

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCE CLUBS MEETING MINUTES FOR Jan. 12, 1969.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hill, 10:00 am, Moose Home, 1222 SE Stephens, Roseburg, Oregon. It was hosted by the Umpqua Area Council.

Protem Recording Secretary (LaNola M. Bacon) completed the roll call. All state officers present with the exception of Recording Secretary Kathleen Fudge and Second Vice President Clarence West (Virginia). Delegates from areas present except Central, Interstate Highlanders, and Sunset.

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes because all officers and delegates have a copy. Although the following corrections were noted -

(1) The grand sweepstakes trophy presented to the square dancers at the 1968 Rodeo Parade in Eugene was won as a 11-unit group and not for just one specific float.

(2) Floor Committee - Dick Plane, chairman, assisted by Mort Harkins and Buddy Randle.

Treasurer reported that there was at total of \$3,659.70 in the treasury at this date.

REPORTS

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT no report

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT unable to attend meeting (illness)

RECORDING SECRETARY unable to attend meeting (weather conditions)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY read an invitational letter from the Lincoln-Tillamook Area regarding their festival week Feb. 12-16. Jamboree Style dances on 2/8/69 and 2/15/69. Frank Lee, Blue Pacific Twirlers, MC. It is to be similar to Indian Summer Festival.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN a new club has joined the Federation - the Applegate Twirlers of Franklin, Oregon, Emerald Empire reported that the Swinging 58ers, Pleasant Hill obtained the forms from the area meeting last evening and plan to join.

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PAST PRESIDENT received nominations from 10 areas.

STATE NEWS REPORTER nose for news and would appreciate any "tidbits" and correct spelling of names, places, etc.....

HISTORIAN Emily Robinson's new address - 2214 E. Willamette, Albany, Oregon 97321. Emily asked if it is necessary to request permission to take the historical books to the National in Seattle. And it is necessary to have a person taking care of the books at all times. (Ruth and Verne McKnight offered to assist.)

Motion A motion was made by Ernie Holthus, seconded by Dick Plane, that Emily Robinson (Historian) be granted permission to take the Oregon Historical Books on square dancing to the National at Seattle in June 1969. Motion carried.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS no report

MID-WINTER SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL Fairgrounds, Eugene, Oregon Jan. 24 and Jan. 25, 1969. Jim Rookard, chairman, announced that the square dancers would be dancing on wood floors to the calling of Bob Van Antwerp, Long Beach, Calif. Oregon Round Dance Showcase with Jim and Ann Sims assisted by Lloyd and Elise Ward. Facilities at the Fairgrounds for trailers. There will be a booth about insurance. Callers from the Washington area to be here for the Callers Workshop. Round dancing Friday and Saturday afternoon and both evenings. Jim and Ann Sims will teach round dances that are presented for the Showcase. After parties - Saturday night only - at Prairie Hall and the Eugene Hotel. The Teens at the River Road Recreation Center. Daisy Chainers to serve breakfast at the River Road Women's Club after the Friday night and Saturday night dances. Winter Wonderland of Fashions dinner tickets will be sold until Friday Jan. 24, 8:00 pm. Mid-Winter Festival is \$1.25 per person per day. Fay Rookard thanked Leona Kale and Jim Hill for the articles in the January 1969 OFN. Roundtop building for registration and can enter the south and east side. There is room inside to register. Round dancing just across the way. Jim Rookard appointed Lloyd Ward (1968 chairman) as an advisor.

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1969 STATE FESTIVAL (Bob and Joan Davis) Plans are tentative but Joan related that Portland's Pleasant Pink Packydirm Positively Popping for Printing news about the 1969 Festival. There will be 2 activities at all times and sometimes 3. There will be dancing all day long. The Festival will offer food for the stomach, for the heart, for the mind and for the eyes. Registration will start on Thursday June 19 at 9:00 am. At 10:00 am there is something special for the women - men there will be something for you too. Scheduled on Thursday - ideas for clubs and an exchange of ideas. Three full days of entertainment. On Friday and Saturday - 2 sewing clinics - clinic for the beginner square dancer and advanced square dancer. Possibility of having a leadership program (not confirmed at present date). There is to be a program to handle conflicts, sharing responsibilities, and ones not interested in participating in club activities. Round dancing - the emphasis will be on styling. 3 full days of round and square dancing, 18 hrs. for square dancing, 16 hrs. on rounds, 22 hrs. for other and 2 hrs. for OFN, if needed, and time for group meetings. Teens are planning own program but will have adult supervision. Maybe a midnight swim, combo group, but to dance with adults on Saturday evening. May have 20 or 30 commercial exhibits to offset expenses. Expenses not to be high for the exhibits but the exhibits are to be of interest to the square dancers.

