

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

MINUTES OF OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
JANUARY 28, 1996 HELD AT MID WINTER FESTIVAL IN EUGENE, OREGON

President Lowell Chamberlin brought the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

INVOCATION: Past President Rex Anderson.

FLAG SALUTE: First Vice President Lee Ashwill.

ROLL CALL: All Officers Present. Delegates: Emerald Empire Carol & Larry Reetz absent; Mid-Willamette Shirle & George Gierloff absent; and Portland Linda & Jerry Adams absent. Goodwill ambassadors absent; George & Bernice Gruchalla, Jim & Marge Neely and Ken & Nancy Carson.

MINUTES: MOTION by Bob Bosch to accept minutes as mailed. Second. Carried.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS: President Lowell Chamberlin thanked the Emerald Empire for doing such an excellent job on the Mid Winter Festival.

President announced the process he would like to use in that when Motions come up they would be tabled and taken back to your areas and then vote on them the next meeting. This would give us time to discuss and it would be done more intelligently.

The President gave the following ways to solve some problems: (1) To have open meetings (Under open meetings law because we are a private non-profit organization). (2) An agenda ahead of time. The president encourages the practice of the above and feels this will solve many problems in the Federation if followed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT LEE ASHWILL: POOF Meeting had discussion with one item coming out of that is that we are having a problem with correct addresses on the OFN subscriptions. When they mail them out it cost postage, when they get them returned it cost more postage to pick them up at the post office and when they re-mail them it is another cost. The POOF committee decided that they will adjust the subscription date for the charges when they re-mail. Each time an issue is returned and re-mailed that subscription will be reduced by one month. This will be announced in the OFN for two months prior to implementation. We have Federation Directories for sale.

1996 SUMMER FESTIVAL: Nancy Morrissey. We have received 18 registration this weekend. Total registration to date is 215. The Festival will start at 7 PM on Friday and end Sunday at 3 PM. There will be a special dance at the Blimp Hanger, which is the world's largest wooden structure. The dancing cows have also been asked to dance at the Tillamook Cheese Factory. The dance program has 15 callers and 17 cuers. There will be mainstream, plus and clogging at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds. The round dance program (phases II-V) will be at the Tillamook Junior High School (½ mile away). We are

selling water bottles (\$2.50) and coffee mugs (\$3.50). Anyone interested in hosting an after party should contact me by 2/15/96. For meeting rooms during the festival contact me with the number of people expected and the date you need the room and for how much time. Festival meetings are scheduled for Saturdays from 1-4 PM at the Driftwood Library in Lincoln City on 2/17, 3/16, 4/13 and May 11.

1998 SUMMER FESTIVAL: (Dorothy Daggett) Report by Ray Fenn. We have the callers contacted and are working on the cuers. It will be at the Eastern Oregon State College facilities.

1997 MID WINTER FESTIVAL: Larry and Carol Reetz introduced their Co-chairmen Leonard Snodgrass and Joyce Johnson. Callers are Wade Driver from Mesa Arizona, Tim Mariner from Richmond Hills, Georgia and Sidney Whitaker from Quincy, Illinois. Kay and Joy Reed from College Station, Texas, will be cuers for the round dance program. Don Marshall will call for the Teens as they have requested. Barry Welch will be here for Clogging from California.

OFN EDITOR: Caroline Bosch. We have tried a new approach to building our subscription level. Second renewal notices have been sent to those who had not renewed for the months of November and December. We gained a 65% renewal rate from those notices. The response to the \$32 three year subscription rate was at 30% of the subscriptions for November and December. Clubs as well as individuals have taken advantage of the starter \$3 three month's subscription. There will be a winner of a new or renewal subscription drawn at the Table this weekend which will be published in the next OFN. Thanks to the POOF's for manning the table. We gained 29 new and renewal subscriptions.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT BOB BOSCH: We have visited dancer jamborees within three councils and they have had from 11 to 23 squares in attendance. The enthusiasm is high and they seem to be taught very well. I've been receiving council minutes and verbal reports that bring a growing concern about the stability of clubs. Some reports indicate that internal club problems like finances, membership, dwindling class numbers and petty disputes are going hand in hand to cause clubs worry about folding. A request is made to put aside differences and support your club as a unit and the club's money making ideas. Create enthusiasm by saying hello and being friendly. All of that has become a way of entertainment and life style. The light at the end of the tunnel is making enthusiasm.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARIE TOWE: Extra copies of past minutes are available. Mailing list will be passed around for checking accurate addresses.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY LOLA ROBELLA: Get Well cards went out to Bob Nester (surgery), Ernie Powell (heart attack), Anne Ruede (back surgery), and Bob Holden (heart problem). Thinking of you card was sent to Walt Rice. Later a Sympathy card went to his wife, Lovella, after Walt passed away from Cancer. Other Sympathy cards went out to Jim Green & family for loss of their father Larry Green; to Fae Edge, loss of husband Archie; Vivian Anderson, loss of husband Andy; Betty Grossham for loss of husband Carl; Elfrieda Giltner for loss of husband; Dorothy Murray for loss of husband Ray; Virginia Norwood for loss of husband Norm; and to Connie and Floyd Christie for the loss of Connie's father. Anniversary card was sent to Willie & Billie Smith for their 50th.

Thank you notes have been received from Larry Green's family and Betty Grassham. A Christmas letter

was received from Virginia Norwood and Goodwill Ambassador's report from Ken & Nancy Carson.

