

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS



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MINUTES OF MEETING

January 31, 1999

MID-WINTER FESTIVAL - EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL

LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, EUGENE OREGON

Meeting brought to order by President Dave Cameron at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL Recording Secretary Jodene Hughes

Officers: All Present.

Delegates: All present except Lorene & George Griffith (Eastern OR)
Ray & Ginger Fenn Alt for (Bonnie & Don Berry, BMC)
Jim & Sharon Schaedler Alt for (Virginia & Hal Meyers
Central Oregon)

Committee Chairs: All present except George & Lorene Griffith (2000 Summer
Festival) Elaine Funk substituting for Barbara & Larry
Schaumburg (Round Dance Screening)

Goodwill Ambassadors: All present except Benjamin & Penny Brown, Ken &
Nancy Carson, Ray & Betty Jones and Dick & Marge
Pentecost.

INVOCATION Immediate Past President Bob Bosch

FLAG SALUTE 1st Vice President Larry Reetz

MINUTES Recording Secretary Jodene Hughes

MOTION by Carol Reetz

I move that we accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Rex Bounds.
Motion carried. (Page 10, Paragraph 7, Minutes dated 11-15-98)

PRESIDENT Dave & Betty Cameron

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, it was very much appreciated.

We had an officers meeting and we discussed the State Meeting for May in Hermiston.

There has been a change in the date for the State Meeting in May. It will be the 15th & 16th of May in Pendleton. Information regarding this meeting will be sent out later.

Marilyn Schmit will be running for USDA Secretary. She needs four delegates to vote for Oregon. Dave Cameron will nominate Marilyn for USDA Secretary. This is at the National Convention in Indianapolis.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT Larry & Carol Reetz

If you would like a line item on the budget for 1999-2000, please let Larry Reetz know by May, if you don't you will not be a part of my budget, 1999-2000.

We missed the 50th Anniversary for the Lebanon Square Circlers because we attended the Washington State Federation Meeting at Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver, WA. We had a fantastic time and had a chance to see how they operated. Folks, our meetings don't go long at all. We started at 9 AM and broke for lunch at 12:30 for a short time, went back into session around 1:30 PM and didn't finish until about 5:30 PM.

As of August 1, 1999 Dave and Brenda Wamsley will be resigning as OFN Editors. We do have someone interested possibly in becoming the Editors. We have two ladies from the Central Oregon area, Sharon Schaedler and Vonnice Noble interested in the position of Editors. Currently we have close to 1400 subscriptions. However, we are still losing money and as a result of that meeting we have a committee that is going to be seriously looking into the Oregon Federation News as to how we can get it back into line or at least to a break even point. That committee will consist of the OFN Advisory Board, 1st Vice President, Larry Reetz as Chair, the Editor and the Treasurer as we look at the financial reports over the last several years.

I would like to personally thank Gary and Betty Willoughby for a fantastic Festival. The energy on those floors this weekend has been outstanding. The electricity is out there and I haven't seen that much in a couple of years.

I have a letter from the Hermiston Square Knots, who have been part of the support for the 2000 Summer Festival. Let me read just a few items for you at this time.

As you know the year 2000 is coming upon us quickly. The Hermiston Square Knots have lost several members to death and moving from the area. The few active members of our club are not in good health. Our position after discussing the Festival at our last club meeting is there are not enough dancers in our clubs to support a Festival.

We are looking into the matter and will have more on this later.

1999 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Gary & Betty Willoughby

Some of that energy must have been transferred to us somehow because we would be running on raw nerve by this time. We appreciate your support over the last year, it has been wonderful. Mid-Winter Festival has gone very well thus far. Everyone seems to be having a great time. According to the figures we are up about 270 compared to last year. We have noted a increase in 3-day ribbons and a decline in event or weekend ribbons. Our preliminary numbers are **approximately** 2854 dancers here this weekend. This is not a true figure, but only an estimate.

There was only one minor incident that required some medical attention. A full report has been turned in to Ray Bunch for insurance purposes. This was not a serious accident, but need to be reported. In your packet there is some information regarding a postage stamp. I will let Larry tell you about that later.

1999 SUMMER FESTIVAL Shan & Mick McKinney

All is going well with 1999 Summer Festival. Detailed report is on file and available with the Recording Secretary.

We have alot of T-Shirts available so be sure to go and purchase one for this summer. We promised a drawing for anyone who registered this weekend and I have the name and numbers to do that. Would someone please draw a number, the number is 12 (Winn & Sandy Cupp). They are the winners and they will receive two free dinners that they can use at Summer Festival.

2000 MID-WINTER Hugh & LorraineWomack

The 2000 Mid-Winter Co-Chairs and 2001 Mid-Winter Chairs, Noel & Tina Cyckler were introduced.

We have placed a copy of the 2000 flyer in front of each of you. Our celebration 2000 Festival dates are January 28, 29, 30 of 2000. We are celebrating our 40th Mid-Winter Anniversary and we are planning an exciting, fun filled event.

Our national callers will be Marty Firstenburg, Ernie Kinney and Mike DeSisto. Our featured cuers are Darlene and Jack Chaffee and our featured clogging cuer is Eric Bice.

Lorraine has designed a beautiful queen size hand quilted quilt. Many of our square dance ladies have also helped sew the design and we will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We are sure that the lucky winner will treasure this quilt.

I dropped the ball on notifying the Summer Festival Chairman on our intent to have an after party at their Festival, and I hope that this can be resolved and space provided.

We had many RVers request another way to register so that they would not have to stand in line during the dance hours, to register for the following year.

We started a new method this past year. We mailed a letter in March to each RVer who had registered in 1998 for 1999, stating that we were including a 2000 registration form and that if they would like to register for 2000 and reserve the same RV space, we would have to have a check to cover the cost of one full Festival ribbon and the RV space rental by October 31, 1999, the deadline for the registrations to be returned.

Those who did not take advantage of the advance registration will have to stand in line this year, and take whatever space is available.

We mailed 106 letters and received 56 replies. Our RV registration committee are continuing this method for 2001 and I hope the RVers are pleased and that the numbers will increase for that year.

This completes my report and I will try to answer any questions at this time.

2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL George & Lorene Griffith (Given by Marilyn Schmit)

The committee is moving forward. They meet every other month currently. They are in the process of getting committee chairs and will soon be contacting volunteers who want to help with the Festival. They may be small in number but there will be a big party in Pendleton in 2000.

