Center.

While looking around the State for a Venue that is big enough for our St. Convention and located in an acceptable area, it was found that all centers are currently carpeted, including the R-P Funding Center in Lakeland. The last thing we did Saturday night of the Convention was a final walk thru to make sure everything was in order.

The contract for Feb. 21-22, 2020 with the Ocean Center (OC) is set. We expect to discuss the hall usage from the 2019 convention and look at suggestions for 2020 usage. It will need to be decided on the amount of flooring required for next year. The flooring from the Ocean Center can be used for smaller rooms. A quote and contract will be needed soon if using Bob Bahr's flooring. Contract for Feb. 20-21, 2021 is in place.

There is a problem with 2022. Because of the date of the Presidents' Day being later the weekend following which we have been using is booked for an annual Quilt Conference. We have been offered 2 other dates: Feb. 11-12 & Mar. 4-5. There was concern about Bike Week interfering, but it starts the following week end in March. The Feb. date is the weekend following the Winter Fiesta, which could possibly adversely affect attendance. The date will need to be decided on soon to get it under contract. We visited with Brenda Day at the RP Funding Center on Mon. May 6th to check it out for possible usage. All floors are carpeted; the West Exhibit Hall can be divided into three rooms, which probably would be too small for us. The projected cost for renting the Lakeland center for 2022 would be \$10,490. Plus, the unknown expenses at this time are labor cost for setup, plus security and EMT. The box office is still there, the cost of parking is \$10.00/day with no weekend passes, at this time. We are currently contracted to pay a total of \$9546 with labor at the OC. We believe the future is with Ocean Center unless conditions change.

Respectfully submitted,

Don & Ann Slocum, Facilities Chair.

Don Slocum explained that because of conflicts with the City of Daytona Beach and other square dance activities, he recommended a date change for the 2022 convention moving it to either a different February weekend or to March 4/5, 2022. Following discussion, Don made the motion to have the convention on the March 4/5, 2022 weekend. Jenny Green seconded. Motion carried.

17. Florida Hall of Fame –

The Hall of Fame was organized to honor dancers, callers, cuers, publishers, teachers, organizers, promoters and/or vendors for their contributions made to the dance activity statewide. The first inductees were made May 19, 1983 at the state convention. The square dance hall at Strawberry Square became the permanent home of the Hall of Fame at a Grand Opening dance held on December 4, 1983.

As of the State Convention in the year 2018, 94 inductees have been installed in the Florida Hall of Fame. These inductees consist of dancers, callers, cuers, publishers and vendors. Some have qualified in two categories. The Hall of Fame is financed through funds derived from State Conventions.

The three sponsoring associations, Florida Federation, Callers Association and Round Dance Council, each contribute one-third (1/3) of expenses. Our account is maintained at \$1500. We have no nominations at this time. More info is on the Federation website.

Respectfully submitted
Ailene Picheco, Advisor

18. History –

Nothing new to report. Pictures are being sent to Bruce Morgan to put on the website when I get them. In the meantime, pictures can be sent to me at islandmom74@att.net or directly to Bruce at brucemorgan@embarqmail.com

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Little

19. USDA Report – No report

20. USDA Insurance

When I was preparing the financial report for this meeting, I noticed several mistakes on the last report. First, I gave an extra dancer to two associations and I failed to report the Federation and Convention dancers we insured. The correction makes the total number of insured dancers to 1145 from 1138 on the February report.

Since the last report we had four accidents reported. Three at the convention. All tripping – two on the floor and one on an outside curb. We are covered on entering and leaving the dance hall. No claims were submitted.

During the breakout meeting I will report on the new enrollment system. Every year at the National Square Dance Convention there is an Insurance Seminar. This year will cover the new system. If you are in Atlanta, try to attend one of the sessions. I hope to come away with a lot of my questions answered. I will need to make changes to the website but right now we are still using the old forms. Especially for a new club enrolling for the first time.