Ballots will be mailed to the secretaries of each Oregon Federated Club the first of March to addresses in the State Directory. Please let me know if these addresses are not correct. We have State stationary and envelopes with us.

TREASURER MICK MCKINNEY: The Financial Report has been distributed. The fifth page is an expense reimbursement report for the last two state meetings at Dallas and Newport. Also the OFN report is included. The first column of the General Fund Report is the period ending Oct 31, 1995 and the fourth column is the balance in the "General Fund". We have gone from \$20,400 on 8/31/94 to \$4,400 current. The funds from Mid-Winter will go into this account.

In response to the bonding application, there is concern about our audits not being done by a CPA. Currently all bank statements go to the Treasurer but that will change and they will go to the financial advisor for review and then be passed on to the Treasurer. Currently the signatures on the checks are the Treasurer, President and First Vice President. With the bank statements going to the Financial Advisor that does not have a signing capability, it should give as a good safe guard for audit purposes.

MEMBERSHIP RON SCHMIT: The delegates have received their respective area membership packets to be distributed to the clubs. Remember to have the clubs read the letter and firmly state that there is a DEADLINE for the forms to be returned.

The badge board has been on display during Mid Winter. There are some badges that are not included. The club badges still needed are: Blue Mountain Council, Central Oregon Council, Lincoln-Tillamook Council, South Coast Council (does not have one), Interstate Highlanders (do not have one), 4N 8ers, Jefferson State Squares, Klamath County Squares, North Willamette Callers & Cuers.

A membership packet has gone out to Shelley Bounds for the Oregon State Clogging Association. The Clogging club from LaGrande is working on their papers. The Muddy Frogs have moved from the Eastern Oregon Council to the Blue Mountain Council as of Jan. 1, 1996.

PAST PRESIDENT REX ANDERSON: Fairview Benefit Dance will be March 31, 1996 from 2 to 4 PM at the Fairview Hospital, 2250 Strong Rd. SE, Salem. Reminder to the Candidates running for office that the elected officers are used for cashiers and greeters at this dance. We have announced our callers and cuers and have put flyers out. We were going to keep the callers and cuers a secret but thought it was not fair to them to not get the publicity since they give their time. The callers are Rick Ewing, M.C., Roger Putzler, Ron Silicki and Marian Cook is the Cuer.

Thanks to the nominating committee, George & Shirle Gierloff, Doug Pederson, Karel & Don Morris and Bea & Ed Smith. Candidates running for office should submit their photograph and articles for the OFN to the editor. The Candidates for elected state office positions 1996-1997 are as follows:

Membership Chairman:

Guy Fine
Douglas Pederson

Corresponding Secretary:	Lola Robello
	Ronnie Wiser
Recording Secretary:	Jodene Hughes
	Susan DeHut
Treasurer:	None
2nd Vice President:	Linda Lambert
	Ron Schmit
	Dave Cameron
1st Vice President:	Ray Bunch
	Bob Bosch

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Open for nominations from the floor for the office of Membership.

MOTION Rex Anderson moves the nominations for Membership be closed.

Second. Carried.

Nominations now open from the floor for Corresponding Secretary.

MOTION Bob Bosch moves the nominations be closed.

Second. Carried.

Nominations now open from the floor for the office of Recording Secretary.

MOTION Lee Ashwill moves the nominations be closed.

Second. Carried.

Nominations now open from the floor for Treasurer.

Lee Ashwill. I would like to submit the name of Mick McKinney for Treasurer.

Bea Smith nominates Barbara Cooper for Treasurer.

MOTION Bob Bosch to close the nominations.

Second. Carried.

Nominations are now open from the floor for the 2nd Vice President.

MOTION Bob Bosch moved nominations be closed.

Second. Carried.

Nomination are now open from the floor for 1st Vice President.

MOTION Rex Anderson moved the nominations be closed.

Second. Carried.

PARLIAMENTARIAN DOUG PEDERSON: Copies of the Practice and Procedures for each club in the Federation was brought before this Board at the last meeting. I recommend the area councils take care of this with their clubs. We will now adhere to the Practice and Procedures that say that every new club coming into the Federation will be provided a copy through the State Parliamentarian.

PUBLICITY & STATE REPORTER ED & MARY WARMOTH: The two nights before the Fairview Dance there will be a big dance in the Portland Area sponsored by the two area councils (PAC & TVC) at the Oaks Park. A letter was read from Molly Wang in Taiwan about the 43rd National Square Dance Convention in Portland. They sent thanks for the pictures of the Taiwanese dancers and their appreciation for the kindness and consideration.

The Advertising Fund. Last July this Board set in motion a good program with \$5,000 to be spent in cooperation with local area councils and caller/cuer organizations. This money is to be decided equally among all councils or about \$384 on the shelf for each council when they apply. The Board has approved reimbursement for Emerald Empire. I have an inquiry in from Eastern Oregon. Portland Area Council sent in late claiming money for some advertising they did. We are not recommending that be paid. They can apply again within the next three years, but that request for \$400 dollars should not be honored. I have a procedure sheet now and we need to remind you that all applications must be made in advance to the Committee (The Publicity Chairman, the Membership Chairman, and delegate Helen Schreiner). It is my recommendation that this committee have the power to approve these applications and turn the bills into the Treasurer for reimbursement.

