

MINUTES - SQUARE DANCE STATE FEDERATION MEETING - MAY 21, 1967 - ALBANY, OREGON

All state officer, except the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary were present. All areas represented except Interstate Highlanders. Warren Engdahl represented Umpqua and Leonard Chandler represented Rogue Sis Q. Met at the Hall of the Circle Eighters and the Linn Wanderers on the fairgrounds in Albany.

The meeting was called to order by the State President Frank Kale. Roll call by Secretary Pro Tem Rosemary Williams. Shirley Lee asked that the reading of the minutes of the last State Federation meeting be dispensed with as all officers and delegates had received a printed copy of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

The President asked that the ballot counting committee, consisting of members from Portland, Mid-Willamette and Umpqua Areas, be excused to complete the counting of the ballots.

Reports:

PAST PRESIDENT - Mick Nogle. No report.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - No report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Jim Hill. Forms out for the directory. Each area representative asked to see that the clubs in his area complete the forms and return them by July 10, in duplicate, with the membership committee receiving the second copy.

Comment by Bob Davis: Understood that the membership chairman was to collect the dues and registration blanks under the new constitution. Shirley Lee read the change in the constitution, which states that the membership chairman will have all the information. This was done so that the information could be correlated for the new directory. New constitution was accepted and approved by the September meeting. This procedure will be followed in the future. The membership chairman will collect the dues as it has in the past.

Shirley Lee read the section of the constitution giving the duties of the membership chairman and the second vice president.

Frank Kale: This duty was delegated to the second vice president so that he would take care of the printing of the directories. It was a misunderstanding because we were late in getting the new constitution printed up. Money was sent directly to the treasurer in some cases that should be sent to the membership chairman. This year we will go ahead, as being President Frank wants to see a directory accurately published, and will let Jim go ahead as he has planned.

Treasurer absent. A printed copy of the report was passed to officers and delegates and was read by Frank Kale.

Dick Plane explained that the FEDERATION NEWS being in the red as time goes on is decreasing due to the results of the past officers working.

RECORDING SECRETARY - No report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - The attached report was prepared compiling the results of the balloting procedure.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - Gained a few clubs and lost a few. Suggested that the areas be sent a membership packet including application procedures and the State constitution.

Comment by Frank Kale: Poor reporting back to the area from the State meeting.

Comment by John Budihas: Portland feels that the callers should give this information to the new members who would like to become a member as the caller knows who to contact.

Comment by Frank Kale: The area must accept a club which decides to join.

Comment by Bob Davis: Sometimes it is the area secretary who doesn't know what to do with the money. We should educate the clubs as to the procedure. There is a lot of confusion in federated organization.

Comment by Frank Kale: The procedures will be worked up and will be put in the area delegates notebooks. The area delegate will report back to the area. He must be on his feet.

Comment from John Budihas: He has not received a practices and precedures so that he did not know.

Comment from Frank Kale: This is all being done.

STATE HISTORIAN - Emily Robinson stated she has not received any pictures from the Portland Area. Needs pictures from all of the areas.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS - Buddy Randall and George Ulrich. George: Has picked up financially because of cost. It was a good edition but pictures could have been improved. He is sure that within six months we will see a marked improvement. Emerald Area and Portland Area have picked up the idea of including the dues with the dues of the club. The paper will be published next in the Mid-Willamette Area.

Buddy: Should give the clubs the opportunity of collecting the subscription rates in any way they wish. Not trying to force something on them. Feels the new dancers would like to have someone take care of this for them. If clubs would give their membership a choice, thinks they would appreciate the clubs handling this matter for them. If a club would like some complimentary copies of the FEDERATION NEWS, they are glad to send them out but would appreciate a club sending the postage, which would amount to approximately 25¢. Would like to stagger the subscriptions. If the names of the club members are sent in, the directories will check the files and prorate the amount so that all subscriptions will come due at the same time. They will send the list back to the club and the club can then send in the money.

Frank Kale: The new printer meant to attend the meeting.

Florence Engdahl: Would like to thank the members who helped with the State Dance Festival issue of the FEDERATION NEWS.

