

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS MEETING MINUTES
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
308 N. Woodland Blvd., Deland, FL. 32720
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Call to Order (Ann & Cal Maki)

The meeting was called to order at 09:02am by Ann Maki.

Invocation (Cal Maki)

Pledge of Allegiance (Linda Tester)

Roll Call, Introduction (Jenny Green)

Jenny Green said there was a quorum at the meeting.

Introductions:

Sandy Sturgis (Round Dance Council President)
Susan Snider (Cuer)

Minutes of Last Meeting (Linda Tester)

A motion was made by Terri Little that we table the approval of the November 12, 2023, minutes since the delegates received copies just prior to this meeting. Carol Douget seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce Morgan made a comment about a section within the website report that states no one can update the Federation Facebook pages because we can't locate who the administrator is; Bruce said he is probably the administrator and suggested each association email him with a name of who they would like to be the administrator for their respective pages, and he will make the updates.

Correspondence (Linda Tester)

No report

Financial Report (Annie Minor)

Annie Minor presented the Treasurer's Report (available at the end of report). Will be filed for Audit.

Susan Snider questioned if there was a record of transactions for the Convention account because there should be \$16,500 (\$5,500 from Federation, Callers Association, and the Round Dance Council each), but the Treasurer's Report only shows \$7,622.⁵²; Jenny Green explained that, at the time of creating the Treasurer's report, the 69th Convention and the 70th Convention have not paid back their Seed Money (\$2,500 each). And the down payment (\$4,005) for The Center at Deltona was made from the Convention account and has not been repaid either. Prior to the Federation Meeting, the 69th Convention presented us with a check for \$6,505 to pay back their Seed Money and the down payment. Susan was okay with this explanation.

Ann Maki appointed Shirley Wright & Jeff Taylor to audit the finances for the 2023 fiscal year.

Parliamentarian Report (Linda Tester)

Linda Tester says she will not be able to attend the National Convention this year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Terri Little volunteered to transport the Showcase of Ideas for Linda. They will get together to arrange the hand off.

Sunshine Report (Linda Tester)

Linda Tester stated prior to the meeting there was no Sunshine Report. Since arriving at the Convention, she learned of Donna Robey falling in the hotel parking lot and Carol Poole is recovering from surgery. Linda stated she would send them both a card.

Florida Callers (Rod Barngrover [read by Jenny Green])

I want to thank the Florida Square Dance Federation for presenting me with the Extra Mile Award. Also want to thank Keith and Angie Olds and the whole team for putting on such a great convention this year. The Florida Callers Association had a great time. We had 28 callers of whom 4 had to cancel for health issues. The Deltona Center was a great venue, and we hope to continue there. The Deltona Center was very clean, and I asked a lot the dancers for their opinion, and they loved it.

Round Dance Council (Sandy Sturgis)

The Deltona Center was wonderful, everyone was happy with everything being under one roof, and the facilities were great. The floor worked extremely well for the round dancers. Susan Snider suggested that as the flooring gets bigger, we are going to need volunteers not only to put it down, but also to take it up at the end of the convention.

Florida Campers (Bob & Barb Rosenthal)

No report

Association Reports

Central (Richard & Carol Douget)

Our next meeting is on March 30th, we do not have a facility, yet it is being worked on. We will have our 5th Saturday dance the same day.

Three clubs are currently having square dance lessons:

1. Spindrifters in Port Orange on Saturday nights
2. Whirl & Twirl in Oviedo on Saturday afternoons
3. Wrangler Country Squares in Barberville on Tuesday nights

In February, Whirl & Twirl will be starting Plus lessons.

Northeast (Shirley Wright)

On December 9th we held a student dance, it was a great success with 6 squares. There were 8 callers and Susan Snider for rounds. It was such a success we have decided to include student level dancing at our regular 5th Saturday dances.

We are looking forward to our Fall Festival in November and hope to see everyone there.

Northwest (Brian & Barbara McDonald [read by Jenny Green])

We had a good Round Up in October with about 60 dancers present at Camp Timpoochee in Niceville. Nick Hartley and Daren Henry were our callers. Terri Wilaby our Cuer. They did a great job. Northwest has about 64 members.

Our clubs are hanging in there. Capital Twirlers in Tallahassee will be graduating a class at the end of the month. Elmer Sheffield recruited George Lavender from Georgia to call. Elmer is still facing a lot of health challenges.