COMMENT by Bill Rooper a representative of the Portland Area Council. I would like to protest what I think is arbitrarily turning down of the Portland Area Council's request for reimbursement. This group authorized \$5,000 in July, Portland Area Council relied on that and went ahead and spent some money prior to September. Then when we asked for reimbursement we were arbitrarily turned down because we didn't go through the procedures which had not been prepared at the time we spent the money.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR LINDA LAMBERT: The audit has been completed. It is their opinion that the books and records fairly represent the financial of the Oregon Federation for the year ending August 31, 1995. Signed statements to that effect have been placed into the hands of the Treasurer; the Financial Advisor keeps a copy and also a copy has been passed on to the 1st Vice President and the President. We want to thank Don Reed for his help in the audit.

It is time for all clubs, organizations and councils to file taxes. If any of your organizations pay any one person \$600 or more during the year, you must file a 1099 form with the Federal Government and along with that you must attach a transmittal which is a 1096 form. If you file more than one 1099 form, it is only necessary to attach one transmittal. It is no longer necessary to send a copy of the 1099 to the State of Oregon (for 96). If anyone needs the forms, contact myself (Financial Advisor) or contact the IRS at 1-800-829-3676. Mick has all forms necessary to prepare and file the tax forms for the Oregon Federation. Attached are the breakdown by Council and Clubs which indicate the IRS Tax Exempt (501 C) number and if they have State Corporation the renewal month is indicated. Also indicated is their registered agent. The registered agent is the person that the renewal form is mailed to. It is the responsible party in your organization. It is not necessary to have both the Federal Tax Exempt Number and the State Corporation, they need to have one or the other. Remember on the back of the membership form, if you have the Federal 501 C number you need to record it. If there is a State Corporation and not the Federal 501 C number, then a copy of the corporation papers must be attached to the membership form.

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN GUY FINE: Over 200 letters were distributed at the November State Meeting asking for input for an Education Seminar at the 1996 Summer Festival. I have received two letters back. My question to the delegates is with this type of response, do you really think that you are going to get attendance at an Education Seminar. My new address 47188 N. Amherst, Portland, Oregon 97203 (503) 286-5105.

HISTORIAN DON MORRIS: To remind all officer and delegates to bring me news clipping, programs, ribbons, pictures, anything of that nature from any Council or Club event that I might use in the 1996 State scrapbook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INSURANCE RAY & FRAN BUNCH: (1) Our equipment is now insured. A notification of event must be turned in requesting insurance for the trailers to insure the people on the trailer. (2) Notification of Event, Request for Certificate of Additional Insured, and Accident Report forms have been provided for each club and State Delegate. These are updated forms. The Notification of Event and Request for Certificate (they are back to back) are masters for each form, please photo copy for use. I have an accident report form for Wanda Mohler who fell at this Mid Winter Festival and I will give this to Dave Cameron for completion. (3) A new procedure is being implemented where I will give you the status of your insured dancers in May and I want you to update this. As new dancers join clubs it doesn't appear that they are getting on the insured dancers lists (by notifying the insurance chairman). If someone gets injured and they have not been reported to the insurance records, they will not have insurance. If you use the Notification of Event or the Request for Certificate of Additional Insurance forms they must be turned in at least 45 days prior to the event. This gives time to get the documentation back from the Company. If there is an emergency, this can be faxed to me and to the Insurance Company.

BMI/ASCAP RALPH LAMBERT: Current and under control. We normally pay 5 cents per dancer to both BMI and ASCAP but we have learned from ASCAP that there is a \$60 per event minimum fee. I have forwarded this information to the Chairs of the 1996 Mid Winter and Summer Square Dance Festivals.

YOUTH COORDINATOR RON FRERK: Jan and I are working with Nancy Morrissey on the 1996 Summer Festival teen activities. We will have a good program for the teens there.

STATE FAIR FRAN BUNCH: I now have a new assistant chairman, Leroy and Karen Andvick from the Capitol 8's in Salem. The ad for State Fair dancing and application will be coming out in the April OFN.

TRAILER COORDINATOR JIM KINKAID (given by Fran Bunch): During 1995 the trailers were used 10 times by 7 different clubs or organizations from Portland to Springfield and from May to December. Unfortunately several clubs would have liked to use one or both trailers but they (trailers) were reserved for another group. The floors were refinished for State Fair dancing. Another coat before State Fair use this year would help the wood and also appearance. It has been a pleasure to serve as Trailer Coordinators the past few years and we will continue to do so.

ORDTA ELAINE FUNK: We have lost some mail and think that our Thank You note to the Federation didn't get in, so on behalf of Bill and myself we would like to thank the Oregon Federation for the get well cards for Bill. He was very ill and is slowly recuperating and getting better. We had a good ORDTA meeting yesterday and would like to thank the Mid Winter Festival for help in getting the facilities ready

for us early. Also, would like to thank the committees for getting such good round dance teachers all the time for the festivals. We do appreciate that and it gives us all good input so we can help all the other dancers.

I would also like to reiterate that ORDTA will be available for any festivals for their round dance programs. If they would like assistance in any way, ORDTA is more than willing to help. If you have any questions, let us know.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING JAY STIMLER: We have had a couple questions come up in the last 4-6 weeks. One is an internal political question about how one of the areas selected their round of the month. Another one was about a dance that was not qualified that was selected under the criteria that the Federation has set down, so perhaps we haven't done quite as good a job of notifying people of the selection process. In the Spring we will provide the OFN with a "how the selection process works" that they can run when they have the space.