2001 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Noel & Tina Cykler

We are looking forward to bringing you into the 21st Century with 2001 Dance Odessey. the callers for this year are: Mike Sikorsky, Dan Nordby & Wade Driver. The featured cuers will be Randy and Marie Prescott from Everett Washington and the Clogging cuer will be Missy Schnausky from Kansas City, MI. We will be working closely with Hugh and Loraine Womack from 2000 Mid-Winter and Dave & Betty Cameron, our co-chair. We are planning many visitation for our committee over the next three years. We will be trying some new ideas in the hopes of seeing square dancing grow and then supporting that growth. We ask that you help us by considering to eat at the restaurants and stay at the hotels that will support Mid-Winter with their advertisements. The upcoming committee will be submitting to you a visitation list soon and we hope that you will plan to join us in some of these. You will be seeing alot of honey bears.

2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL Doug & La Dauna Hartzell

Thanked the Mid-Winter committee for a job well done. Our goal at this time is to support those up and coming Festivals. Callers are now under contract. Cues are still under negotiations. The facility is coming right along. Hope to see you all at the Round-up.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL Lee & Barbi Ashwill

We have our facilities under contract at this time. Our featured caller will be Marty Firstenburg. Our featured cues will be Ray & Virginia Walz from Mesa Az.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS David & Brenda Wamsley

There have been no mechanical or equipment problems since our last report. the new scanner we purchased last Summer failed and we returned it to the company for a new one. No questions, no cost to us.

The search continues for new editors. Oregon Federation First Vice President Larry Reetz has spoken with a number of people about accepting the position. A final report on this issue will be made at Summer Festival and if new editors are chosen, they will be introduced at that time.

There have been several clubs that made a concerted effort to give their graduating students a 3-month subscription to the magazine. We have received about 60 new subscriptions since our last report.

We renewed the post office box in December for \$29.00 to extend it another six months. It will be due again in June.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT Barbi & Lee Ashwill

Each Officer and Delegate will find a packet of white papers in front of you that looks like this with the Square Dance Couple at the top.

This packet is a Petition to get the citizens Stamp Advisory committee to the US Post Office to issue a commemorative stamp honoring 50 years of National Square Dance conventions. Directions are attached and are self-explanatory. If we are to assist with this process, we must act IMMEDIATELY since these Petitions need to be turned in before June 1, 1999.

Each Delegate will find a second packet of papers from me with a "hot pink" Memorandum on top. these papers pertain to **STATE DIRECTORY INFORMATION**. The pale yellow sheet pertains to Council Information and green sheets pertain to Club Information. You may feel this is not necessary as it appears to be a duplication of the

information requested from your Council and Clubs by the Membership Chairman. Some of you may recall that similar forms were submitted to you by Lee the year he was responsible for preparing the State Directory. We found and corrected many discrepancies before the State Directory went to print when we compared the information on the forms returned to us with the information that had been submitted to the Membership Chairman.

In the meantime, I encourage every dancer to review the current State Directory, and advise me of any incorrect spellings, addresses, telephone numbers, etc. so I can start making changes to the disk provided to me by Larry Reetz. My information is as follows:

Barbi Ashwill
4684 Ivory Way NE
Salem, OR 97305-3132

Telephone: (503) 393-9320

Fax: (503) 393-9320 (Note: You need to call and ask us to switch over to Fax.)

E-Mail: bashwill@worldnet.att.net

In this electronic age would many of you find it helpful to be provided with E-Mail addresses for those State Officers and Delegates who have them? If I get a positive response, perhaps this information could be included in the next State Directory.

RECORDING SECRETARY Jodene & Dave Hughes

I was over in the Teen Hall on several occasions and it sadden me that I didn't see hardly any adults over there. They only had one to two squares with our help.

With all our teen clubs folding we need to support them even more.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Marilyn & Ron Schmit

Cards, notes, etc.! What a variety of things I dispatched since the last meeting in November. So short a time span but the list is longer than expected.

Some get well, some sympathy, and some thinking of you cards were sent out.

Sympathy Cards

Ray Bunch - death of his mother
Dave Cameron - death of his mother
Steve Morris - death of his father
Judy Hohimer - death of her husband

Paul Nesbitt - death of his wife
 Betty Coates - death of her husband

Thinking of You

Floyd Baker - hospice care
 Dick and Marge Pentecost - asthma and arthritis pains and aches
 Benjamin Brown - surgery and congratulations for doing well

Get Well

Goldie Restorff - pinched back nerve
 Wayne West - heart attach
 Jim Kincaid - dental surgery
 Charlie Daggett - broken leg
 Bea Smith - knee replacement
 Jim Hattrick - hospital stay
 Larry Lauderdale - stroke
 Frank Falsetto - sleep apnea surgery
 Sam Scott - fall from ladder and roof
 Tony and Lola Robello - eye surgery and wrist surgery

I hope that the next 4 1/2 months will be much better and that the list at the state meeting in May is much less.

State ballots will go out about the first of March after I get the labels made and the certified cards filled out. Will be getting the ballot information from the OFN editors soon and will make the appropriate copies for all the envelopes that need to be stuffed in the next few weeks.

Remember that I have fax at work, and e-mail at home for those of you who need to notify me of a sickness or a death, or any other card that I need to send to someone.

Dave Cameron thanked Mick McKinney for filling in for Barbie Cooper and welcome back Barbie.

Larry Reetz in November we had a Treasurer pro-tem position created for Mick McKinney. This position is no longer needed. Barbie Cooper is no longer under medical care and is able to serve as Treasurer.

Also, in November there was a motion made that Don Reed be authorized to sign checks while Barbie Cooper was under medical care and unable to serve as Treasurer. This position is no longer needed. Barbie Cooper is no longer under medical care and is able to serve as Treasurer.

Those two motions in November are no longer valid or needed.

TREASURER - Barbie & Dave Cooper

Thank you for all the calls, cards and flowers. I can't tell you how much they meant.

Financial statement for period ending December 31, 1998 are on file and available upon request from the Recording Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Sandy & Chuck Eddings

I would like to report that the Jefferson State Squares, having been mailed a registered letter have not responded and the letter was not returned. At this time I am considering the unanswered letter as the last attempt to contact them and they have been dropped as members of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs.

On a happier note I have received the completed paperwork with fees for two new applicants for membership in the Federation. These being the Wolf Pack, from the Emerald Empire, and the Central Oregon Round-up from Central Oregon. I will enter motions to accept these to new members later in my report.

Now for the change to the practices and procedures for the membership chairman, I hope all the councils discussed this. I feel this will be a good change. This change will help keep better records and relieve some of the pressure to get the paperwork in on time. I request the change be accepted.

MOTION by Sandy Eddings

I move that the Wolf Pack be accepted as members to the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. Seconded by Barbi Ashwill. Motion carried.

MOTION by Sandy Eddings

I move that the Central Oregon Round-up be accepted as members to the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. Seconded by Larry Reetz. Motion carried.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN Ray & Fran Bunch

1999 Insurance documentation has been filed with USDA (United Square Dancers of America).

Certificates should be back to Oregon sometime near the middle of February.

I have received many Notifications of Event and Request for Additional Insured forms from the clubs. Keep up the good work. If you have any questions as to when to file which form please ask.

PAST PRESIDENT Bob & Carolyn Bosch

H.O.R.S.E.S. is our new Benefit Dance. The roster for this is: Bill & Tami Helms will be the MC's. The callers will be Norm Yoder, Les Seeley, Daryl Kalmbach and Charlotte Jeskey. The cuers will be Christine Corelli-Good, Marge Pentecost, Ray Walz and Ernie Powel. This dance will be held at the Oak Grove Community Center in Oak Grove.

I would like to recognize Ed and Mary Warmoth for receiving the Randall Award.

I have 30 names on the license plate list, I have not made a copy of this as I am still receiving them. As soon as I receive a few more I will make copies and distribute them.

At this time I would like to make a presentation to a couple who we found out was remodeling their home. It seem as they were doing some sawing and cut the extension cord in half. Dave and Barbie Cooper received an extension cord cut in two.

Mr. President I have the nomination list and I would like to open nominations from the floor.

Nomination of Officers:

Larry Reetz - President Elect

1st Vice President - Barbi Ashwill & Kay Rogers

2nd Vice President - Linda Lambert & Bill Tipton

Treasurer - Barbie Cooper (2nd year term)

Recording Secretary - Carol Fontaine & Jodene Hughes

Corresponding Secretary - Bea Smith & Marilyn Schmit

Membership - Sandy Eddings

No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed.

I will turn these into the corresponding secretary and the OFN.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Joe Maxwell & Ronnie Wiser

I would like to thank Bob & Carolyn Bosch for pulling out all the old Motions from previous years. Jodene has provided me with the minutes of the last 5 years.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER - Skip Napier & Glenna Getz

Federated Calendar and Publicity Forms: We appreciate everyone who has sent us information about their council and club dances.

Federation 888 Number: Reporter for OFN Column: The eight hundred number (1-888-637-7321) is catching on. It is the number which is used on the radio spot advertisements and it can be transferred to the next Publicity Chair.

Festival Promotions: We took Mid-Winter Registrations forms to many dances and continue to promote Summer Festival (July 9-11, 1999). The saga of the chickens continues--so plan to come to Tigard to see how the story ends ("All My Chicks").

Advertising Campaign: The radio advertising campaign was continued in January to help clubs that hold January lessons. Caller, Bill Helms, cut additional demo tapes saying that January classes are starting. Each council will receive a copy of the fall radio spot tape.

48th National Convention: Now is the time to be registering for the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana (June 23-26). Let us know if you would like to attend an Oregon Dinner like we had in charlotte.

Our Travels: Since we did a lot of visitations this fall for the joint PAC/TVC dance we tried to attend our home club Oaky Doaks as much as possible over the last three months. In addition we have attended a super New Year's Eve Dance at the Toe Draggers, a well-attended New Dancer's Jamboree at the Hillsboro Hoedown, the TVC Charity Dance for Bob Miller's Needy Kids Fund, Checkerboard Squares, PAC/TVC joint Christmas dinner, and a Cornelius Demo Dance.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR - Don Reed

No report.

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN - Kay & Jim Rogers

RESOLUTIONS

No one will ever get out of this world alive.

Resolve therefore in the years to come to maintain a sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth.
Without it, happiness is almost impossible.

Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will repay you in kind.

Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are general vengeful.

Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and to talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

Be wary of giving advice. Wise men don't need it, and fools won't heed it.

Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong.
Sometime in life you will have been all of these.

Do not equate money with success. There are many successful money-makers
who are miserable failures as human beings. What counts most about success is how a
person achieves it.

Resolve to love next year someone you didn't love this year.
Love is the most enriching ingredient of life.

HISTORIAN REPORT - Don & Karel Morris

The miniature banner hanging has been on display all weekend and needs to be up-dated with new clubs that have joined the Federation since the hanging was constructed several years ago. Measurements are 6" by 6" and should be constructed of some type of fabric rather than paper, wood, leather or other material. Delegates, will you please notify new clubs in your area? They can be turned in to you and you can bring them to the next State Meeting and I will add them to the existing hangings.

BMI/ASCAP - Ralph & Linda Lambert

Everything is current with ASCAP.

For BMI I have requested a check for the following:

Total Number of Events held in 1998	2
Total Number of Attendees 2350 X \$0.05/attendee	\$162.50
Less \$100.00 minimum fee for 1998 already paid	<u>\$100.00</u>
Balance for 1998	\$ 62.50
Minimum fee for 1999	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$162.50

YOUTH COORDINATORS - Dave & Barbie Cooper

"Where are all the Youth Dancers?" We have been asked this question numerous times since the last State meeting in Eugene. The answer is, "They are everywhere."

We have attended New Dancer Dances in Corvallis, Salem, and Lafayette. At each of these affairs, there have been young people who have taken, or were in the process of finishing, square dance lessons. We recently had the opportunity to be at the Rocken Renegade's graduation, where we saw eight youngsters graduate into Mainstream level. We know that Scott Zinser has a square of youth taking lessons with the Squaws and Paws in Canby. We see a square of young people at every Rivergate Stompers dance. We know there are more than a handful of youth taking lessons with the Capital 8's in Salem, we have danced with them! these are just the ones that we know about. There are a lot more that we haven't had the opportunity to dance with. The point is, there are a lot of youngsters taking lessons or who already dance!

Last year, the TVC had a very successful Youth Dance. One was attempted this year, with minimal success. What is the problem? It lies with each of us. If we don't commit ourselves to getting these youngsters to these dances, and if we don't support them by our own attendance, then we can't expect success.

We have a goal, between now and the end of summer. Each council should sponsor a youth dance. Make up flyers, get the word out to every club, and to us, so we can spread the word. Notify Skip and Glenna, get it in the OFN. Then, all dancers make it a point to attend. Secondly, we would like to propose to Fran, the State Fair Chairperson, that one day be set aside as Youth Square Dancers day at the State Fair. On this day, WE (the dancers in Oregon) make sure we get every youngster in Oregon there. give them a chance to perform, show off, make us proud, and for sure, get more young people interested in coming to lessons this Fall!

If we don't do something spectacular, we could lose this future of our beloved activity!

Dates to remember:

July 16th - Lincoln County Fair
Last week of August - Oregon State Fair
Mid-Winter 2000

STATE FAIR COORDINATOR - Fran & Ray Bunch

State Fair dates are August 26, 1999 to September 6, 1999. It's early, but you need to get in on your calendar so you can plan to be there. the ad will be in the April or May issue of the OFN depending on when I get more information from the fair.

STATE TRAILER COORDINATOR - Jim & Avis Kinkaid

The trailers were used 10 times by 8 different clubs during 1998. From the Portland area, to Lincoln City area, to Willamette Valley area and to Southern Oregon area.

One trailer was in an accident in Eugene area. The responsible club repaired any damages. This trailer is in satisfactory condition.

Again it has been a pleasure to serve as Trailer coordinator for the past few years and will continue to do so if the Federation so desires.

I plan to refinish the floors before the trailers are used this spring. I am going to rent a floor sander with a fine grit sand paper and see how this method works

ORDTA - Dennis & Elaine Smith

Some of the things discussed were the passing of Eddie Palmquist, one of the national leaders of round dancing, he has been in the activity of round dancing for atleast 30 years or more. Eddie was very instrumental in our round dance movement today.

Also presented was a slate of officers for the coming year. We are getting a marketing committee organized and they will be doing their meetings via E-mail.

Our next meeting will be April 3, 1999 in the Eugene.

The program we had was on Professionalism with Q & A with Mary and Pete McGee.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING Barbara & Larry Schaumburg (Elaine Funk substitute)

I would like to thank the Oregon Federation and so many people for all the cards, phone calls and flowers.

Barbara said everything is going very well. One thing she would like for everyone to be reminded of is, when your area gets the selections review for Round of the Month, please get it back in on time. She has a time limit, and if you do not get it in on time, she will have to choose it for your area.

CALLER ADVISOR - Roger & Linda Putzler

Congratulations to Mid-Winter Festival Committee on an outstanding Festival. No report.

National Bid Committee Selection Skip Napier

Delegates, we need some information distributed to your club presidents. The ballots will be mailed out approximately the 15th of March for the proposed general chairs for the 2005 National Convention (the one we want to host). We would like the clubs to have a general meeting if possible so they could discuss this and see who they would like to be the proposed chair. This chair will basically represent the state of Oregon. The ballots will be colored as not to be confused with the State Officers Ballot. Please take these under great consideration and mail them back to us (Skip Napier & Glenna Getz). We will have the results of the ballots on May 16th of who the General Chair will be.

We will need the current address of all the presidents, if it has changed, please get that change to us as soon as possible.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

I move that we remove from the table the following motion by Sandy Eddings.

MOTION by Sandy Eddings

I move that we accept the proposed revisions to the Practices & Procedures regarding the Membership Chairman. These proposed revisions are on file with the Recording Secretary. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

Discussion: Sandy Eddings mentioned that this would streamline the Membership Chairman's job, so that better records can be kept between the Vice Chair and the Chairman on membership in the Federation. It will make it really easy to do this job.

California After Party Committee Report Roger Putzler (Chairman)

Since the last state meeting, the following has occurred.

- A. Bob & Carolyn Bosch resigned from the committee due to work commitments.
- B. Barbara & Larry Schaumburg resigned from the committee due to snow birding.
- C. Traveling to Sacramento by air and on Amtrak was explored and ruled out due to cost. Bus transportation is being explored.
- D. A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at The Heritage Motel and Convention Center. the room rate is \$59.00 plus tax. Payment is due on arrival. Shuttle service to and from the convention is provided. A list of names of people who would like to use these rooms is needed. Sandy Eddings would like to get this information as soon as possible. She will coordinate with the motel.

E. Sandy has made a list of thirteen (13) couples and two (2) singles who have indicated that they planned to attend the convention.

F. Sandy & Chuck Eddings are unable to attend the convention due to a job change.

G. Roger & Linda Putzler are unable to attend the convention due to a previously booked engagement.

H. Wayne Weaver of Medford has agreed to be the caller MC for the after party.

I. Elaine Funk has agreed to be the cuer MC for the after party.

J. To date we have one additional cuer and no additional callers who have expressed interest in cueing and calling at the after party. I anticipate more callers and cuers to express a desire to call and cue once they read the articles in the Federation News.

K. I submitted an article which was published in the February 1999 issue of the Federation News. Skip and Glenna also pushed the convention and after party in their column in the same issue.

Sandy Eddings reported that if you would like to go and want a room. Please let her know.

Practices & Procedures Committee Joe Maxwell

We have been doing alot of investigating into the Practices & Procedures. We are trying to get all our eggs into one basket before we have a meeting. There is several versions of the Practices & Procedures Manuel (5 total), we have the minutes for the last 7 years, we also have an old set of Practices & Procedures, as well as motions from 1992 to current. We will have a committee meeting and get it all on computer disc so we can pass it on to the next Parliamentarian.

Barbi Ashwill wanted to know with all the paperwork you need to look at do you have a off the wall projection as to when you might have this completed. Do you think it is possible to have revised Practices & Procedures by the next September meeting? **Joe Maxwell said we might have a semi-version but it would be fairly close. We are looking at 3 feet of paperwork stacked on my desk.** The reason I ask is because of the fact of the committee you have, would it be helpful when you are comparing versions, to get your committee together and let them help you do that rather than you do all that yourself.

Ray Bunch asked Joe Maxwell to save this in a text format not in a particular program.

HOST DELEGATE REPORT Emerald Empire Council (Carol Reetz)

I would like to welcome you all to the Emerald Empire Area. We had a meeting of our delegates and there were 11 present. Ray Bunch was a guest speaker and spoke regarding the insurance. Let's make sure we keep our clubs up-to-date on all the insurance requirements and make sure they are getting their insurance in.

As delegates we had already have voted on the change in meeting dates for the May State Meeting. We all agreed to change to the 15th & 16th, there was only one delegate that mentioned it would conflict with something.