Bob Davis expressed his appreciation for being the 1969 Oregon State Festival Chairman. Bob presented his projected budget as follows.

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| \$8,007.50 | Receipts |
| <u>5,485.50</u> | Expenses |
| \$2,522.00 | To be on hand |

Motion by Dick Plane, seconded by Dean Chapman, that the 1969 Oregon State Festival projected budget to be accepted as presented by Bob Davis, Chairman. Motion carried. (Note - Bob Davis to send a copy of the projected budget to the State. About 30 or more committees are in action and most of the clubs are involved. To have a meeting on 1/14/69 and then should have 90% of the clubs.. Central Oregon

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has an annual event the same time as the State Festival. Talked to Jack Brinson (Central Delegate) and the event has been cancelled. Will have 2 registration booths at the Festival. Ones preregistering will have information ahead of time. Have a system for obtaining the attendance each day of the Festival. Teen after party curfew has been solved by the county and the city. The Teens to have a card pinned on their coat but they must be going home from the dance. (Added note - this morning Bob heard George Ullrich say "give me one workshop over easy.") There are 54 clubs in Portland and hope to draw from Vancouver. Bob introduced Mil and June Kingsbury, West Linn, Publicity Chairmen. Mil and June have sent publicity to 22 magazines, Time, Life, interested people, Australia, Carmel, New Orleans, Montana, Traveling Trailer Magazine, Traveling Squares. Plan to have a Trails End Dance with National.

Added note - 38 people coming from Australia on the way to the National. They can not be here for the Oregon State Festival but will be in Portland on Tuesday, June 24 and there is a special dance planned for them. BE SURE TO COME!

Motel and Trailers Motel reservations are to be handled by individuals. Trailer and camping - 200 units at Jantzen Beach, Area #5, water, electricity, rest rooms, showers and security 24 hrs. a day. Charge may be \$2 per unit per day. \$5 script at Jantzen Beach for \$1.50. Jantzen Beach is a 17 minute ride from David Douglas. Problem during peak traffic time. Bob and Joan to handle trailer reservations. The 3 days of round dancing attractive to Southern California. Have approximately \$786.05 in the treasury. There may be an after party at Jantzen Beach. Food by American Field Service. SQUARE DANCERS talk it up - it is your Festival. Bob mentioned that some Teen clubs are not federated and some teens dancing with adults. Area delegates try to reach Teen clubs - need a list of teen clubs and teens dancing with adults.

1969 State Festival added information

Chairman - Bob and Joan Davis, 3725 SW Marquam Hill Rd., Portland, Oregon 97201
Publicity - Mil and June Kingsbury, 2170 SW 13, West Linn, Oregon 97068
Registration - Bob and Leona Kolb, 4414 SE Center, Portland, Oregon 97206
John and Della Wallis, 1531 SE Holly, Portland, Oregon 97202

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DELEGATES REPORTS

CENTRAL absent but send minutes to Jack Brinson, delegate at

P. O. Box 164, Bend, Oregon 97701, phone 383-2324

EMERALD EMPIRE (Virgil Hughes) The report from our Area was covered by Jim Rookard, chairman, of the Mid-Winter Festival. (The Emerald Empire delegate is Virgil Hughes, Camp Creek Road, Springfield, Oregon 97477. Please send the minutes to him at that address. Recording Secretary please note.)

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS no report - absent

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK (Wendall Beaman) Area dance to be held the fifth Saturday in March at the Gleneden Community Hall. Also mentioned the Lincoln-Tillamook Festival (similar to Indian Summer Festival) to be held Feb. 12-16. Jamboree Style dances and dances to be held on Feb. 8, 1969 at Gleneden Beach Community Hall, Lincoln City and the Feb. 15 dance to be at the Dunes Resort, Lincoln City. Frank Lee will be the MC. Information was presented by Shirley Lee at the last Area meeting.