OLD BUSINESS

CHARITY COMMITTEE LEE ASHWILL: This committee identified five potential charitable organizations that would fit the mold of our charitable goals. They are S.A.B.L.E House (Safe from Abuse & Battered Living Environment) Dallas, Oregon; H.O.R.S.E.S (The adaptive riding institute for the physically challenged) Scotts Mills, Oregon; Make-A-Wish Foundation, Portland, Oregon; The Oregon School for the Blind, Salem, Oregon; and the Oregon School for the Deaf, Salem, Oregon. We have written letters to each of these organization requesting a brief summary of the services they provide and specific projects that they felt this organization might be able to assist them in acquiring. This letter also advised them that it may be necessary for a representative to attend one of our State Meetings to present a briefing on the functions of their organization. Responses were received from the S.A.B.L.E. House, H.O.R.S.E.S and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It is our recommendation that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs select a future meeting and invite the representatives from these three organizations to present their briefing.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT LINDA LAMBERT: The Financial Advisory Committee met in December and we are in the process of developing a request form which will be very similar to the one that Ed and his committee used for the requests for advertising. We hope that it will be finalized and presented at the May meeting. We had one request for money to be spent out of the Square Dance Enhancement Fund that came to the November meeting. Ron Schmit was asked to go back and get some other bids and he did come back with some more information and at the Financial Advisory Committee meeting in December, we came up with the following recommendations: The Financial Advisory Committee recommends that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs spend a total of \$104 for the purchase of 3000 stickers to promote Oregon at the San Antonio National Square Dance Convention in June 1996. This expenditure is to come from the Statewide Square Dance Enhancement Fund.

MOTION by Karel Morris that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs spend \$104 for the purchase of 3000 stickers to promote Oregon at the San Antonio National Square Dance Convention in June of 1996. This expenditure is to come from the Statewide Square Dance Enhancement Fund. Second. Carried.

BREAK

COMMENTS FROM JEAN BRIGL: I want to commend Linda on the work she has been doing as Financial Advisor. She stepped into this job and it's a little bit scary I know, but she has been doing a fantastic job.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS: Bob Bosch introduces some special guests from the 1997 Washington Summer Festival, Janet Delcoff and her crew are here and we would like to recognize them. Washington Summer Festival is June 20-24, 1997 at Clark County Fairgrounds. There will be a full dance program of mainstream, plus, advanced, cued rounds, clogging and teen program.

TABLED SUMMER FESTIVAL MOTION:

MOTION by Lola Robello to remove the Motion from the table. Second. Failed.

EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE:

MOTION: Bea Smith. I move that the purchasing committee buy an inkjet printer to be used by the Insurance Chairman. Money to come from the money allocated for hardware and software for the Insurance Chairman. Second. Discussion.

Recording Secretary reads the previously passed motions. The motion is by Nancy Carson that the purchasing Committee look into a laptop computer and come back at the next meeting with a recommendation. Second. Discussion and Carried.

Amended Motion by Linda Lambert that the purchasing committee also look into the required software to run the insurance needs, which would be a data base, spreadsheet and word processor. Second. Carried.

Amend the Amended Motion by Linda Lambert that the purchasing committee look into the most feasible option for a computer system for the insurance. Second. Carried

MOTION. Lee Ashwill. I move that we table that motion until such time as we receive a report from the Purchasing Committee. Second. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BID PROPOSAL FOR 1997 SUMMER FESTIVAL:

Dick Davenport, President of the Independence Wagon Wheelers, presented a bid proposal for hosting the 1997 Oregon State Summer Festival at Polk County Fairgrounds. This would include 132 RV spots at \$12 per day. There would be 268 more spots at \$10 without hookups. There would be 31,560 sq ft of dance floor with 22,360 sq ft being wood flooring. There is area for vendors in two buildings and on a patio. Housing would be motels in Dallas and Salem and some dormitory housing at Oregon State College. The dates would be in the first part of June starting into the vacation season and would offer dancers more than just three days of a state summer festival. Other activities would be advertised making it a family event.

MOTION. Lee Ashwill. I move that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs accept the bid as presented by Mr. Davenport and award the 1997 Summer Festival to the Independence Wagon Wheelers. Second. Carried.

BID FOR 1999 SUMMER FESTIVAL:

Bea Smith, delegate of the Tualatin Valley Council, submits a bid to the State for the 1999 Summer Festival.

MOTION. To accept the bid from the TVC for the 1999 Summer Festival. Second. Carried.

Shan McKinney will be the chair the 1999 Summer Festival. It will be the Yellow Rock Roundup and it will be a five year reunion of the 43rd National Convention and that will be all of you. The Assistant Chairman will be Bob & Caroline Bosch. We have been up and running for one week.

INTEREST FOR EDUCATION SEMINAR AT SUMMER FESTIVAL:

President Lowell Chamberlin. Guy Fine raised the issue this morning about his concern regarding interest in the Education Seminar at the Summer Festival. We need a motion.

MOTION. Lee Ashwill. I move that we sanction to disband the Education Seminar at Summer Festival. Second. Discussion. Failed.

MEMBERSHIP:

MOTION: Ron Schmit. I move we accept from the PAC Council the new club by the name of Recycles into the Oregon Federation. Second. Carried.

Ron Schmit explains that this is two clubs that disbanded (Fun Lovers and Circle 8 n' Singles) and reformed under the Recycles.