We had a discussion on banner stealing. We as delegates agreed that the **State Federation and Area Council** banners are **OFF LIMITS!!** These are not clubs, your banner stealing is to promote visitations to clubs. Portland Area mentioned that when they have their special dances the area club banner goes to the club with the most attendance.

We also discussed the proposed general Chair for the 2005 National Convention. The cost is to come from the National Convention not the State funds. I miss communicated that information so this is to clarify that understanding.

Regarding the motions that will come up, we have discussed them and have taken care of on our side and we know what is ahead.

The delegate that is working with the 2001 Summer Festival had asked about prior pre-advertising to the 2000 Summer Festivals. This is in consideration, because they are planning to contact all the callers and they would like to see all the callers bring a square from their club. As a group, we decided that if he is contacting the callers, it is just like the Nationals, if they don't contact them now they will be booked up and you won't be able to get them. Everything went quite smoothly. This is quite a challenge to the callers to get a square to go with them.

OLD BUSINESS

President Dave Cameron:

In order to present the budget I would like to relinquish the chair to the 1st Vice President, Larry Reetz.

MOTION by Dave Cameron

I move that we accept this budget as presented. Seconded by Rex Bounds.

Discussion: After some **lengthy** discussion the motion was defeated.

Roll call vote was taken: **7 Yes - 8 No - 5 Abstained**

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Bosch: Mr. President, I would like to go on with this and pass a Resolution for a continuing budget.

1st Vice President, Larry Reetz relinquished the Chair back to President, Dave Cameron.

President, Dave Cameron would like to deviate from the agenda.

MOTION by Barbi Ashwill

I move that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs pass a Continuing Resolution, in the absence of an approved budget, to allow the payment of obligations of the Federation during the period January 31, 1999, through September 12, 1999. Payment of obligations of the Oregon Federation News to be paid by income produced by the Oregon Federation News and payment of other obligations to come from the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs general fund. Seconded by Carolyn Bosch. **Motion carried.**

There was a lengthy discussion to follow this motion.

Discussion: Barbi Ashwill mentioned that this resolution will allow the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs to continue operation thru the remainder of this year, with a new budget to be created by the incoming President in September 1999.

Bill Rooper (PAC) said that he was against this motion, because with one change to the budget we could have a continuing budget. The bottom line is that we are going to continue to pay the bills. It doesn't matter if we have a continuing resolution or the budget that was presented.

Barbie Ashwill said the reason for the continuing resolutions is to get the Federation on an even keel.

Roll call vote taken: **13 Yes - 2 No - 4 Abstained**

MOTION by Barbi Ashwill

I move that with the Continuing Resolution in place, the income from Interest earned (from this date through September 12, 1999), Mid-Winter Profits; and Summer Festival Profits, be earmarked and allocated for use by the 1999-2000 incoming President for budgeting purposes. Seconded by Carolyn Bosch.

Discussion: Barbi Ashwill, by identifying the funds available for us by the incoming President to prepare a budget. The exact amount funds available for the budget process will be a know factor. This will preclude lengthy dissertations and divided factions during

the passing of the budget. If the proposed budget cannot be accomplished with the funds available, the President will then trim the request from members that he/she sees fit. Utilizing this format, all members will know the amount of funds available before the budget is presented. A balanced budget should then be in place each and every year to follow.

More lengthy discussion.

MOTION AMENDED to read as follows:

I move that with the Continuing Resolution in place, the income from Interest earned (from this date through July 1, 1999), 1999 Mid-Winter Profits, and 1998 Summer Festival Profits, be earmarked and allocated for use by the 1999-2000 incoming President for budgeting purposes. Seconded. Motion carried.

Main MOTION as amended was passed.

MOTION by Rex Bounds

I move the 1999-2000 budget and thereafter be based on the Summer Festival of the preceding year and Mid-Winter of the present year and the interest earned in the fiscal calendar year. Seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION by Bill Rooper

I move the proposed budget for September 1, 1998 - August 31, 1999 be adjusted by the elimination of the Square Dance Enhancement Expense of \$3,000.00 and the addition of cash carry over added to the receipts of \$1,405.00 to balance the general fund budget. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion defeated.

Discussion: We have already accepted a proposal.

USDA REPORT - Marilyn & Ron Schmit

My trip to Baltimore was a gone one and very interesting for the roundtable discussion.

Nine of the thirteen invited organizations were represented for the two day meeting. Can you imagine Callerlab and American callers Association sitting next to each other? They did.

By the time that all the various subjects were brought up and thought about, a press release was put together with the items discussed and their importance. the various organizations were to take everything back to their respective members and discuss them. A representative will go to the next meeting of the organizations in May during the

Legacy meeting in Cleveland. At that time, some procedures will be put together to enable the organizations to implement any of the ideas put forth from the initial discussion.

Some of the ideas that came to light were recruiting, relaxing some of the dress code, retaining the dancers and encouraging the youth.

The Teen Festival in Eugene was brought up and discussed. It was asked if the competition keep the youth dancing. Since the competition is now 50+ years old, it was a thought to contemplate.

MOTION by Carolyn Bosch

I move the travel expense fund for hotel and mileage be dissolved. Seconded by Bob Bosch. Motion defeated.

Discussion: Lee Ashwill voiced his concern that this is very little reimbursement for coming down here, but could this possibly preclude someone from running from office because they are not going to get reimbursed. Do we want to be a Board that only the people who can afford it can serve on. I THINK NOT!!

Tim Roberts mentioned that this is the largest general fund disbursement this organization has and if the purpose is to pay people to come to these meeting, then I don't feel we should be in business.

More discussion followed.

MOTION by Bob Bosch

I move the Fairview fund be dissolved and replaced by Oregon Federation Annual Charity Fund with a fund base of \$250 for initial expenses to be taken from the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund and to remain there as a base for the charity, \$250 balance to be maintained from donations. Seconded by Sandy Eddings.

Discussion: Bob Bosch - The Federation understands that the Fairview Charity was dissolved in 1995 and the new Charity were put into place in 1998. With the first dance being in 1999. New expenses that will be incurred, such as rent, food (Caller & Cues Dinner because of their donated time). The \$250 will be kept in place to provide each past president with funds for this undertaking.

Linda Lambert wanted to know if there were any carry over funds from Fairview. No, they were all disbursed.

Lee Ashwill voiced some concern with the money coming from the State Square Dance Enhancement Fund. I do not believe that our charity dance is Statewide Square Dance Enhancement. I have no problem with the \$250 loan from this body to get the expense for

this dance, but at that time of the dance the money should be returned to the Federation. If you want a base of \$250, keep it from the donations and keep it in that fund.

Bob Bosch amended his motion to read as follows:

The original \$250 to be paid back to the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

AMENDED MOTION

I move the Fairview fund be dissolved and replaced by Oregon Federation Annual Charity Fund with a fund base of \$250 for initial expenses to be taken from the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund and to remain there as a base for the charity, \$250 balance to be maintained from donations. The original \$250 to be paid back to the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund. Motion defeated.

MOTION by Bob Bosch

I move the Fairview fund be dissolved and replaced by Oregon Federation Annual Charity Fund with a fund base of \$250 for initial expenses to be taken from the General Fund and to remain there as a base for the charity, \$250 balance to be maintained from donations. The original \$250 to be paid back to the General Fund. Seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION by Marilyn Schmit

I move that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs reimburse \$375 to the Corresponding Secretary for the certified mailing of the Nomination Ballots. Seconded by Carolyn Bosch. Motion carried.

DELEGATE REPORTS

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL Bonnie & Don Berry (Ray & Ginger Fenn Alt)

We are trying to come up with ways to encourage area clubs support for our dances. We have come up with flyers need to be handed out three months ahead of the event. An award will be given to the club who has had the highest percentage of dancers in attendance for the year, to be given out at the New Years Eve Dance in Elgin.

Sorry we couldn't be with you, we send you greetings from Hawaii, "Aloha!"

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL Virginia & Hal Meyers (Jim & Sharon Schaedler Alt)

The Highlake Swingers, with the help of State Membership Chairman, Sandy Eddings; are making an effort to start teen dancing in the LaPine area and have 8 kids involved in the project. Rich Huntley will be the instructor.

A wonderful Christmas Holiday Season was celebrated by all the Central Oregon Area Clubs and wish everyone involved in square dancing a happy, prosperous New Year of good fellowship and good dancing! Two of the Area clubs participated in Christmas parades during which time they made the big pitch for our sport! The Red rocks took 2nd place in the Redmond Starlight parade and the Bachelor Beaus took third place in the Bend Christmas Parade. It was so cold (it snowed - a lot!) but it was sure fun and we anticipate going back next year (with our longest long johns on, you can be sure)! the Highlake Swingers danced at the Craft Fair in LaPine and thoroughly enjoyed the enthusiastic response from the audience. The members of this club are working very hard on getting their beginners' class together.

All of the Central Oregon Area clubs are involved in beginners' lessons now, which means everyone is scrambling for angels to help. The Red Rocks, who are co-sponsoring Marc Chambers' lessons with the Sagebrush Shufflers, report they have 20 new dancers in their class and the Bachelor Beaus registered 16 with more coming in during the opening three weeks. The Highlake Swingers started their classes on January 5th and are exploring the possibility of having round dance lessons on Sunday afternoons. The Swinging Mountaineers Plus Club started plus lessons on January 3rd with about 20 new and "renewing" dancers, which includes one young dancer 14 years old. He's probably doing better than the old folks! Ron Bliven, as instructor, brings a lot of experience to the lessons and everyone has such a good time, it's something everyone looks forward to every year.

Everyone is busy preparing for Mid-Winter and it's anticipated that Central Oregon will have a good crowd in attendance in hopes of seeing lots of new and long-time friends there.

Our Round Dance Coordinator, Kitty Fox, reports that the second annual Fifth Friday Round dance will be held on April 30th. Patty Hermann will cue and George Hermann, along with Jim Burge of Prineville, will call. Pre-squares will be at 7:30 with round dancing from 8:00 to 10:30 PM. Every third tip will be square dancing. the attendance was good last year and we all anticipate an even larger crowd this year.

EASTERN OREGON COUNCIL Lorene & George Griffith - Given by Marilyn Schmit

Hermiston Square Knots have just started lessons.

Ione Grand Squares are finishing their lessons.

The council recently elected officers and Lloyd McNary was elected President. If anyone has mail, it needs to go to PO Box 23, Ione OR 97843, phone # 541-422-7569.

EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL Carol & Larry Reetz

Since our last State meeting was here in this area. There has been a New Dancers Jamboree in December hosted by Cascade Caller & Cuers Association. It was a better turn out than in past years.

In December Whirl-A-Ways of Eugene along with the Marine Corp Reserve sponsored their annual Toys for Tots at both dances for the month. This was a great success because of the other clubs support and their unselfish donations. Many toys and approximately \$325.00 was given. They were also able to give dinners to two families in need.

There was an area Meeting January 14th hosted by Wagon Wheelers of Springfield. I didn't attend. Larry and I as state representatives visited Washington States state meeting in Vancouver, WA. We had a good time.

Emerald Empire Area will be hosting an OFN Dance April 30, 1999 at the Emerald dance Center in Springfield.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS - Helen & Don Schreiner

Weather has played some havoc in our area this past week, but otherwise things are going quite well. The Council meeting and dance scheduled for January 23rd had to be canceled because of snow and icy conditions.

The Council hosted the New Years Eve Dance featuring all the callers and cuers in our area. It was a fun evening with much food, fun and dancing to welcome in the new year.

Classes are progressing for all 4 clubs. The K.C.'s started new dancers classes for both round dancers and square dancers in January.

The K.C.'s elected new officers in December and they were installed during the January 16th dance. 1999 Officers are: President - Joyce & Eddie Barrett; Vice-President - Mary & Bill Hamilton; Secretary - Tina & Wade Millett; Treasurer - Diane & Frank Rollins; Board of Directors - Dorothy & Afton Herndon, Diana & Frank Cornelius, Leila & bud Farley; Interstate Highlander Delegates - Cecelia Hawkins & Sarge Glidewell.

The Tule Twirlers are finalizing the plans for their Hoedown in April.

Our are has been facing a number of very serious illnesses among our members. We ask that you keep all of them in your prayers.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK AREA COUNCIL - Buzz & Kathy Buczkowski

Waldport Sunset Squares are having a theme dance each month. January 10th they began lessons in mainstream, plus and A-1. Their Birthday Dance will be March 27th and their annual campout will be August 13-14. They will host the State Meeting September 11 & 12.

Toledo 49ers are busy! busy! They are glad to have Sam and Shirley Scott back home in Newport, and while Sam is still recovering from back surgery, the 49ers are dancing to various guest callers until Sam gets back. Don Newburn on February 6th, Fred Been on February 20th and Les Seeley on March 6th. Bob Schindler is cueing for all these dances. they visited the Lebanon Square Circlers on their 50th Birthday and look forward to attending Mid-Winter. They will visit Tri-Squares on February 19th and Corvallis Squares on March 27th. **Don't forget their Birthday Dance June 18th & 19th.**

Sea Twirlers have 6 dancers in their beginning class. They held a Pajama Dance January 8th and a New Dancers Dance January 19th. We all had a fun time. February 13th will be their Valentine's Dance and February 27th is graduation and New Dancers Dance. Bob Schindler is teaching Phase II and III round dances on Sunday afternoons. Sea Twirlers will host our next area dance, May 29th, with Andy Rawlinson calling and Bob Schindler cueing at the Gleneden Beach Community Hall.

Coast Swingers have a class of 3 couples. Fred Been has been most enthusiastic and willing to do all he can to build up their club. They have 21 members as of today and need all the support they can get. If you are in the Garibaldi area on the 2nd & 4th Saturday, please try to attend their dance. You will have a good time.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL - Clair & Frank Kilbourne

The area is looking forward to November and is in the planning stage to host the State Meeting, November 13th & 14th, at Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon.

Our clubs in the area want to work with the local news media for a better understanding of square and round dancing, what we do and what we stand for. The local Salem paper had square dancing listed as the "HOKIE" thing to do New Years Eve.

A suggestion from the Capital Caller and Cuers is that the clubs include on all flyers and publications the level of these New Dancer Dances. This would help them in planning their program.

The Young Rebels, our teen club, caller has quit and they are looking for a replacement.

The Englewood Twirlers has changed to become a Traveling club, and hope to see you at one of your dances.

The Dancers, a round dance club has disbanded with the retirement of Bud Parrott, a cuer and instructor for many years. He also was a partner in the Salem Square Dance Center and has sold his share to Ray and Virginia Walz.

PORTLAND ARE COUNCIL - Bill & Annadale Rooper

Most of our clubs are continuing with lessons or starting a new series of lessons. Bill Helm's radio ad was updated for January and more inquiries were received this time than were received in September. The Country Capers received 17 calls as a result of a street corner sandwich board sign. They have 15 beginners taking lessons.

Plans for the December 31, 1999 "Millenium Dance" in cooperation with the Tualatin Valley Council, is nearly completed. the dance and party will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro. This will be a "Once in a Lifetime" event. Deborah Parnell will call and Ray Walz will cue.

A 1998-99 directory for the PAC has been published, complete with maps showing where each club dances.

PAC and TVC held their annual joint Christmas dinner meeting at Izzys Pizza house on December 14th.

ROGUE SIS Q COUNCIL - Rex & Jeri Bounds

No report due to a malfunction in the recorder and no written report.

SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL - Karel & Don Morris

Beachcombers have started their Friday night beginner lessons and have 9 new dancers at last report. They will be holding a public chili feed in February at the Beachcomber's Cove with plans to rent tables for a flea market on the same date.

Rainbow Cloggers continue with public and private lessons, some of the latter being for physically challenged people. They also continue with their exhibition schedule and are supporting the new classes in Roseburg. There are plans underway to participate with other clogging groups in the Starlight Parade in Portland in June. Their float last year won the "Best Overall Award" in North bend's July Jubilee Parade.

A demonstration dance was scheduled for Evergreen Court Retirement Center by the **Saints'n'Aints**. They continue with Phase III round lessons. Plans are underway for their annual 50's - 60's dance and this year they will be hosting the Easter Seal Benefit Dance the same weekend. This benefit Dance was previously hosted by Skyloft Squares. Due to a shrinking membership, snowbirds and poor health of so many member of Skyloft Squares, the Benefit dance was transferred to a more active club.

Sets in Order are back dancing in the Community Building for regular dances although their upcoming Valentine Dance will be held at Lincoln School.

Skyloft Squares decrepit thought they are, did host the New Year's Dance and weekend of camping. There were 12 RV's and lots of potlucks, games, crafts and visiting, as well as dancing, a Plus Workshop (by Saints-n-Aints) and a Pajama Party Dance.

SUNSET AREA COUNCIL - Del & Bonnie Neimi

The January meeting was held on January 17th at Eva Moore's home in Astoria.

Clatskanie Promenaders have been painting and sprucing up the inside of their hall, made visitations to the Hayshakers, Fireballs, Longview clubs and had Christmas and New Year's parties. At the New Years party, they discovered they had hidden talent in their club - several "would be callers" took turns auditioning. It was decided their talent should remain hidden! Beginner lessons are scheduled to begin on February 4th. Several couples have indicated interest, but it remains to be seen if they will follow through. They will also be celebrating their 43rd anniversary on the 4th Saturday in February (28th).

Hayshakers report having lessons in progress with eight new dancers taking part. They too, had their Thanksgiving, Christmas and new Year's dinners and dances, as well as having a fairly good turn-out for their Indian Summer Dances. They will be having Harvey Hunsucker calling the first Saturday in February. Are also looking forward to having a big turn-out for their Clamdigger Stomp on March 20th, 1999. Caller is Scott Zinser and cuer, Bob Schindler.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL - Carolyn & Bob Bosch

At our recent council meeting it became very apparent that the United States President has nothing on the Tualatin Valley Council. It seems that both the United States and the TVC have Presidents that have committed impeachable crimes. Now we all know about Bill Clinton, but not the TVC's head cheerleader with the best looking legs. Our President was brought up on charges for not participating in the suitcase race at LaGrande because the TVC needed a cheerleader and he had the best looking legs. Well, as you can guess, the curtain went up and the transformation took place and I must say I've never seen a cheerleader with legs like those before. We were also happy to have 4 of the TVC Past Presidents in attendance along with some of the club presidents.

On Sunday, January 24th the TVC held their annual Charity Dance this year donating all the money collected to Bob Miller's Needy Kid Fund. This fund provides hearing aids and glasses to students whose parents can not afford the. We are pleased to report that the contribution amounted to between \$250.00 and \$300.00.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL - John Hernandez & Esther Thompson-Wood

The Buckaroo Square Dance Club The Buckeroos will have a regular dance on January 16, February 6, and 20th. On February 25th and 26th we will be setting up for the yearly barn sale. The sale will be on February 27th, at 9:00 AM. On Sunday the 28th we will start the sale at 10:00 AM. Any dancers with yard sale goods wanting to get rid of just give us a call and we will gladly pick it up. One persons junk is another persons treasures. We will be selling chili and pie along with the sale. Anyone is welcome to come out. It is work but a lot of fun too. Most of the Buckeroos and students will be attending the winter Festival.

We will continue with class fun shops for students the rest of the month n Mondays. We will start plus lessons on Thursday nights starting January 10th. All dancers are welcome. Dale may not go South so will be calling in February and March. Betty fell and badly broke her arm but is progressing quite well.

We think Dale will be available for the beginners dance that the Council will be hosting at the barn.

There will be a workshop for club reporters and myself at Winter Festival. It would be nice if the rest of the clubs would send an article in to me to go into the OFN. Let me know if you are interested.

The Boots and Calico Club Round Dance classes still going on Tuesday nights.

January 23rd - **Pajama Dance** Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00 PM.

Mid-Winter - January 29th - 31st, Eugene - Gadberry's have space available in motor home for clothes changing.

February 13th - **Valentine Dance** Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00 PM.

February 27th - Meeting 6:30 Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00 PM.

March 13th - **Birthday Dance 47th** Rounds at 7:30, Squares at 8:00 PM.

Dancing Friends Round dance classes are continuing on Sundays with KISS lessons from 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

Monday night classes are Ball Room classes 7:00 - 9:00 PM>

Tuesdays with Intermediate/Advanced classes from 7:00 - 7:30 PM and KISS

Intermediate from 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Pioneers 'n' Petticoats We will be putting on the New Dancers Dance for the Council on March 7th. We have been asked to come back to "Pioneer Days" in Canyonville, in August. We are hoping to have lots of support from all of you.

They are having student level dances every month in Medford. If anyone is interested call Joyce at (541) 874-2185 for more information.

We will resume our regular schedule of dances in January. They will be held on the 2nd & 4th Fridays beginning January 8th. Claude Butler on Pre-Rounds at 7:30 and Dick Smith calling at 8:00 PM. Hope to see you all there! Our lessons are coming along well on Thursday night.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

KEN & NANCY CARSON Given by Marilyn Schmit

We are in sunny Mesa, AZ. Arrived December 29th. The temperature has been in the 70's, sunny every day since we have been here. NO RAIN!!

Ken got an upper respiratory infection before Christmas and I got it December 29th. Ken got over his after 3 weeks with antibiotics. I was well for a few days last week after getting antibiotics, but it came back with a vengeance on Sunday the 18th. I went to the Dr. again and got a stronger antibiotic. Hope it works this time. Needless to say we have not been dancing.

We do have an update regarding Lowell & Donna Chamberlain. They have been in Houston, Texas since December 7th at the M.D. Anderson cancer Center. They are doing experimental things with cancer. Lowell's Dr. in Seattle was attacking the prostate cancer. The DR's in Houston are going to attack the cancer of the bones. This will be a different chemotherapy than what he got in Seattle. They will be in Houston 6 months.

Donna & Lowell are staying in their trailer, 18 miles west of Houston. Their address is:

Almost Heaven RV Park

4202 Del Bello

Manuel TX 77578

Phone # 281-489-1769

E-Mail 1chambe911@aol.com (lower case)

They would welcome cards, letters, E-Mail or a phone call.

We know Mid-Winter is putting on a tremendous program and you are all enjoying yourselves. thanks to a great committee!!

BENJAMIN & PENNY BROWN

No report.

TIM & KATHY ROBERTS

No report.

DICK & MARGIE PENTECOST

Since our last report, our square/round dancing and teaching have slowed down some amount.

We made our annual trip to Boring to attend and feast at the Country Cutups Breakfast and Bazaar in October.

We called/cued for the Bachelor Beaus (Bend) last fall and danced and Marge cued at another Bachelor Beau dance. Such a fun bunch!!

Our basic round dance class in Condon for the Ione Grand Squares is taking a recess until the last of February.

Marge has cued the rounds at the Gorge Plus dances held at the Grange in Hood River.

We called/cued two dances (including the Christmas dance) for the Ione Grand Squares.

We have attended the regular dances of Swap and Swing (of The Dalles), the WyEast Whirlers (Hood River), the Plus dances of Hermiston Square Knots and Ione Grand Squares (Condon) as possible.

We attended the New Year's Eve Dance in boring with the Country Cutups, and we had a marvelous family New Year's Day holiday with children and grandchildren in boring.

Our schedule includes calling/cueing for the Gorge Plus Club and Swap and Swing on the fourth weekend of January.

We plan to be in Pacific Grove, CA at the Asilomar Square/Round Dance weekend with Frank Lane and Marshall Flippo the weekend of Oregon Winter Festival. Last year, our ambassadorship was duly recognized (which of course, pleased us immensely).

The passing of days (years) does not diminish our feeling of privilege and pleasure at being named OREGON GOODWILL AMBASSADORS.

RAY & BETTY JONES

We keep watching the news and weather of the Pacific Northwest, besides talking to our children, and know that you have been a little wet up there. We are sorry to report it is dry, sunny (and at times a bit windy) in the beautiful Southwest.

We continue to dance at 3 Plus dances weekly here in Yuma and plan on being at the El Centro Festival while you are having the Oregon Mid-Winter Festival. We will be meeting our former 49ers there, (Don and Mary Lou West) and enjoy dancing to Dee Dee Dougherty. We wear our new Oregon Ambassador badges proudly to all events, and

circulate Oregon fliers as they are sent to us, so keep them coming. Yuma will have their annual festival on Valentines Day weekend and we have volunteered to help on several committees this year.

We are beginning to learn a little of Phase IV foxtrot and waltzes, the terminology really gives us a mental overload at times. But maybe with time it will come easier. We enjoy the classes and the instructor, Arnold Tramp. We dance with Oregonians from Portland, Hillsboro, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, etc. in other words there is a lot of Oregonians here. When a count is made of the number of dancers from various areas though, Washington leads, British Columbia, Alberta, and then Oregon. Fewer Canadians down this year because it takes approximately \$1.60 Canadian to make an American dollar.

Well, even though the weather is nicer down here, we really miss all your smiling faces and the friendship of the State meetings. We wish you all, sunshine and smiles and happy days.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Carol Reetz mentioned that Mid-Winter received favorable recognition from the Eugene media.

Sandy Eddings square dance plates are now located on the web.

A member from the Wolf Pack thanked everyone for voting them in.

Larry Reetz has additional State Directories available.

MOTION to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodene Hughes
Recording Secretary

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