MID-WILLAMETTE (Frank Kale for Gordon Seely) The State Fair Square Dance will not be held this year but planning on Square Dance Week. Still trying to sell shares on the floor. Beginners Jamboree - Jan. 31 - Square Dance Center, 10 week level.

PORTLAND (Bob Davis for Tommy Thompson) December Area Dance had 40 squares. Plan to have a get-acquainted dance soon. The Portland Area investigated a bid for National in 1972. They do not plan to bid but all the information is onfile. There are 2 new clubs in the area - total 54 but 3 are not federated clubs. (I believe this is correct.) The Square Dance Barn in Portland has been sold. New owners bought it - one is a developer and one is a speculator. \$60 to \$75 rental charge so 4 or 5 clubs are out of a hall. Possibility to convert a restaurant into a square dance hall. At the present have to place to go. Central Oregon may accept the 1970 State Festival.

PORTLAND (Bob Davis continued) RESOLUTION Re: Square Dancing Becoming the National Dance of the U.S.A.

In view of the fact that Square Dancing is considered to be the one American folk dance by all authorities on the subject of folk activities; and also in view of the fact that so many people, not only in the U.S.A. but throughout the entire world, do participate in and enjoy this truly American folk activity; and also in view of the fact that the American Legion West Valley Post No. 148 of Campbell, California and Washington State Square and Folk Dance Federation have started action to have square dancing declared the official national dance of these United States, therefore:

Be it resolved that the Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs go on record as being unanimously in favor of square dancing becoming the official National Dance of the U.S. And be it further resolved that the Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs will lend all its influence to this project becoming a reality at the earliest possible moment.

Motion A motion was made by Bob Davis, seconded by Dean Chapman, that the above resolution be accepted by the Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs. Motion carried.

Please note: For further information on methods used to help promote this, it can be obtained from the following:

Trudi Kelly, 2335 Yale Ave., East, Seattle, Washington

ROGUE SIS-Q (Harold Sims, alternate delegate) Fifth Saturday night dance in March to be held at the Izaak Walton Hall. Have many enthusiastic beginners. The Boatnik Square Dance Festival on Memorial Day Weekend will be held again this year. Roger Morris of Napa, California will call the Friday night dance. Also asked who will follow Portland's 1969 Festival?

Added information - Central Oregon may accept the 1970 State Festival. We need to encourage them to hold it. The decision to be postponed until the May meeting. Square dancers write letters of encouragement to Jack Williams and Jack Brinson.

SOUTH COAST (Al Boyer) Area dance the fifth Saturday in March at Beachcomers Cove at Port Orford. Bay Area Stompers and the Traveling Squares 2-4 Saturday, Skyloft, North Bend. Sets In Order, 1-3 Saturdays, Community Bldg., in Coquille. Eight Annual Azalea Festival Jamboree to be held on Saturday May 31, Brookings.

SUNSET no report - absent

UMPQUA (Stan Sorgenfrei - and host area) Very pleased with the attendance at the meeting and at the dance Saturday evening at the Buckeroo Barn. Callers were Harry and Betty Sorenson, Ward Cummins and Elsie Downs.

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Stan introduced his lovely new bride Irene. Stan had her busy, she was on KP. Really getting her initiated in square dancing. Congratulations and best wishes to both. Stan announced that the plywood square dance letters, originating in Roseburg and now in Eugene, are to be given to the state for State Square Dance Festivals. It was the consensus of the Umpqua Area. Square dance lessons in the area are going well. (by Elsie Downs) The seedling trees donated by the Forest Service are for the officers and delegates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mort Harkins, 1968 State Festival Chairman, reported 302 shares on the floor - need 250 to make the goal. There will be a booth at the Mid-Winter Festival. (Take good care of your seedlings - in 20 years you will have wood for a floor.) Previously Ruth McKnight had announced that she had a \$10 share from the Silverton Promenaders. Dick Plane informed the members that recently a work party on the floor was held. The floor is redesigned with a full sheet of plywood then a 1/2 sheet of plywood to offset with plates in the center and on the ends. Two squares danced on 24 sheets. Really stomped and kicked. Very good dancing. Elsie Downs did not have a report on "Dancing Oregon Style". Jim Cyphert has been too busy with commitments to assist her. Jim Hill commented that Chet Held had contributed so much to the booklet.