SPECIAL MEETING:

Lowell Chamberlin suggests we need to know where the Federation is heading. The Constitution gives

the President the right to call a special meeting. He would like to call a special meeting of this Board. This meeting approximate date is June 15, 1996 (Saturday). Ed Warmoth gives it the name "Project 2000". What is our plan, we would like to invite (to a central place) Board members, council presidents, club presidents, other interested parties. The way of doing business that day would be a consensus model. We would divide into small groups and begin brainstorming ways to improve square dancing. Those plans would be submitted and would be refined at the end of the day. We would come out with a four or five year plan for improvement of square dancing. As president I am calling a meeting and I have asked Lee to look into using the Polk County Fairgrounds on June 15, 1996. Notices will be sent out for notification of this meeting.

DELEGATES REPORTS

UMPQUA JIM (NANCY) HENSON: Send all information for the Buckeroos to Jim Henson, 2047 NE Freemont, Roseburg, OR 97470, phone (541) 673-5411. The square and round dance lessons are going good for the Buckeroos. A beginner round dance class will start 2/6/96. The new dancers were invited for the Christmas and New Years Eve dances. The Buckeroo's 2nd edition cook book is now available. The wreath making project was very successful. They were sold at the annual Douglas County Christmas Fair. The Buckeroo round dance party was well attended on 12/17/95. A surprise square and round dance was held to honor their president, Jim Henson, to show their appreciation. He was awarded a purple heart and medal of valor. All tips and rounds were dedicated to their president.

Square dance lessons are going well for the Boots & Calico Square Dance Club. Round dance lessons start January 11, 1996. A new dancers jamboree was held 12/23/95. No lessons for the Timber 8's Square Dance Club. They will be wearing their new club outfits at Mid-Winter Festival.

The Dancing Friends held their Christmas Round Dance party 12/9/95. They are having monthly round dances. They attended a visitation with the Buckeroo's to the Boots & Sandals in Cottage Grove. We had 3 full squares with caller and cuer. We tried to get away with their large banner but it was well guarded. We have more tri-fold flyers for those that would like them.

TVC BEA SMITH: The TVC hosted a successful subscription dance for the OFN and a dance for the American Heart Association. We turned over \$410 to the Heart Association. Our joint Dinner Meeting with the PAC was well attended and a lot of fun (the meeting set a record for lasting 46 seconds). The TVC recognition award was given to Lloyd and Colleen Coventey for their outstanding work in the TVC. The TVC Council thanks you for allowing us to put on the 1999 Summer Festival.

SUNSET EMPIRE DOUG (JUNE) BRACHER: For the Hayshakers 60 persons attended the Christmas dinner and dance party and 20 attended the New Years party. We had amateur callers, square dancing, round dancing, ballroom dancing, the bunny hop, charleston and the hokey pokey. During the evening we had a worse than white elephant exchange. Hilarious. The Hayshakers participated in the Umbrella Parade in Astoria. 20 members dressed as Christmas trees, Christmas packages, tin soldiers and other excellent costumes. The group won third prize (\$50) and it did not rain.

We were saddened by the loss of Vera Lanier who was a charter member.

The club has been attending Harvey Hunsucker's plus dances. Our 39th anniversary dance was 1/7/96. Some of our fun dances were the baby picture dance and the roaring twenties dance. Our clam digger stomp is 3/15/96 with Jim Hattrick calling. Everyone is welcome.

The Promenaders had their hard times dance that brought out some weird costumes including some Hayshakers. Some of the Promenaders attended the Hayshaker dance 11/18/95 and their Christmas party 12/2/95. Promenaders had their Christmas party 12/9/95 and New Years party 12/31/95. The 4th Saturday in February is their 40th anniversary. The club is planning on square and round dance lessons in the near future.

SOUTH COAST KAREL (DON) MORRIS: Jefferson State Squares brought Toys for Tots for their Christmas party and dances. These were divided between Crescent City and Brookings. They celebrated their first Birthday Dance on 1/6/96.

Rainbow Cloggers started new classes this month. They have been involved in the formation of the Oregon State Clogging Association and in the future development of clogging.

A beginners Christmas Dance was held in Coquille by Sets in Order. They are continuing plans for their 50th Birthday Dance in October.

Skyloft Squares were saddened by the death in November of Carl Grassham from pancreatic cancer. Carl and Betty had been dancing since 1982. Skyloft hosted a New Year's weekend with 16 RV's and activities including a steak fry, crafts, games and cards, lots of potlucks, a pajama dance and the official New Year's Eve Dance. Skyloft is planning their annual benefit dance for Camp Easter Seal in February. It will be the same weekend as Saints-n-Aints 50's/60's Dance. Don Newburn will be calling Saturday dances for Skyloft Squares for a couple of months while regular caller, Chet Martin had surgery.

ROGUE SIS-Q REX (JERI) BOUNDS: The May 1996 State Meeting will be held at the Rogue Valley Square Dance Center at Central Point, Oregon (Medford area) May 19, 1996, 9:00 AM. Delegate Meeting will be at 3 PM May 18th followed by dinner and dance. You will get mailing with map.

We would like to invite everyone to dance with us at the Pear Blossom Festival April 12-13 at RogueValley Square Dance Center and then the Spring Fest April 26-27 at Josephine County Square Dance Center in Grants Pass.

December 10, we had our mid-way dance for the new dancers with 12 squares. Callers and cuers donated their time. Entrance to the dance was for things to be taken to Fairview.

The organization meeting for the Oregon State Clogging Association was held in our Council hosted by the Siskiyou Stompers Club.