Agape Squares has 12-15 students that started in September. With them we sometimes have 6 squares. They will be graduating soon.

Swinging Squares in Panama City has recruited Miriam Merriweather to call for them and they will be graduating a class soon. They are having a Plus Workshop on February 10th.

Seaside Squares have had a hard time recruiting students, so they did not get a class started. They have about 2 squares of regular dancers. They will be hosting our Northwest Round Up October 25th & 26th in Pensacola. Northwest has donated money to help Seaside and Swinging Squares with air conditioner replacements last year.

T-N-T Rounds have a new place to have their club dances on Terri's property – very nice wood floor and they had 3-4 students.

I am sorry we will not have any delegates at the meeting. Alec Schmidt has bronchitis. Joy Vaccari did not renew her membership. Because of Brian's back we will not be present at the meeting.

We pray for you all and the square dancers all over the state.

Southeast (Dawn Dewitt – filling in for Cathy Waltz)

We have 2 more dances coming up for this season. We are meeting at a small dance studio in Lake Worth that has room for about 6 squares, we had 4 at our Snowflake Frolic in December. We didn't have a dance in January, but on February 11th, we will have a Valentine's dance with a virtual caller, Joe Uebelacker, and Scott Vallee cuing in person. For the March 17th dance, St. Patrick's dance, we still need a caller so if anyone know a caller who wants to come help us out, we would love to have them. We had a caller signed up for virtual, but I guess he got a better offer. That will be the end of our season. We have about 45 members. Jack Lewis & Chris Philips each have a class going.

West Coast Area (Don Wolford [read by Jenny Green])

West Coast continues to support square and round dance where possible. We support Suncoast Callers and Cuers who are continuing the monthly dances that West Coast previously conducted. Currently West Coast in partnership with the Port Charlotte Recreation Department are planning to hold square dance lessons. Advertising for these lessons is underway at this time. We are exploring other opportunities to advance square dance.

Publication Reports

DANCERgram (Penny Green)

Even though the *DANCERgram* started out as a newsletter for the Florida west coast, it is becoming well known all over the state. I now receive dance information from Cuer Barbara Blackford in

Jacksonville. I have no idea how she found out about the publication! I try to receive information from Grand Square International for all of their dance weeks at Pride RV in Maggie Valley. Their ad agency keeps telling me they will send me all the flyers when they are ready, but I always have to follow up on that. I also receive information from the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida. I also gather the schedules from the square dance camping groups that the West Coast dancers are members of – RoadRunners and Strawberry Travelers.

I also maintain a currently 28-page Master Calendar that lists all the dances in our area, the state and national conventions, caller and cuer clinics, and meetings. I don't keep track of classes on this calendar because, frankly, it's too much! If when adding information to the calendar, I find a possible conflict, I notify the necessary people. Sometimes things are re-scheduled to avoid the conflict.

I also maintain Chronological lists, by year, of all the special dances in Florida. I also try to include all the other state conventions since we have so many out of state dancers that come to Florida. There are lists out to 2026. There are also lists for Deadlines, Meetings, Classes, and Travel. The list of *Deadlines* lists all deadlines for Hall of Fame and Extra Mile Award nominations, price increases for the convention, submission deadlines for all the Florida publications, *USDA News*, *NSDCA Times*, and the *Bow & Swing*. All of these dates are listed at the beginning of the *Planner* as they occur. The list of meetings includes Federation, Florida Callers and Round Dance Council meetings, and the SCCA meetings. The *Travel* list includes tours and cruises for our Florida callers and cuers. All of these lists can be found on the website.

I currently have 786 names on my distribution list. Of course, I can't put that many names in one email, so I have them split into five different distribution lists which means sending the message five different times. I have to find a better way of doing that.

In addition to writing the *Planner*, I also write *This & That*, *Joys*, *Concerns*, & *Sympathies*, and the *Flash*. I also maintain a *Directory* that has contact information for all the square dance key people in the state, publication deadlines, SCCA members, and links.

As you can imagine, the end of the year and the beginning of the year is a very busy time for me setting up a calendar and updating the lists.

In addition to all that, I have been assisting Stephen Bigelow with getting the *Bow & Swing* up and running, proofing the convention program book, assisting the FCA and SCCA webmasters with locating photos and ensuring we all have current addresses for their members, updating the Fact Sheet for the 2024 convention, and responding to requests for information about dancing in Florida and the convention.