FAIRVIEW CHAPEL DANCE

Dick Plane reminded everyone of the Second Annual Benefit Dance for the Fairview Chapel to be held on March 23, 1969, 2:00 pm, Fairview Hospital & Training Center, 2250 Strong Road, SE, Salem, Oregon. Ruth McKnight had made a poster and the McKnight family will make more posters to advertise the dance. It is sponsored by the Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs. The MC will be Stan White of

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Portland, and other callers to be Don Poling, Medford; Harry Sorenson, Roseburg; and Cecil Tolleson, Springfield. The profit last year was \$347.00. Remember to wear bright colors to please the spectators. The state officers are to be "greeters" at the doors. Please be early and let's support this worthwhile dance.

NEW BUSINESS

Verne McKnight made the motion, seconded by Dick Plane, that the Oregon State Federation of Square Dance Clubs send Frank and Leona Kale to the National for 3 days. Motion carried. \$100 check was presented to the Kales. They have done so much for square dancing in Oregon. Leona commented that it was the nicest birthday present she had received. (I think it was her 20-20 more-or-less birthday.)

Wendall Beaman, Lincoln-Tillamook, ased for a discussion that officers hold an office 2 years instead of just 1. General discussion as follows: a very good suggestion, just learn the office and then you are out, could alternate each year with 3 new and 3 old, when running for an office would know if for 1 year or 2 years, constitutional change may be needed, 1970 before can be put into effect, needs to go back through clubs then to state. Also if an officer is elected for 2 years and could not serve because of illness or other reasons, the officer could be excused. Delegates (from President Hill) please take this information back to the clubs and bring back information to the May meeting. President Hill to appoint a committee and resubmit the topic at the May meeting.

Iris Ullrich asked if the election ballots of the officers should go out by certified mail. A motion was made by Verne McKnight, seconded by Dean Chapman, that the election ballots be sent out by certified mail. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Plane, seconded by Frank Kale, that the

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Oregon State Federation of Square Dance Clubs give \$25 toward a gift for Jim and Ann Sims. Motion carried. Dick Plane informed the members at the meeting that Jim Sims had purchased special tools, materials, and designs for the wood floor but would not accept any pay. The gift will be presented at the Mid-Winter Festival. The Emerald Empire Area will contribute on the gift.

NATIONAL

Stan and Beverly Benge brought before the group the suggestion for a program booklet to be printed for the Musical Fashion Show to be presented at the National in Seattle, June 1969. The show will be representing Oregon dancers. The Opera House will seat 3,100 and the show will be given on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening. The show is the same as presented at the 1968 Oregon State Festival in Eugene including Jerry Helt, Nita and Manning Smith. It has been suggested that the Oregon Federation assist in some of the expenses. There is a National poster "Watching the Girls Go By" and it represents Oregon Square Dancers. Discussion to sell adds or not sell adds to help on expenses. Really the thought is to publicise Oregon Square Dancers. Bev Benge said that the National would print a program but feels Oregon Square Dancers should be represented. A motion was made by Ernie Holthus, seconded by Dean Chapman, that the Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs give, if needed, \$200 to \$250 for the printing of the booklet (program included). Motion carried. The booklet is to promote square dancing in Oregon. Dick Plane will assist Stan Benge to work out details for the booklet.

There will be Hospitality Room at the National. Free Coffee! Historical books (scrapbooks of Oregon Square Dance information) will be placed in this room. Copies of the Oregon Federation News will be

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available. For housing at the National - it is necessary to pre-register.

Pre-Registration Director,
18th National Square Dance Convention Inc.
P. O. Box 7376 Bitterlake Station
Seattle, Washington 98133

Additional information write to:

Gene and Ella Simmons
18749 -23rd N. E.
Seattle, Washington 98155

President Jim Hill thanked the Umpqua Area for hosting the Saturday night dance and the Sunday meeting. He announced that the next state meeting to be in the Bend area on May 17 and May 18, 1969.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

The Umpqua Area members served a dinner of baked ham, vegetables, relishes, rolls, coffee and ice cream.

The organ music played during the coffee break and during the dinner hour was by Nancy Byrd, senior, from Medford, Oregon. Nancy is the sister of Joan Roberts, Umpqua Area secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

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LaNola M. Bacon
Protom Recording Secretary