PORTLAND AREA LINDA (JERRY) ADAMS (ABSENT), PENNY BROWN REPORTING: I would like to put a plug in for "Down by the Riverside", the joint Council Dance put on by PAC and TVC. There is a blue flyer in your paper work. Please taken them to your councils. It will be at Oaks

Park Dance Pavillion down by the river. Bob Studevous, National Caller, Ron Noble and Cindy Silicki are the cuers. \$8 per person for two dances. There is RV parking \$10 per night (self contained units). Pre-register early. They are still talking about the Rose Festival Dance but it usually is held the early part of June and with this dance, they are talking about having the Rose Festival dance at a different date and you will hear more about that in the future.

MID-WILLAMETTE SHIRLE (GEORGE)GIERLOFF (ABSENT), ARDELLE WOLF REPORTING: All clubs are busy planning their Valentines dances. Capital Callers & Cuers are presenting Bill Peters, International Caller at their Spring Fling on Saturday March 30th. In addition to the dance there will be a Free Caller Clinic at the Square Dance Center that afternoon from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. Another exciting dance will be held to celebrate Bob Anderson's 40 years of calling. This will be sponsored by the Willamette Squares and held on Saturday, February 24th at the VFW Hall, 630 Hood Street, Salem. Many of you have known Bob for several years. I am certain he would be pleased to have you help him celebrate.

LINCOLN TILLAMOOK RAY (BETTY) JONES: The three clubs in the area are busy planning their special dances for the year and all are working on the summer festival. A new club is forming in Lincoln City and will send for the membership information packet so that they may join the Federation.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS HELEN (DON) SCHRINER: The Interstate Highlanders held their meeting and dance on 12/31/95, with a gala New Years Eve party hosted by K.C. Squares. Larry Sprout and Bud Trowbridge called and cued the dance. The next Interstate Highlanders meeting and dance will be held on March 30, 1996, with the Tule Twirlers hosting. It was voted to give the proceeds from this dance to the Fairview Benefit.

The K.C.'s have elected new officers for 1996. Installed on January 20th were: President Joan & George Zaiger; Vice President Dale & Barbara Koehler; Secretary Dorothy & Afton Herndon; Treasurer Cecelia Hawkins & Sarge Glidewell and Board of Directors, Marcia & Jim Harris, Bob & Carol Potucek & Virginia & Jim Palmer; L. H. Delegates Colleen & Joe Mauch & Barbara Johnson.

The clubs of our area have had to cancel several workshops because of snow! We have had beautiful weather with above average temperatures until the 15th of January and then Mother Nature cut loose and we have snow! Snow! Snow!. However, we are thankful for the snow because we do not care to have another year of drought. To prevent this we must have snow, and our skiers and snowmobilers are happy.

EMERALD EMPIRE DAVE (BETTY) CAMERON: Everybody in the area worked hard on the Mid-Winter Festival. As facilities chairman it is requested that if a room is to be opened at 8:30 AM it cannot be opened before that because the Security people do not come on until 8:30 AM. We cannot have these doors open without security because of the equipment and vendor booths inside. Other problems are being discussed and will be ironed out by next year - first aid and the A1 and teen halls.

EASTERN OREGON LINDA (BOB) HOLDEN: We are sorry to have to report that the Muddy Frogs

have withdrawn from the Eastern Oregon Area and have asked to join the Blue Mountain Council. Ray Fenn and I have discussed this and are in agreement that if this is what they feel they want then they should be allowed to do so.

The Rockets of Pendleton are dancing on Friday nights and their club is beginning to revive. If you are in Pendleton come out and dance with them.

The Square Knots are holding mainstream lessons on Tuesday nights with about 15 class members. They are hoping that they will be able to keep all of them. They are dancing mainstream on the first Friday and the third Saturday and plus on the third Friday. Our New Year's Eve dance was small but this did not stop us from having a good time.

The Ione Grand Squares are dancing their regular schedule. They held their annual Rock Creek School Christmas Dance which was, as always, a good time.

Bob and I want to thank you for the card he received following his heart attack. We hope to be able to dance as usual soon.

CENTRAL OREGON CHUCK (SUSIE) RICH: Lessons are under way in Central Oregon with a total of 52 new dancers. Clubs have had successful Christmas dances at which donated items such as gloves, hats, toys and food boxes were given to the needy.

Central Oregon Council needs more time to choose the Rounds of the month; the 15 days we were given in December were not sufficient. We have had this problem various times in the past and feel that it should be corrected.

Several of the clubs have announced the purchase of the Williams Hearing Enhancement transmitters, leaving the procurement of the receiver up to the individual dancer. It was stated by a club member that the re-chargeable batteries have a shorter life than the throw away ones; can anyone shed any light on this?

One Central Oregon club suggested that the State financial help could be better used in the purchase of the Williams Hearing Enhancement devices rather than given for advertising. The latter has always been handled at the Council and Club levels in the past, without too much hardship. Maybe this type of financial help would benefit the clubs and individuals to a greater degree.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RAY (GINGER) FENN: First if the Daggetts have not been notified of their award, we would like to surprise them with it. Our intentions will be to do this February 17. So if they don't hear about it, we'll surprise them.

Our OFN Council dance had a good turnout, however we were a little disappointed in numbers of OFN subscription and renewals. Hope to do better next time.

