

Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs
Minutes - September 19, 1971

The meeting was called to order by the President Bill Sorenson at 10:15 A. M. at Crater High School Cafeteria in Central Point hosted by the Rogue-Sis-Q Area. The President prefaced the meeting by thanking the officers and delegates for their assistance in the past year. He also thanked the area for the dance and the breakfast which preceeded the meeting. Roll call by Recording Secretary followed with all present except the Historian, State Reporter, and Delegate from Umpqua Area. The new Area, Eastern Oregon, was introduced. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. However, South Coast Delegate corrected the minutes to read that they tabled a motion rather than withdrew same. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5013.04 in OFN account, \$1503.66 in the Floor Fund, and \$886.00 in the Insurance Fund. Working Capital is \$4493.93. The treasurer requested that all the money for the directories for 1970-71 be returned by the areas and dues from 3 areas are not yet in. Yearly balance sheet showed Receipts of \$12,821.83, Checks of \$10,667.15 and a Balance of \$2,154.68.

REPORTS

1st Vice President (Verne McKnight): Announced that he still has Square Dance Posters for sale.

2nd Vice President (Dean Chapman): In presenting the new 1971-72 directories, Dean gave credit to his wife Marsha for all the typing done on them. He announced that the cost per issue is \$0.27 and recommended that they be sold for \$0.35 each. Total cost is \$589.20, with 136 clubs and callers associations and 11 areas being included therein.

Recording Secretary (LaNola Bacon): Thanked area for gifts and everyone she worked with for the last 3 years. LaNola also presented President Bill Sorenson with a gift of a plaque showing a "Big Wheel".

Corresponding Secretary (Rita Midlam): No Report

Membership Chariman (Al Boyer): Summarizing his year as Membership Chairman he stated that the Federation has a new Area - the Eastern Oregon Area, and several new clubs as members: Rocket Squares of Pendelton, Country Cousins of Pendelton, Square Knits of Hermiston, Ione Grand Squares, Rivergate Stompers of Portland, Dance Arounds of Portland, and OSU Promenaders of Corvallis.

State Reporters (Leona & Frank Kale): Absent

Past President (Gordon Seely): Announced that the Scandinavian trip was cancelled due to too many drop outs. They will try again another time.

Historian (June & Mel Kingsbury): Absent

Parliamentarian (Buddy Randall): No Report

OFN Editor (Buddy Randall): Introduced the new staff who are all POOF Members. He requested that we pass on information to our areas that when sending in ads we write out the ad completely including when and where. We have approximately 1,600 subscribers with a circulation to 15,000 to 20,000 dancers. Buddy asked for more pictures and feature articles. There will be no increase in ad rates. The President recommended all delegates push for more subscriptions.

Summer Festival (Ernie & Marge Holthus): Ernie presented the Federation with 3 checks: \$500 for the loan, \$909 for the insurance on floor, and \$1838.03 profit. On Thursday there were 603 dancers, On Friday - 1350 dancers and on Saturday - 1762 dancers. A total of 3715 dancers. Also there were 9650 spectators. Betty Olsen, Festival treasurer gave the following report: Receipts \$10361.07, Expenditures \$6685.00 plus \$3676.07 cash on hand. Pictures of the Summer Festival are on display and will be put in Scrap Book.

Mid-Winter Festival 1972 (Bill & Virginia Jackson): Plans are forming , with a Trails end dance Friday 4th of February, Guest Callers for Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th are Jerry Hague and Bill & Dolly Bar teaching the rounds. The Theme is a Patriotic theme of Red, White and Blue with A Drum on all the Chairmen's badges. Price will be 7.50 for all and 4.00 per day per person. Included on the schedule are: Sewing Clinic, Fashion Queen Show, Workshops, Clinics, Teen Program, Exhibitions, Challenge Square Dancing, Festival Follies, Snack Bar. Preregistration Forms are out.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Central (Jack Brinson): Welcomed the new Eastern Oregon Area and announced that the Central Area still has flags available for sale.

Eastern Oregon: (Bob Selover): Gave a resume of how their new area developed. Bob announced there will be a jamboree in October. Also requested a Delegate Book.

Emerald Empire (Dot Little): No Report

Interstate Highlanders (Coy Puter): Introduced new delegate from their area.

Lincoln-Tillamook (Norris Tabor): Welcomed Eastern Oregon Area. Announced that they have a new club in their area which joined because they could not get comparable insurance for their members anywhere else.