Several things that we all need to be doing now. Every association and club must use their assigned number. This is your official ID number. It must appear after the name of your association and club every time you use it on an insurance form. Every insured club in the nation has been assigned a number. Also, I only need one copy of the forms you mail to me. Please proofread your work and check the spelling of the dancers' name with the dancer. When I typed the names this year, I found two different spellings for the same people. The first name received was not always the correct spelling. We must be correct on this new system. This year the insurance checking account paid for the Federation insurance. If we continue to insure the officers and delegates, this is an annual expense. Should this be a budget item for the finance committee to discuss?

Randy & Carol Poole, Insurance Chairman

INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT

May 18, 2019

Beginning Balance	September 30, 2018	\$2,749.55
Income		
Central	\$	357.55
Northeast	\$	51.70

Northwest		\$ 148.40	
Southeast		\$ 9.40	
West Coast		\$ 52.25	
65 th Florida State Convention		\$ <u>45.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 664.30	\$3,413.85
Expenses			
USDA Insurance		\$ 564.30	
Northwest Association Overpayment		\$ 95.40	
West Coast Association		\$ <u>12.00</u>	
Total Expense		\$ 671.70	
Ending Balance	April 30, 2019	\$2,742.15	

As of April 30, 2019,	Association/Clubs	Dancers
Central	12	457
Northeast	10	304
Northwest	1 & 7	182
Southeast	1 Assoc	55
West Coast	7	251
Florida Federation		6
65 th Florida State Convention		3
Total Federation, Convention & two Associations & 36 Clubs		1258

Randy & Carol Poole
Federation Insurance Chairman

21. ASCAP/BMI – No report

22. ARTS –

Everyone is invited to attend the ARTS meeting in June.

The meeting is scheduled to start

at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, June 30, 2019,

immediately following the 68th NSDC in Atlanta, GA. The 2019 ARTS meeting will be held in the Highlands ballroom located in the Renaissance Waverly Hotel on Sunday, June 30th.

This is the Host Hotel attached to the Cobb Galleria Center.

This room is located on the Main Floor just past the hotel registration counters on left.

Renaissance Waverly Hotel

2450 Galleria Parkway

Atlanta GA 30339

If you have questions or concerns, or would like an agenda, please contact:

Jerry Reed

Executive Director

Phone - 321-794-9645

Email - DirectorARTS@AOL.COM

23. Old Business

A. Welcome Center – Don Slocum moved to continue replenishing brochures at the Florida Welcome Centers. Brian McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

B. Email Tree

The Florida Email Tree was established at the request of United States Square Dancers of America (USDA). Things are slow right now, but if something needs to be communicated to the Florida dancers, an email is sent to the Contacts, who forward it to their contacts, and to the next group of contacts and so far. We have mostly used it to distribute state or national convention information.

Recently while doing research on the USDA site, I discovered a brochure regarding the Email Tree. I haven't had time to read it thoroughly to ensure we are doing everything we are supposed to. I also want to ensure my name is on their distribution list as I have not received any emails from USDA, although I notified the gentleman that contacted Elsa about the tree. I will be able to report on that at the next meeting.

Penny T. Green, Florida Email Tree Coordinator

C. Other Old Business –

Status of 501C3 was requested. Cheryl Miller said the USDA has requested copies of the Federation Corporate documents, to submit with our Group Exemption application to the IRS. It was explained that the Federation is the parent and the Associations are beneath that level. Each association will need to apply for its own exemption. The exemption will allow the Federation to save Sales Tax on the Convention rental amount as well the Federation will be a nonprofit organization and will be able to solicit Tax Deductible Donations.

24. New Business – Cheryl Miller said she will be appointing Kathy McKinney as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

25. Committee assignments - Delegates were asked to report to the appropriate rooms at 1:00 p.m. The Convention Committee will convene at 2:30 pm.

26. Announcements – Dancers were strongly encouraged to attend the Benefit Dance for the 2022 Convention, "Lighting the Way to Friendship" at the Port Orange Adult Center.

Meeting adjourned.