Florida Email Tree (Penny Green)

I believe all of the associations are now forwarding all Email Tree communications to their people; now if they go on from there, I'm not sure.

The busiest time with the Email Tree seems to be around convention time. I used it to announce the *New Dancer Handbook* and will use it to announce the *First Convention booklet*.

Grapevine (Stephen Bigelow)

No report

Bow and Swing (Stephen Bigelow)

No report

(Side note 1. Penny Green – Stephen changed the deadline to the 15th of the month for the *Bow & Swing* and the 22nd is the deadline for *Grapevine*. He had a problem trying to get them all out on the same deadline.

Side note 2. Ann Maki – He would like to have association presidents send in new letter or news clips to him for the *Bow & Swing*. Also, any pictures you might have of your association and any pictures you took at the convention.)

Keepin ' Posted (Ailene Picheco)

I want to thank Penny for all the information she finds, I don't know where she gets them from.

There is no longer a magazine.

CFA information is sent by email, as it becomes available.

Categories are:

- Club news, pictures, and information - quarterly.
- Updates for our State Convention - as needed.
- List of dances that are coming up in Florida and nearby states – monthly.
- Where to dance in Central Florida - quarterly.
- And Obituaries when accumulated.

Panhandle Press (Barbara McDonald [read by Jenny Green])

I have been doing pretty good. In October, I put out the *Panhandle Press* and the *Round Up* magazine. I had help from my daughter-in-law, Colleen McDonald, with the advertisements. We got them both out in time.

Website (Cliff Reiss [read by Keith Olds])

I am continuing to actively maintain and support the Florida Federation website.

I am in touch with officers and representatives from the Federation and the Northwest, Northeast, Central and Southeast Associations. Web page content is updated as needed. Flyers for Association dances and other significant events taking place in Florida are posted to the Florida Federation webpage and the respective Association page(s). The Federation webpage section for Flyers was improved to include individually labeled sections for Federation, State-Wide, & the Associations Event Flyers. If there are no Association flyers a message is displayed directing viewers to the Association's Facebook page for Club Level postings. Also, the Federation main page and each Association main page have a prominent display message "Always Visit Our Facebook Page for More Postings of Updates and Dances!"

As previously reported to prompt viewers of the website to "look further" -- the Federation main webpage has a "Date Last Updated" entry for the Federation page, the Convention page, and each of the Association pages. Significant updates are also listed (such as the Convention Schedule, Dinner Flyer, and Convention Fact Sheet). Each Association page, the Clubs page, and the Halls page also have a "Date Last Updated" entry.

The Convention section was updated several times as new information was provided – the Hotel and Campground listing, the Dinner Dance Flyer, the Convention Schedule and Fact Sheet, and the Vendor page. A countdown displaying the # of days to the 2024 FL State Convention was added to the Federation main page. In mid-December I received and responded to an inquiry from 2 out of state couples asking about the Convention dance schedule. Immediately thereafter the Convention Dance Schedule became available – it was added to the Convention web page and also noted on the Federation main page. I also added a posting on 3 of the Association Facebook pages advising that the Dance Schedule was available on the Federation website and providing a link (Rod Barngrover had already taken care of the 4th Association Facebook page). Of course, I also replied to the couples who had inquired!

The main page for the Round Dance Council of Florida website that I support was upgraded with “buttons” instead of text links and with help from Penny Green missing photos of members were added. I was advised Earle Collins will be working with me at some future date to further update the RDCF webpage.

Just as a reminder, the SCCA (West Coast) Association links go to a page that advises viewers to visit both the SCCA and DANCERgram websites for up-to-date information on events and classes.

The Federation website “Clubs” page now has 62 clubs arranged by Association. Each entry lists a club name and city. 59 are active Federation clubs listed plus 3 additional Florida clubs with a note that they are not Association members. The clubs that maintain their own websites or Facebook page are identified with an asterisk.

The current club counts by Association are:

- Northwest – 5 clubs + 1 non-Federation club. I maintain a web page for 4 of these clubs.
- Northeast – 12 clubs + 1 non-Federation club. I maintain a web page for 11 of these clubs.
- Central – 16 clubs + 1 non-Federation club. I maintain a web page for 6 of these clubs.
- Southeast – 7 clubs. All maintain their own website or Facebook page.
- SCCA/West Coast – 19 clubs. I maintain a web page for 6 of these clubs; 8 clubs** do not have a web page but are covered by Roger Friedman’s weekly (in season) SWF eMail; the remaining 5 maintain their own website or Facebook page.

** clicking on one of these 8 club listings takes the viewer to a page that advises them to read the weekly SWF eMail – and of course a link to the eMail page is provided

Publications: A link to the renewed Bow n Swing publication is on the Publications page. I also provide a link to the (now) monthly newsletter from the Southeast Association.

Working with Stephen Bigalow we still have not been able to replace the inactive Facebook page Administrator for the Northeast Association. Trying to contact Facebook for assistance appears to be impossible. The page can be updated with postings but there is currently no capability to remove or edit inappropriate content without an active administrator.

In addition to the Federation, Association and Club websites I also maintain websites for the following:

- DANCERgram
- Dave Muller
- Rounds With Judy (Barnhill)

- Mark Fetzer
- Round Dance Council of Florida
- Susan Snider
- Suzie Q Creations

and a future endeavor to assist Keith Stevens is in the works for Shufflin' Squares & Keith Stevens.com

URL registrations are maintained in my GoDaddy account for the following:

- Florida Federation – renews 7/6/2024
- Temple Twirlers – renewed 1/16/2024 for 1 year
- TNT Rounds – renews 3/2/2025
- Tampa Bay Rounds – renews 4/4/2025
- Grand Square Hall – renews 5/10/2025
- Suzie Q Creations – renewed 12/9/2023 for 1 year
- DANCERgram – renews 10/6/2024
- Rounds With Judy – renews 8/15/2024

The annual cost for a URL is \$22 to \$39 per year based on the level of security. Renewals are charged to my credit card; I only ask for reimbursement of my actual out-of-pocket charges.

The Florida Federation website is hosted on servers provided by the company Webmasters.com – the same servers used for the DANCERgram. The next annual renewal is 3/11/2024. Hosting is currently paid for by the West Coast Association at a cost of \$119.40 for the year. An additional \$55 for the secure server capability is paid for by the Federation.

The Webmasters hosting provides 10Gb (Gigabytes) of storage – the Federation and all other websites I maintain on the platform are using 70.1% of that storage. At this time the Federation website does not have the Photo Galleries available online – these galleries were removed years ago due to space limitations. As Keith Olds now has the server with these files, they could be sent to me or uploaded (using FTP – File Transfer Protocol) if it is deemed a worthwhile use of our time.

As previously mentioned, outdated html code (parts of the html code dates back to 1999) results in an occasional “A” symbol appearing on some web pages. I have resolved this on some of the web pages and as time permits, I continue to work on corrections.

In conclusion:

- I will continue to maintain the website for the foreseeable future. I spend between 2 and 4 hours a week handling updates and improvements; more time if something substantial needs to be done.
- For contingency purposes I provided Keith Olds with the access codes and passwords for everything associated with the website hosting and my GoDaddy URL accounts.
- Federation minutes for a couple of the last several meetings are missing – when provided they will be added. If I am provided with an upcoming meeting agenda it will be posted.
- The SCCA/West Coast Association link still takes the viewer to a page with links to both the SCCA website and what is noted as the “old” West Coast webpages. This will remain “as is” until I receive some direction on how this should be handled.
- And again, I must thank Penny Green for continuing to advise me of “oops” items that need correction!

Clubs should send Bruce Morgan an email to change FB administrators.

Convention Reports

2024 (Keith and Angie Olds)

We vacated the premises at 11pm the place was pristine. Everybody took care of their area; I saw Earle & Carol sweeping the floor in the main hallway at the end of the convention. Everything I've heard from the Center was they were happy with us. The only complaint was they don't like tape on the walls, and we were told that including the ones who put it there, but there was no damage. They said they have penciled us in for next year for this weekend. Sounds like all of that is going well. Everybody liked that facility a lot more than the Fairgrounds. Dawn & Charles deserve a lot of credit for finding that place and it looks like it will be great for next year. The Plus Hall was crowded most of the time, but I think it was big enough that it was danceable. I did see, even surprised me a lot even the Mainstream area got a lot of use. Last night I didn't expect there to be very many squares, it was absolutely packed. I don't understand what happened here, but the round dance attendance, we had a gazillion round dancers and the daytime teaches were very well attended.

An initial count as of 4pm yesterday was 343 registrations which is a few more than last year. And I don't know if that includes everybody (caller, cuer, vendors).

We had just a small number of campers that took advantage of the free parking there. But I didn't hear any issues one way or the other on camping.

(Side note from Penny Green – several years ago when we booked conventions, we booked 3 three years out when we were in Lakeland. And then each year the next year was added on to that so we held our space and wasn't given away like this time. I don't know why we stopped doing that. It was something Don Slocum did with the Lakeland Center and then we didn't have to worry about someone taking our spot the next year. Side note from Jenny Green – I have one complaint, in the Mainstream Hall in the beginning the volume was nice and low, but as callers came in and changed the volume kept getting higher and it was kind of hard to hear out at the registration table. Hopefully we can get the callers to change the position of the sound system.)

Facilities (Carol Poole – filling in for Randy Poole)

Randy said he will see the people this week to finalize the dates for next year and I guess we will pencil in the following year. Earle told us the halls were a little small for some of the round dance halls.

Housing (Carol Poole – filling in for Randy Poole)

Randy has talked with this year's hotel we probably have the same deal we had this year. So of course, new owners have added parking fees and a limit on dogs among other changes.

He thought he would go back to Orange City and talk to a hotel there, the one that wanted 1 payee last time. And now that we have some history in the area maybe they will waive that so we can all phone in our reservations.

2025 (Charles Tharp & Dawn DeWitt)

Just a couple things about the Center at Deltona, we did hear a complaint that someone was placing easels inside the Great Hall on Friday morning, and they got yelled at by someone working at the center. My comment was, we don't have that part of the center until 5 o'clock and it seemed to me

that everyone there working on the grounds needs to be made aware of the regulations and what we have or don't have and what time so that kind of things can be avoided.

We should be looking for another facility, if we're going to grow; I've spent hours combing Google Maps zooming in until you can finally read the house number looking for places and there's a lot of places.

We would like to have a short meeting today. For those who are on the committee, thank you. But we do have a lot of empty spots and that would include some pretty important spots. We need asst cuer, camper, dangle, entertainment, photo, vendor.

We do hope we made you happy with our kick-off event. We had a lot of fun doing that. We did hand out buttons; so, the buttons were given out at registration, everyone was ready to pay \$1. We did have a substantial number of people register using the QR code and instead of getting their ribbons now, they will get them and any dinner tickets they purchased at the door when they come in. So, we removed the problem of having to hand out the ribbons and count them and number them and keep track of them and replace them when we don't bring them. So, ribbons will be given as they check-in, it will be will-call. The buttons are advertisements, please wear them and hand them out. You will have some QR codes to hand out to register. There will be a few paper registrations, and everything will be posted on the media.

Our goal is to have all registrations completely online, we know that's not going to be a reality, but we could have the registration chairmen get a committee and have people input it. I know Jenny and Linda have been doing that.

You will receive a packet for your association. I have the flyers, so everybody gets flyers. We have 2 raffles – a \$500 Visa card and 2-tickets for the dinner & Show. We have branded merchandise; we have DS Shoe Covers with the square and circle logo on it. We did sell 32 pairs of those. We needed to sell 80 to get our money back. I think we'll do it, I thought it was going to happen a little quicker. So, we'll sell every chance we get.

We did a survey, hopefully we'll get some information that will inform us of what people want. The Center does offer a drink package that costs \$2 per person per day; they would have unlimited beverages besides water.

We do need to work on the benefit dances. My information says we have 3 calling committee: Bill Chesnut, Mark Fetzer, & Dave Vieira. With 3 callers on the committee, we were thinking maybe we should have 3 benefit dances and capitalize on the areas that those callers are in.

We would like to have Zoom meetings when we get underway. We will kind of target people we need to deal with so we're not sitting through another boring meeting.

(Side note from Mark Fetzer: in the Northeast, traditionally, the dancer organization would put on a benefit dance; the last few years in the Northeast the dancer organization has just donated the money instead of doing the dance. I feel the dances should be in every corner of the state, not only do they raise money, they raise awareness. That is important for benefit dances. I'll work with getting callers from various parts of the state that will be more than glad to do something.)

We know our association (Southeast) does a benefit dance; we collected donations from the dancers directly and the association donated money too. We sent quite a big chunk into the convention. Hopefully each association is going to do that, but I think having those benefit dances in areas where the caller is situated brings people in too. And it gives a chance to people from all around can go. Whereas, if it is just south, or whatever, we have to try to accommodate as many people as we can which obviously has been done for years.

(Side note from Jenny Green – With the registration, they not only can do credit card payments, they can also go ahead and register if they want to do cash or check. There are options where they can mail it to me, wait until they get to the convention or if they are at a dance and there is a convention representative there, you guys can put your name and whether you received cash or check from the dancer. Linda Tester asked if we accept payments through Zelle; no, unfortunately we can only use Square. Unfortunately, we are trying to get a little more in the digital age, but there will be a few paper registrations for those who refuse to do it online or can't.)

So, we had a lot of people come up to the registration table and they're in the habit of filling out a piece of paper, if they do it online there's no need for that piece of paper. We have some quarter (¼) sheets with the QR code on 1-side and on the back is all the information that is pertinent to the convention. Minus some contact information, so we will remedy that. However, if they want the quarter sheet, that is a lot less expensive than a whole sheet of paper.

(Side note 2 from Jenny Green – there is a link for the hotel, but since we do not have a host hotel yet, that link is not activated. I do have a note to come back to see if the link has been opened. If they register for the convention and then decide later, they want to order dinner show tickets, they can go back online and do it then too. You don't have to have a ribbon and dinner purchase at the same time.)

Housing

See housing under 2024 Convention

2026 Who will Chair? Learn Now! Need Seed Money

No volunteer yet

Hall of Fame (Ailene Picheco)

This award is not just for dancers! It was organized to also honor: callers, cuers, publishers, teachers, organizers, promoters, vendors and/or others, for their STATEWIDE contributions made to our square dance activity. Please think of someone who might qualify and send a resume to your Association President, or to me, for consideration.

The committee members are listed on the website and a format to follow for the resume is also listed on the website.

History (Penny Green)

No report.

USDA (Carol Poole)

They held their winter executives meeting here at this hotel. I'm sure when they planned to come to Florida in January, they were all hoping for warmer weather than last year in North Dakota. We did a little better but not as nice as I hoped. Their next meeting will be at the National Square Dance Convention in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 26. All of you travelling to Milwaukee please plan on attending the meeting. It is only a couple of hours in the afternoon. The meeting is interesting, informative, and they need a quorum. Florida has four votes, therefore, needs four delegates to attend. Some advice, if you don't want to buy one of their jackets, take a sweater because it is usually very cold at this meeting. (weather wise)

Carol states she will not be able to attend the National Convention in June.

Cal asked for a volunteer to be an alternate delegate for the USDA.

USDA Insurance (Carol Poole)

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT
January 21, 2024**

Beginning Balance as of September 30, 2023		\$3,063.99
Income		
Central		\$507.75
Northeast		\$750.20
Northwest		\$445.90
Southeast		\$154.00
Promenade Squares		\$324.50
Temple Twirlers		\$93.50
Total Income		\$2,275.85
Expenses		
USDA Insurance		\$2,553.40
Total Expense		\$2,553.40
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2023		\$2,786.44

As of January 12, 2024	Assoc.	Clubs	Members
Central		5	94
Northeast		6	151
Northwest	1	3	96
Southeast	1		33
West Coast Area		2	73
Florida Federation			24
69th Florida State Convention			22
Total: Federation, Convention, Two Associations & 16 Clubs			493

Only half of the 2023 insured clubs have submitted their renewals. Hopefully, the others will soon follow. The hardest thing to remember is the minimum club fee raised one dollar to \$46.00. Since the beginning

around 1985, this is the first raise. Please remind your clubs to submit their new members and their class rosters.

ASCAP/BMI/SESAC (Richard & Carol Douget)

ASCAP/BMI have been paid; I will be submitting the bill to the convention.

As far as SESAC, the gentleman I was working with is no longer with them. It took me until Thursday night (this week) to finally get an answer; the answer was they have the application; it is being processed and they will send me a bill once it's finished being processed. But, meanwhile, we were covered for the convention for SESAC.

ARTS (Ailene Picheco)

The 2024 Annual ARTS meeting is scheduled to be held immediately after the 73rd NSDC Convention on Sunday, June 30, 2024, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. ALL dancers, callers, and cuers are invited.

Old Business

By Laws (Carol Douget, Jenny Green, Annie Minor)

Carol very graciously pulled out all the minutes of changes related to those documents. So, for the most part, from what I could see most of all the changes were made, the one change that still needs to be approved and done is the change of address from Bruce's address to Terri Little's address.

The documents that are on the website are old documents. I did go through and fixed a spelling error. I know that everything has been changed to non-profit instead of not for profit. There was a spelling error so those little things got changed, but I'm not sure if anyone knows where the documents are that Cheryl turned-in to change us to a 501(c)(3), but those would be the most current. Bruce mentioned that once we change the address from his to Terri's, we will need to re-file the documents with the state.

After a short discussion it was decided that we will not be changing the address.

Federation Dress Advertisement and Information on Website? Saturdays at State and National Conventions

The Florida Federation outfit will be an 8-gore skirt with 1 being yellow, the rest being blue and a Florida patch on the yellow. Terri Little stated there will be a sample available at the Working Weekend. Patches will be sold for \$1.

- Kona Turquoise (SKU 0791-2140) available at JoAnn Fabrics
- Kona Butter Cup Yellow (SKU 0137-8447) available at JoAnn Fabrics

First Convention Booklet (Penny Green)

The first draft has been completed. I plan to discuss it at the HEPP meeting during the Working Weekend. My plan is to send a copy of the draft to the people who sign up for that meeting later this morning so they can review it prior to the meeting in May.

Updates will be made to the New Dancer Handbook.

Florida Sales Tax Certificate – Obtained (Jenny Green)

Our Certificate of Exemption was received on January 4th. A copy was sent to Randy Poole to give to the Center at Deltona and to Jeri & Peggy Huston to use when purchasing additional wood for the

flooring. The certificate is good through December 31, 2028. This allows us to be “*exempt from the payment of Florida sales and use tax on real property rented, transient rental property rented, tangible personal property purchased or rented, or services purchased.*” All transactions must be done under the Federation’s name. The original copy will be kept in the Treasurer’s Book.

Website

Expense to the Federation

Federation is responsible for \$55 and WC is responsible for \$119.

SCCA or old West Coast webpages

Penny Green said she will get with Cliff to take care of these.

New Business

When Jack & Zony Taylor turned over the history to me, they gave me the original Florida Federation logo. That should go in the secretary’s files.

Audit Finances

Shirley White & Jeff Taylor

Sign up for Committee for Working Weekend

Convention Final Report (Keith Olds)

Keith Olds presented the following motion: The convention annual report will be distributed electronically (email) to the convention stake holders (Federation, Florida Callers Association, and Round Dance Council). A nominal number of paper copies (five) will be printed and provided to the Federation Secretary. Checks for distribution of the convention proceeds will be accompanied by a brief financial summary statement. Motion seconded by Penny Green. Motion carried.

Zoom Meetings

Discussion was had about moving the Federation meetings to Zoom. It was the consensus of the group that we continue to have our meetings in person.

It was suggested to Cal that we have an assistant facility chairman. Cal asked the floor for any volunteers. No response.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am by Cal Maki.

Announcements

Next Meeting Working Weekend - May 4 - 5, 2024

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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Green
Secretary

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF November 1, 2023

Wells Fargo Convention	\$ 7,622.52
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$ 19,917.60
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 12,896.17
Insurance	\$ 3,074.39
TOTAL:	\$ 43,510.68

Wells Fargo Convention Checking Account2033

Beginning Balance		7,622.52
Receipts		
No Activity		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ -
Disbursements		
No Activity		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ -
TOTAL Wells Fargo CONVENTION CHECKING ACCT		\$ 7,622.52

Wells Fargo Business Checking Account3154

Beginning Balance		19,917.60
Receipts		
11/30/23 Interest	\$ 0.16	
12/11/23 Association Dues	\$ 150.00	
12/29/23 Interest	\$ 0.17	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 150.33
Disbursements		
11/11/23 Ck 1111 Cal Maki	ink, shipment to secretary, paper, copies & supplies for nationals, President's gift	\$ 211.78
11/11/23 Ck 1112 Linda Tester	Copies for annual meeting	\$ 27.68
11/27/23 Ck 1113 USDA	2024 Dues	\$ 100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 339.46
TOTAL Wells Fargo BUSINESS CHECKING ACCT		\$ 19,728.47

Wells Fargo MARKET SAVINGS ACCOUNT9599

Beginning Balance		12,896.17
Receipts		
11/30/23 Interest	\$ 1.59	
12/29/23 Interest	\$ 1.64	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 3.23
Disbursements		
No Activity		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ -
TOTAL Wells Fargo MARKET SAVINGS ACCT		\$ 12,899.40

ENDNG BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2023

Wells Fargo Convention	\$ 7,622.52
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$ 19,728.47
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 12,899.40
Insurance	\$ 4,860.24
TOTAL:	\$ 45,110.63