Mr. Engdahl asked if there were some special requirements for pictures.

Answer - 5 x 7 glossy, black and white.

EMERALD EMPIRE - Lloyd Ward. Gave a run down of the Mid-Winter figures. Stated it was a success. They charged one dollar per person per day. The major expenses were for facilities, callers and round dance people. Knew there had been some problem with the round dancing but did not hear until Saturday night. They are working on the problem and hope to do a much better job this coming year. The first week end in February, 1968, (2nd and 3rd) has been set for the Mid-Winter. Vaughn Parrish is the caller. The round dance people are not firmed up yet. Question about a wood floor. This is a tough problem. The prices will be the same next year unless inflation really hits.

Frank Kale commented: The two functions of the State Federation are the State Festival and the Mid-Winter. He also feels we should clear some profit. The \$1,500 is to be held to use for another Far Western. We are just now running comfortably.

Mick: Eugene accepted the responsibility to put on a Mid-Winter Festival so we will leave it all up to them.

Forrest Kennady: Discussing the festivals puts you in an odd predicament. You are in between, not ready for the Lord and the devil doesn't want you, so if an area has a problem, this needs to be discussed. The costs for the callers can not be overcome and when the quality improves, so will the crowds. But the floor expense is something different. Due to the fact that we don't have large cities with large floor spaces, you are going to have to dance more and more on cement or spend the money on the floor. The floor at Roseburg will be gyp board and it is getting more and more expensive and it is harder and harder to find a place to put it down. It will be necessary to take three or four days to get it down so it will be a last minute procedure, but they have an alternate in floor space if necessary. Sometimes you have good people in your area and sometimes you have to take what you can. Businessmen dance in some areas and in Roseburg there are service station men and loggers. We plan on having a real good festival with Bill Peters and C. O. Guest from Texas on Saturday night.

Cahoes are the round dance instructors, and we hope to be able to satisfy both groups. Reservations should be sent in as they are running into limited spaces now. There are two motels in Sutherlin, which is 12 miles from Roseburg. People asked about trailer and camp facilities. There were 100 with electricity and water hookup. The lots are marked and if you do not receive this facility space, you will be able to use the restroom facilities on the fairgrounds, which we can use if necessary. We might even use the county facilities and say that we are fishing and camping. We are going to have a golf tournament under the chairmanship of Ward Cumming. It has not been decided whether this will be held at the county or the country club golf course. Thursday night is the callers' jamboree. If callers of federated groups come to the festival and register for the three days, the \$7.50 fee will be given to them free. If 100 of these callers show, then you will have a lot of people coming to the festival. The letter stated this fee would be donated if they were three for the three-day period.

The festival has to be adapted to the people in the area who will work on the committees and the amount of money that you have. The cost of the Saturday night dance will be \$4. They are not trying to commercialize but need this to come out.

Ralph and Mrs. Engdahl have helped a great deal as they belonged to the original Buckaroos. With a little good luck, they will have a new club in the area at Glide. They have received 65 letters of intent from people who are interested.

A grange organization will serve meals on the fairgrounds as there are problems finding restaurants in the area. It is hoped that all will participate in the services at the fairgrounds. The Coca Cola people will be servicing chests of ice cubes. Some of the 4-H girls will be serving soft drinks. There will be a booth under the grandstand serving coffee, hamburgers and the like.

The FEDERATION NEWS Festival issue was turned over to representatives from the Standard Oil Company advertising department who will prepare information for the stations throughout the state.

Florence Engdahl announced that there would be flowers planted around the area, which they hoped we would be especially careful of. The dorms will be available for the kids. The spontaneous combustion dance on Thursday night is being well accepted.

Frank Kale: The FEDERATION NEWS would like to have time for a group of reporters to get together added to the program. George will be the chairman. The time and place to be announced later. They are trying to co-ordinate activities so they won't run late.

Clarence Lee asked if the Roseburg group was aware that C. O. Guest had contacted the Newport square dancers and they would have him calling on Friday night and the contract could not be rescinded.