Ocean Waves lost their caller R. L. Jones due to fact that he moved. They will have guest callers now.

Mid-Willamette (Bill Austin): Absent. In his absense Gordon Seeley announced that the area had a dance at Hillcrest Home for girls, had a successful Square Dance Weed, and a 5th Saturday Area Dance.

Portland (John Morris): Welcomed Eastern Oregon. John introduced Dick & Susie Erickson, Chairmen of their Square Dance Week which was very successful. He also thanked Vern and Ruth McKnight for installing the new Portland Area Officers.

Rogue-Sis-Q (Jack Peterson): Announced that the gift of the pears for all the officers were from Bill South. The hall used for dancing Saturday night was was a first time experiment. They will try for better sound next time.

South Coast (John Vanlandingham): John told of their successful Square Dance Week which included a TV Program. The next Area meeting will be in Crescent City, California on the 5th Saturday.

Sunset (Ruth Nogle): Sunset Area held a Subscription Dance to sell Subscriptions to the Oregon Federation News. The dance was very successful with dancers even coming from Washington. The Area also has license plate tags for sale.

Umpqua (Bud Astry): Absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Bill Sorenson thanked "Pete" Petterson for the gifts to all the officers of woven bowls filled with pears. He also gave a report on the next Fairview Chapel Dance. The callers will be Ivan Koehn, Stu Taylor and R. L. Jones & Bob Chiodo.

Faye Rathbun gave a report on the Federation Recipe Book which is in the process of being compiled. Prices were given on two styles - Stand - up Folder and Ring Booklet. She asked for a vote to determine which style to use. A motion was made by Ruth Nogle and seconded by John Vanlandingham that we accept the recommendation of the committee to use the ring booklet. The motion was passed and the profit will go to the Oregon Federation. Faye asked that the recipes should be ones used at square dance functions or social gatherings. The end of October is the deadline for printing. Cost of each will be \$0.90 and recommended selling price is \$2.00. There will be 2,000 copies printed. At the suggestion of "Pete" Petterson the committee will check on the price of easels to be sold to stand the booklets on when used. The question rose as to whether the Federation would like a booth at the Far Western Convention to sell the Recipe Books. The Treasurer was instructed to write a check for a booth.

John Vanlandingham restated his tabled motion of last meeting to have all meetings held on same weekend. The motion died for lack of a second.

Treasurer Shirley Lee announced that she had more decals for sale and she was going to give packets of 100 each to each officer and delegate to sell. She recommended that they be sold at 2 for 25¢ since we no longer were using them to increase the bank account as they were originally planned. It was so passed.

Shep Shepperd reviewed the progress being made on the Far Western Convention in 1972. Flyers are available. Booths are available at \$100 each. Bumper stickers are being sold at 25¢ each. Ribbons are being given to all who are preregistered. A revised budget has been made based on 8,000 dancers and 2,000 spectators. The souvenir program will be printed April 1st with each area getting 1 page for advertising. Shep asks all the delegates to encourage preregistration. There will be parade on Saturday and all clubs are asked to participate with a float. Some of the callers scheduled are Winton, Stoy, Johnson, Savada, Peters, Midlam, Crispino, Wolferdal, Roberts with 4 in main arena each night. Also scheduled are exhibitions, style show and a teen program.

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of new officers and delegates followed. Marge and Ernie Holtus were asked to officiate at the installation. Acknowledgements were given to all outgoing officers and gifts of necklaces and keychains were presented to all incoming officers. New officers for the year are: President - Verne McKnight, 1st Vice President - Roy Conger, 2nd Vice President - Cliff Robinson, Treasurer - Shirley Lee, Recording Secretary - Rita Midlam, Corresponding Secretary - Eva Marie Seely, Membership Chairman - Tommy Thompson, and Past President - Bill Sorenson. President Verne McKnight stated that his goal for the coming year was to promote family fun and uphold old traditions. Verne selected the following for Committee Chairmen for the 1971-72 year: Parliamentarian - Buddy Randall, State Reporter - Rae Scofield, Historian - Al Boyer, and Goodwill Ambassadors - Wayne and Georgia Puckett. Verne also added a new committee for this year. It will be Public Relations and Publicity with John and Joy Budihis as Chairmen. Its purpose will be to co-ordinate the publicity of square dancing within the state.

All delegates introduced the new delegates for the coming year. They are:
 Central Oregon - Bill Foss (Jack Brinson sitting in for him), Eastern Oregon - Bob Selover, Emerald Empire - Frank Kale, Interstate Highlanders - Frank McBain (Alternate Coy Puter present), Lincoln-Tillamook - Norris Tabor, Mid-Willamette - Ferne Barth, Portland - Shep Shepperd, Rogue - Sis-Q - Jack Petterson, South Coast - John Vanlandinham, Sunset - Ruth Nogle, & Umpqua - Bob Anthony (Absent).

REPORTS

1st Vice President (Roy Conger): Roy raised the question if it was possible to give free 3 months subscriptions to new dancers graduating. Buddy Randall said back issues were available to any club asking for them for such puposes. Roy also announced that the Washington State Festival was June 16, 17, 18, 1972 in Yakima, Washington.

2nd Vice President (Cliff Robinson): Thanked all those who voted for him. He recommended that we have a teen delegate to the State Board. A report to be given later on this by Jim Steele.

Treasurer (Shirley Lee): Thanked all for votes and reminded everyone to sell the the decals.

Recording Secretary (Rita Midlam): Thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. No Report.

Corresponding Secretary (Eva Marie Seely): Thanked each one for putting her in office and the area for its hospitality.

Past President (Bill Sorenson): Announced the new nomination committee for the 1972-73 season. They are Cecil Grantham, Lincoln-Tillamook, Nat Dicianna, Emerald Empire, Ed Skipper - Portland, and George Gruchalla - Mid-Willamette.

Historian (Al Boyer): No Report

Membership Chairman (Tommy Thompson): Thanked the Boyers who brought in Eastern Oregon.

State Reporter (Rae Scofield): Absent.

DELEGATES REPORTS

Central Oregon (Jack Brinson): Jack urged all to encourage more people to square dance.

Eastern Oregon (Bob Selover): Bob reiterated Jack's aim to bring in more dancers.

Emerald Empire (Frank Kale): Absent. Dot Little sitting in had no report.

Interstate Highlanders (Cot Puter): No Report

Mid-Willamette (Ferne Barth): Announced that his alternate would be Cecil Grantham.

Lincoln-Tillamook (Norris Tabor): No Report

Portland (Shep Shepperd): No Report

Rogue - Sis - Q (Jack Petterson): No Report

South Coast (John Vanlandinham): No Report

Sunset (Ruth Nogle): Ruth reported that Ken Enyart of the Washington Federation is ill and asked those who know him to send well wishes. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a card.

Umpqua (Bob Anthony): Absent.

Under New Business, Jim Steele discussed the request of the teen dancers to have a delegate to the Federation. In doing so they would have to withdraw from the local areas and form an area of their own from which they would pick a delegate. They feel this will improve communication between teens and adults. Discussion followed about setting up a committee of 1 adult and 1 teen from each of the 3 largest areas to help set up the area. A motion was made by Dot Little of the Emerald Area and seconded by 1st Vice President Roy Conger that we accept the teens as an Area. The motion passed.

South Coast Area Delegate John Vanlandingham placed a bid for the Summer Festival in 1973 in July 26, 27, & 28. A budget was presented and the theme chosen is "By the Sea in '73". Cliff Robinson moved and Eva Marie Seely seconded the motion that we accept the budget of the South Coast Area for the 1973 Festival. The motion was passed.

Norris Tabor moved that we give the decals to the dancers free. The motion died for lack of a second.

Changes to the New Federation Directory are: On Page 16, The State Reporter will be Ray and Rae Scofield, 2070 N. W. 1st, Gresham, Or. 97030, Ph. 666-2698. On Page 46, the Ocean Waves Caller should be crossed out. R. L. Jones has moved and the club will have guest callers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central Oregon will have a dance with Live Music at Tumalo on October 30.

Corvallis is having an Adult & Teen Dance at Roosevelt School October 9, with Jim Steele calling.

Charlie Brown Squares are sponsoring Jim Steele on December 4th for their Anniversary Dance.

Sets in Order will have Denny Lantz on November 20th.

The next Federation State Meeting will be with the Sunset Area in January.

The meeting was adjourned for pictures of the new and old officers and for a delicious dinner served by the Rogue-Sis-Q Area.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rita Midlam, Recording Secretary