

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
COMMITTEE BREAK OUT MEETINGS MINUTES
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 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 Walt Syphard.
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.

Carol Douget thanked everyone for their attendance at the benefit dance the previous night. This was the first fund raiser dance for the 67th Florida State Convention.

6. Committee Reports
a. Finance Committee

Terri Little Jack Hoffman
Jenny Green Ray Huddleston

Proposed Budget for 2020		
Florida Federation of Square Dancers		
Prepared 5/18/2019		
Income		
Association Dues		\$
State Convention Profit		\$
Internet Reimbursement from Current Convention		\$
Interest		\$
	Total Income	\$
Expenses		
President		\$
Vice President		\$
Secretary		\$
Treasurer		\$
Parliamentarian		\$
USDA		\$
Corporate Dues		\$
Honorariums		\$
Historian		\$
Delegate Badges		\$
Friendship ards		\$
Visit Florida Welcome Center Cards		\$
Working Weekend Benefit Dance		\$
Advertising		\$
Insurance		\$
	Total Expenses	\$

Terri Little agreed to amend the report to include website expense of \$1,100. Jack Hoffman moved to accept the Budget for 2020. Ann Slocum seconded. Motion passed.

b. Square Dance Insurance & Association Presidents – (This is from notes and tape no report filed)

Alec Schmidt	Carol and Randy Poole
Brian and Barbara McDonald	Linda Tester
Mary Gierra	Steve Adler
Susan Snider	Sally Galik

Audit was completed by Carol Douget and Barbara Hoffman-successful cost will remain \$4.75 at least until the end of the year. If you have a class then the roster should be forwarded to the association chairman 2020- USDA.RPSbollinger.com will be functioning, Each association will enter data for clubs, one form each document. This is the same form as prior years. Insurance forms and documents can be found in fillable form on federation website.

PRESIDENT MEETING

It was reported that demos are fun but not very successful.

Susan Snider brought up the Caller Lab Marketing Manual. It contains data showing that our dancing population is getting older. It also reports that the public doesn't know how to get involved.

c. Showcase of Ideas – (No report filed this is from tape)

Cal and Ann Maki
Barbara Hoffman
Bill and Linda Reid
Kay Schmidt
Eric and Robin Burton
Elsa Huddleston
Sheila Reid

Discussion followed regarding changing or redesigning the showcase. It will be reviewed further after the national convention this year. The Hoffman's and Reid's will assist the Maki's on suggestions.

d. History, Education, Public Awareness & Preservation (HEPP)

The HEPP committee met Saturday at 1:00 pm in the breakfast area of the Homewood Suites hotel in Daytona Beach. Those in attendance were:

Bruce Morgan - Chairman (Central)
Colleen Morgan – (Central)
Val Newsome – (Northeast)
Walt & Dianne Syphard – (Northeast)
Ailene Picheco - (Central)
Penny Green – (West Coast)

The committee was asked by the President of the Federation to discuss the situation where a square dance hall requested donations to assist in making repairs to their building that was not covered by insurance and they did not have the funds to meet those demands. The Federation donated \$1,000 to assist this hall. At the same time there was another dance hall that required funds and received nothing. But the hall that was needing funds never requested assistance, so the Federation was unaware of any such need. It was decided by the committee that the Florida Federation of Square Dancers should create a Disaster Relief Fund maintained at no more than \$2,000 in order to help dance halls that are unable to afford necessary repairs in order to keep their doors open and supporting the dance community.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bruce Morgan – Chairman HEPP Committee

There was lengthy discussion regarding procedures for financial support for halls owned by clubs and if the By-Laws would need to be amended. It was decided that a Disaster Fund be set up for this purpose and would be defined under the Treasurer's responsibilities. Bruce Morgan moved to create a Disaster Fund for wholly owned square dance halls in the amount of \$2,000. It was seconded by Kathy McKinney. Said fund would supplement amounts not covered by insurance with a committee to be appointed to develop specific rules for its purpose. Payout would be a maximum of \$1,000 at a time. Motion passed. Committee appointees are Bruce Morgan, Jack Hoffman and Jenny Green.

e. Convention Procedures –

Attendees:

Sheila Reid – Central – Chairman	Jenny Green – West Coast
Shannon Reid – Central	Cheryl Miller – Northwest
Terri Little – Central	Carol & Richard Douget – Central
Randy & Carol Poole – Central	Bruce Morgan – Central
Linda Reid – Central	Barbara Hoffman – Central
Don & Ann Slocum – West Coast	
Earle & Carole Collins (Central) - Round Dance Council	
Susan Snider (Northeast) – Round Dance Council	

Don Slocum presented valuable facility and flooring rental information and prices with suggestions that only the halls with Round Dance have flooring put down. There was much discussion on this recommendation though no decision made, it has been taken under advisement and the upcoming 2020 convention chairman will continue to further consider this.

Don also stated that this year we had some miscommunication on the amount of tables that would be needed for the various associations and future national conventions, etc... for displays and advertisements, that he requested to give careful consideration to this let him know well in advance how many tables will be needed, therefore please if you are interested in a table at the convention for any displays get with any one of "The Firm" (Terri Little/Cheryl Miller/Sheila Reid/Jenny Green/ or Shannon Reid) as soon as possible with the number you would like. Don did state that we can always request more if needed however it can be time consuming and confusing considering all that is happening on Friday morning at the Ocean Center therefore the more we can know and have done ahead time the more efficient we can be.

Susan Snider of The Round Dance Council requested that All Rounds be moved back to Rms 102 and 103 separate from the Square Dance Halls as they encountered sound difficulties this year. This is already being addressed for the upcoming 2020 convention.

Susan also inquired if the Round Dance halls could open and start dancing at 9am on Saturday as many of the dancers are coming across from the early morning Square Dance on the beach and wondering why there was no dancing. Continuing, she stated through observation only she has noticed Round Dancers tend to arrive earlier than Square Dancers. Again, the upcoming 2020 convention chairman will consider

further however at this time do not see why we could not implement Rounds beginning at 9am on Saturday.

Carol Poole, past Registration chairman, requested that the Information/Registration Desk be kept informed of any changes during the convention to potentiate effective communication.

Lastly, a sensitive subject we understand, however considering the changing times and increasing expenses, an important one which would be Complimentary Admissions, primarily regarding Callers and Cuers was brought to the floor. There was considerable discussion on this with some great ideas entertained, though no decisions were made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Reid, Chairman

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – None

9. Announcements – Next Federation meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 137 Miracle Strip Pkwy, Fort Walton Beach, FL. Special accommodation rate of \$89 + tax per night. Mention: Florida Federation of Square Dancers (FFOS), deadline for booking at this rate is September 25, 2019.

10. Meeting adjourned.