Forrest: Would check into this as they are paying air freight for him and he should not have accepted another engagement. So many of the callers are being booked up for summer resorts, it was difficult to locate one. They should specify with the signing of the contract that he is not to call a night prior to the festival dance somewhere else in the state.

Suggestion made that contact be made with Joe Ziegler of the Newport club.

The ballot counting committee made the following report:

President - Dick Plane

First Vice President - Jim Hill

Second Vice President - Lloyd Ward

Recording Secretary - Betty Nagel

Corresponding Secretary - Shirley Lee

Treasurer - Donald Peterson

Membership - Clarence West

COFFEE BREAK

At the next meeting practices and procedures bulletin will be available to the members of the committee and the area delegates.

CENTRAL OREGON AREA -- Jack Williams. Good time at the dance for the train group. MC's were Russ Kiel and Larry Musgrave. We learned how to handle something like this. The J. C. put on a barbequed chicken dinner.

EMERALD EMPIRE -- Most of the report was made on the Winter Festival. We are encouraging some form of combination with the FEDERATION NEWS and club dues. If a group photographer was appointed in each area, they feel they would receive a better selection of pictures.

Roseburg area is having good newspaper publicity.

Buddy Randall: The state photographer might like to get out from this job.

Frank Kale: Areas could each get their own photographer and help subsidize this.

Jim Hill suggests organizing the reporters into a group and showing them how to report. Feels that they are doing the best job they can; upgrading of the writing and giving them credit for the work they have done.

Lloyd: Would like each of the groups told where to send the state dues and the FEDERATION NEWS money.

Emerald Empire is trying to come up with a solution for the floor problem. They have several researching the project and feel a 200 x 200 floor constructed so that it could be moved from one area to another is the answer. This is to be built so that it could be used for a number of years. Jim ^{Ruckard} Ruckard has looked into some prices and is trying to decide how it could be taken anywhere in the State. The

cost might run from \$3,500 to \$9,000. This will take sometime to decide. They are talking with plywood people. Would like it out of 1½" plywood, tongue and groove, to get rid of the joints.

Lloyd: Is this worth the time and effort and should we keep looking into it as one area could not build it on its own?

John: Made a motion that Emerald delegate would go ahead and get all of the information and have it voted on at the next State meeting. Seconded and carried. Emerald Empire would welcome any information as to where we could purchase this material.

Mick: If we are going to look into this, we have to know what the various types of materials are that could be used.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS -- No present.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK -- The magazine included with the dues will be left to descretion of individual clubs.

MID-WILLAMETTE -- 14 clubs going along with combination plan. One may or may not. Six are not.

Suggestion that five directories and five magazines be given to the President of the Federation to use as advertising.

Letter from Braid and Braves of Mid-Willamette Area.

George Ulrich liked all of the comments and the letter and would answer all of the problems personally. He would be happy to give up the club news. They all appreciate articles and feature material. Everyone take a special effort and write up a feature.

PORTLAND AREA -- Thinks all who made the train trip are happy. They are making inquiries about Spokane or Canada for next year. Square Dance week in September. This area is confused on the question of the number of applications for state offices that they can send in. They understood that four was the limit from any one area.

This time, two or three more were signed by the area president under pressure and they were sent in without the area council's approval. What are the State regulations?

Frank Kale: Went to the meeting and made announcement that four signed by the area president was all that should be submitted.

Mick: This was left out of the constitution for a reason. If only one council sends in four names and there are not enough sent in, then it would be necessary to ask for more from that particular area if this was possible.

Forest Kennady: It was limited to four as the state officers would not have the time and could not determine that the ability was there. The area itself knows its own people. The president should send only four, and he should be reminded.

Motion made and seconded that the president write to each area president and remind him of the nomination procedures. They are to sign no more than four nomination forms for the nomination of state officers. Carried.

There is a conflict of dates on the next State meeting. Portland Area had planned to host the meeting on the 16th of September, the third Saturday, to climax State Square Dance Week, which begins the 11th.

Ruth Nogle: Seaside Chamber of Commerce is trying to extend their tourist season and would like to have the same week end every year for their Indian Summer Festival and to be able to have everything planned. The dance is on the City of Seaside and the caller is Vaughn Parrish both Saturday and Sunday, workshop and dance. It is free to the dancers.