The Muddy Frogs of the Eastern Oregon Council requested transfer to the Blue Mt. Council, so during our meeting of 12/30/95, we voted to accept them. Letters of notification were sent to the Muddy

Frogs, the Eastern Oregon Council President and Federation Delegate, Federation President and Federation 1st Vice President. The Muddy Frogs will be kept current of all BMC activities and we are looking forward to a rewarding relationship with them.

The Council will provide to graduated new dancers the introductory issues of the OFN. Lessons are continuing with the Elkhorn Swingers and the Star Promenaders however both clubs have had drop outs. The Indian Valley Paraders are just starting lessons with two squares of beginners.

Steve and Danelle Wilson have a good group of Cloggers but as yet do not have the papers ready for membership into the Federation.

The Council Constitution and By Laws and Practices and Procedures have been drafted and are being reviewed by the clubs. These should be ready to be read at the next meeting and acted upon at that time.

Round of the month for February chosen by the BMC is "I should have asked her faster". The rounds information was received too late to be reviewed by all our cuers so Don & Ann Colton of the Elkhorn Swingers made the selection.

Bud & Billie Jean Rogers of the Indian Valley Paraders have retired. Elation of their new freedom shows in their faces. This wonderful couple has taught more students, callers, and plus than any other persons in our Council for many years and Bud is always available when asked. They have set an example to square and round dancing that is unequaled and are dearly loved by all.

ACTIVE GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

ED & MARY WARMOTH: We look forward to attending the National Square Dance Convention in San Antonio June 26-29. We have been helping some Oregon dancers to get registered and we will be staying at the Radisson Market Square Hotel. We will be moderating a panel in San Antonio on "Square Dancing Around the World".

We expect to do some traveling for Habitat for Humanity in the fall and may be going to Europe. By the way, our 50th Wedding Anniversary will be coming on Monday May 13.

NANCY MORRISSEY: I attended the Corvallis Spinning Antlers New Dancers Dance in November and the Turkey Telford Dance where there was excellent dancing and great food. I attended the Columbians Monday night plus dance in December. Over the Holidays I visited my family in Southern California. My objective here was to enjoy my nieces and nephews. I will be traveling where possible to help promote square dancing in Oregon and plan on attending the 45th National Square Dance Convention in San Antonio, Texas this June.

JACK & ROSEMARY WILLIAMS: Jack & Rosemary have been occupied by being angels for new dancer lessons and also new plus dancers (I think we are really the ones who are learners at the plus

lessons). Beginner lessons are being conducted by Mike Nonnemaker and plus lessons are being conducted by Ron Bliven. Both class members are very enthusiastic. We have some very dedicated new dancers.

A Christmas trip to California involved square dancing friends. We attended a Friday night dance in Modesto. Of course being from Oregon we were recognized and treated like royalty. We pitched the Mid Winter Festival. In our home we now have a very huge poinsettia which one of the dancers insisted they present to the "people from Oregon". The dance was held in a Senior Center with a beautiful wooden floor to dance on. Since they were including the new beginners, the dance consisted of over 12 squares. During the intermission one of the new dancers performed a Hawaiian Hula dance. All of the attendants (especially the men) really enjoyed that activity. Would you believe they had so many different varieties of cookies and jello, we had to eat the apple pie our hosts had planned to serve after the dance for our breakfast the next morning.

Our experience with dancing has been "everyone loves square dancers". The first hug I received down there was from their new caller.

KEN & NANCY CARSON written report read by Lola Robello: We are in the sunny south Mesa. Before we came here we spent four days with our good square dance friends, Donna and Leonard Scott from Klamath Falls, they are in Yuma. While in Yuma we attended what they call an "Association Dance". It is the same as our area Council dances, except they have them on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We had an excellent caller from Woodenville, Wa., a young, very energetic, enthusiastic caller by the name of Gaylen Suave. He is just super. Very personable and can belt it out. We would highly recommend him to call at Mid Winter Festival or Summer Festival. He help the crowd moving. He also did an imitation of Elvis that was terrific, and if you didn't look at him, his voice did sound like Elvis! The cuers were Jack & Dorothy Wright from Yuma. They were good too. There was 18 squares in attendance for this all plus dance. We saw our good friends Al Boyer from Coquille and his friend. Also Betty & Bob Barnes from everywhere. Remember the Cost-A-Lotta bus? We put out flyers and talked to several people from Calif and Ariz about our upcoming Summer Festival. Several of the people we talked to had been on the Oregon Coast and Tillamook area at one time or another and had such a good time, they are talking about coming back for the Festival. We need Summer Festival flyers with the names of the callers and cuers on them, send to 4700 E. Main, Space #1584, Mesa, AZ 85205.

Dan Nordbye is the resident caller at Mesa Regal, the park that we are in. We plan on getting some dancing in with him and others in the area. Definitely will look up Daryl Clendenin and even though we will be missing Mike Sikorsky at Mid Winter, we will catch up with him down here.

Will somebody please send us Bernice & George's "correct" address. We don't have it down here and would like to look them up. Have fun for us. Have met several square dancers in this park already. They saw the flag on our pickup as we pulled in and came right over.

BENJAMIN & PENNY BROWN: We are out promoting Oregon with some moving experiences coming up. We got to our own club's New Year's Eve dance. The Smithsonian book, a National magazine, has a square dancer on the cover. It is being circulated so everyone can see. A little publicity

for square dancing. Other than that we don't know where we're going to be tomorrow.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

REPRESENTATIVE OF CLOGGERS ASSOC. SHIRLEY BEAMAN: For the record I wish to introduce ourselves, Shirley and Larry Beaman, appointed delegates to represent the Oregon State Cloggers Association. We come before this State Meeting to request membership and insurance with the Oregon Federation. However at this time, we would like to make a public apology to Ron Schmit from Shelly Bounds and the Oregon State Cloggers Association for failing to respond to his request. Due to error in interpretation and communication we are sorry for not responding to you. The Oregon State Cloggers Association (OSCA) is a registered non-profit association open to state-wide membership of both clogging cuers and clogging dancers. Oregon State Cloggers Association was founded by both clog cuers and dancers for the purpose of state-wide clogging unification to develop guidelines to increase communication among all members of Oregon State Cloggers Association, as well as to increase participation, interest, support of state-wide clogging activities and of course, to develop and encourage social and educational awareness in all Oregon Federation sponsored activities and most definitely to increase interest, membership and participation in all Oregon Federation sponsored activities. All members of OSCA who are clog cuers are and will continue to be licensed through BMI and ASCAP. OSCA will meet four times yearly at Mid-Winter, Summer Festival, in March and October. We are prepared to offer a good time. Our Constitution, verification of non-profit status, Federal tax I.D., membership and officer list. In closing, on behalf of the OSCA we thank you for your attention. We look forward to your prompt consideration and acceptance of our request. We look forward to being a part of the Oregon Federation.

KATHERINE ASH: Sets in Order, Coquille. I want to put in another plug for our 50 years of being a square dance club in Oregon and we are researching through Internet and what not to see if we are the only one in the United States dancing that long. We will possibly have dancing at the prison which is still going through the red tape. We will have horse and buggy rides. There will be a hearse and all kinds of buggies that you might want to ride in. We have RV parking. We have golfing, fishing, swimming, flea market on Saturday. We are not a big city but we are a very active club. There are flyers out.

LEE ASHWILL and LINDA LAMBERT: From the Mid-Willamette area, Mary McClure of Sweet Home, passed away after Christmas from heart failure. We will miss Mary.

COLLINS UTTER: I'd like to offer two bodies to Nancy as mascots. Now I pronounced my name Utter, but for seven decades I have been fighting Udder, so if the Summer Festival needs two mascots, my wife and I would be glad to volunteer as "udderly fantastic".

TIM ROBERTS: Chairman of "Down by the River Side". A joint dance held by the PAC and TVC March 29 & 30, we will look forward to seeing you under the Sellwood Bridge in Portland at Oaks Park in their Dance Pavillion. Bob Studevous, Ron Noble and Cindi Silicki will call and cue. We will have Vendors. Two nights of dancing.

DICK DAVENPORT: I would like to introduce our 1997 Summer Festival Co-chair people, Joe & Ronnie and Dave & Barbara would stand up from the Rockin' Renegades.

JOE MAXWELL: I was glad to hear today that you are talking about the policies and procedures. We have had an unfortunate incident that occurred within our area. Some nominees didn't get nominated and it was very sad for those individuals. In talking with Doug Pederson on changing some of the policies, and what I am referring to is the Randall Award, Section 7-24. It says that this is supposed to be publicized in the January OFN. I think you should stay with that policy. Because the OFN comes out before the vote on the Randall Award. If those individuals names are not in that OFN then there should be signs from someone saying "there might be a mistake here". I am going to work with our Council on trying to correct some of this but I also need to work with some of you on trying to correct some of this. The clear paper work of having the nominees sent through the area delegates for the nominations from the clubs, there needs to be some kind of paper trail. My suggestion is one of two easy type remedies. (1) To have a paper submitted from the clubs back up to the Mid Winter Chairman along with dates subscribed on it when it was received by the club, by the council, by the Mid-Winter Chairman and passed on to the delegates, or just have the Mid Winter Chairman make 13 calls to the different Councils and request that information, or I know the 2nd Vice Pres. Bob Bosch receives copies of the minutes from the Councils, which this portion was in there and that's how I found out about the information. I have worked with quite a few of the people on this problem and I want to thank Lee & Bob & Caroline & the Mid Winter Chairmen. They have given me a lot of feedback. I was really angry when the situation happened and I have calmed down since that time. However, there needs to be some kind of checks and balances, some kind of safety net, and anything that you can come up with I think will be appreciated by future people, not only with the Randall Award but other such awards.

MICK MCKINNEY: I have something we would like to bring up at the next State Meeting. As we know now, we have several summer festivals proceeding and making plans for the future. We also know that those summer festivals cannot sell registrations until one year prior to their festival. Also in the recent past, we have learned a new term that we didn't know five or six years ago called seedling certificates. Would it possibly be appropriate for summer festivals to use that method to do two things; to raise funds, but probably more importantly to identify the interest in their festival. What I would like to propose is that maybe we will have a motion to discuss that at the next meeting.

DAVE CAMERON: Regarding the Randall Award, those applications are passed out to the delegates and we are at the mercy of those delegates. If they don't get back in by the deadline to get to the OFN, we are going to miss the January issue. This has to be taking somewhere down the line. We have to have a time frame and we have to get that back. We have a tight procedure and everybody has to follow the procedure and if it goes by that, we can't do anything about it. All of that came back past the deadline to get it to the OFN so we couldn't get it in. We feel as bad as anybody else because we want everybody to have a chance at doing this. The only way we could do this is to make the procedure earlier in the year and have it ready to go. The Council delegates are going to have to get together. We have to have a written bio and much more. It must have the Council's okay under our rules.

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