Portland Area will try to work something out.

ROGUE-SIS-Q -- Drifting Teens just joined the Federation. Appreciated the folders.

SOUTH COAST -- Not able to sell the idea of the joint dues, but they had a Saturday night STATE FEDERATION NEWS dance to sell the magazine.

SUNSET -- The area president doesn't know where the dues are to be sent. Some people are members of two or three clubs and this would cause a problem in the FEDERATION NEWS subscription was added in. They also feel that the State should not try to tell us how to run our business.

Buddy: Nobody is trying to force a 100 per cent subscription. The NEWS staff intended that it would be easier if the subscriptions would come through group membership rather than on an individual basis.

Frank Kale announced disappointment in the turnout at the meeting and was concerned that it wasn't interesting. Asked that we extend a personal invitation to the club delegates to attend the State meeting.

Question was raised if it was the policy of an area to cancel the dances when they were hosting a Federation dance. This area had not been asked to cancel but felt they should not have to be told.

OLD BUSINESS -- Cover on FEDERATION NEWS. John suggested this be tabled until the ideas can be sent to the various delegates.

NEW BUSINESS -- Shirley Lee made motion that notebooks for officers be purchased. Seconded and carried. Thanks given to Shirley Lee and Laurence Trevethick for the notebooks.

MORE OLD BUSINESS -- Joan Davis presented the Portland Area's ideas for the 1969 Festival, reading letters from the Mid-Willamette Area, Frank Kale, Terry Shrunk, Convention Bureau of Portland, which will furnish typewriters, girls for registering, assist local and national committees and help with publicity. Eight committees are being structured from the area board. Hoping to use representatives from every club. They are contemplating using the facilities at Portland State, which has two large gym floors that are separated by a metal strip. Would be asking the callers to help on independent committees.

John: Made a motion that the Portland Area be allowed to host the State Square Dance Festival in 1969.

1968 Festival: Eugene area has letters from Chamber of Commerce, the City of Eugene, hotel groups and a letter from the hotel owners indicating their pleasure in hosting square dancers. Tentative dates are July 13, 14 and 15. There are three possibilities of location. Fairgrounds - rent has raised. University of Oregon - unless summer school schedule prevents and the site of the 2nd State Festival dance in Springfield using two school buildings. Going to try having an outside wood floor and working hard on it. Have lead and feelers are out. This will be firmed up by the September meeting. Even might be ready at Roseburg.

Frank Kale: \$500 was given to the treasury from Mid-Willamette.

Lee: Hoped there would be some way of helping M.C.'s out when they needed to know who would be on the program for the evening.

George Ulrich announced the State is in need of a parliamentarian.

Cliff Robinson, Portland Area, announced the Norm Ireland is in Kaiser Hospital suffering from leukemia. He is in need of blood which can be donated in any area and credited to his account. Suggestion was made that we start a bank of blood from square dancers.

Frank talked about Ivan Stewart, who has 700 acres of park area and has a large barn. He has seen a floor of some type of rubber and knows that floor would work. He is willing to set up trailer space and septic tank facilities and work out something for square dancers. This place is on Wallace Road. Suggestion made to get committee to work on it. Buddy and George and a caller or two will look at the site.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Williams
Recording Secretary Pro Tem



OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCE CLUBS

2904 Holmes Road
Lincoln City, Oregon
January 20, 1967

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Council
Morry Georgeson, President
270 South Bridgeway
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Square Dancers,

It is indeed a pleasure to write the Mid-Willamette Area a letter of Thanks and Congratulations. Thanks from the Oregon Federation of Square Dancers for the check in the amount of \$500 which was recently turned over to the state treasurer. This came as a complete surprise to many of us as we had understood the debt was considered canceled and forgotten.

And Congratulations to a group that cared so much they wanted to do this in spite of the fact it had been forgiven. Not often do we find a group of people so dedicated to a cause. Hurrah for Square Dancers!

Squarely yours,

Shirley Lee
Corresponding Secretary
Oregon Federation of Square
Dance Clubs

ballot report

133 mailed out at 45¢
1 delivered in person

134 ballots
2 returned wrong address
1 never heard what happened

131 delivered ballots
101 returned ballots

30 clubs did not vote

Of those returned:

- some fell
in more than
1 category*
- 21 were not enc~~losed~~ in second envelope, I tore off return address and did not open. Up to committee if legal.
 - 2 had club names on inside envelope
 - 5 were mailed after the deadline

Total of 23 questionable ballots

78 definitely legal.

Many ballots were returned without the club name on return~~ed~~ address

Others were returned without any return address at all

For this reason I could not credit the club with having voted--would be unable to answer ~~you~~ *if you* asked if your ~~ballot~~ *club* had been received

Would recommend simplifying instructions at top of ballot for ~~a~~ another year and then counting as illegal those not following them.

Shirley Lee,
Corresponding Secretary

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR TERM - 1967-1968

BALLOT

Listed herewith is your official ballot for election of officers for Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs for term 1967-68. Your club MUST vote for one (1) candidate for each office. This ballot must be returned to the Corresponding Secretary of Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs and be post-marked not later than May 1, 1967. Ballot must be sealed in plain envelope (marked ballot), then mailed in outside cover with return address to:

Shirley Lee, Corresponding Secretary
2904 Holmes Road Lincoln City, Oregon 97367

PRESIDENT

VERNE MCKNIGHT MID-WILLAMETTE
Club President, Club Vice-President, Area
Delegate, Alternate Delegate.
Contract milk hauling business
Has danced 8 years

✓
DICK PLANE EMERALD EMPIRE
Area President, present State 1st Vice-Pres.,
Club Vice-Pres., Chairman Mid-Winter Festival.
Police Detective
Has danced 6 years

Write-In:

FIRST
VICE PRESIDENT

✓
JIM HILL PORTLAND AREA
Pres., Hayloft Clubs, Ltd.; Club President, 2 clubs;
Club Delegate; present State 2nd Vice-President.
Paymaster
Has danced 15 years

LAURANCE TREVITHICK SUNSET EMPIRE
Club Vice-President, Club President, Club
Delegate, State Delegate.
Truck Driver
Has danced 6 years

Write-In:

SECOND
VICE PRESIDENT

~~✓~~
JOHN P. KETCHUM MID-WILLAMETTE
Area Delegate, State Delegate, Vice President
of 2 clubs.
Sanitarian-Air Pollution Authority
Has danced 10 years

✓
LLOYD V. WARD EMERALD EMPIRE
Club President, Area Treasurer, Area Vice-Pres.,
State Delegate, Co-Chairman Winter Festival.
Junior High Teacher
Has danced 4 years

Write-In:

RECORDING
SECRETARY

✓
BETTY J. NAGEL
PORTLAND AREA
Club President, Area Secretary, present State
Recording Secretary.
Certified Professional Secretary
Has danced 8 years

ROSEMARY WILLIAMS
CENTRAL AREA
Club Vice President, past State Recording Secretary.
Secretary
Has danced 6 years

Write-In:

CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY

DOROTHIE JENSEN
EMERALD EMPIRE
Club Secretary-Treasurer, Club Delegate.
Homemaker--Secretary
Has danced 7 years

✓
SHIRLEY LEE
LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK
Club Secretary, Treasurer, President; State Delegate
present State Corresponding Secretary.
Elementary Teacher - 50 C
Has danced 15 years

Write-In:

TREASURER

AUGIE BELLMAN
PORTLAND AREA
Accountant
Has danced 2 years

✓
DONALD F. PETERSEN
MID-WILLAMETTE
Club President, Club Board member.
Fiscal (Budget) Analyst
Has danced 3 years

Write-In:

MEMBERSHIP
CHAIRMAN

TOM POWER
PORTLAND AREA
Club President, two terms.
Woodworking Department Supt.
Has danced 5 years

✓
CLARENCE WEST
INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS
Club President, 4 terms; Area President; State
Delegate; State Festival Chairman.
Floor Covering Mechanic
Has danced 10 years

Write-In: