

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 14, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President Verne McKnight at the Buckeroo Barn in Roseburg at 10:00 A. M. with the Umpqua hosting. Verne introduced his wife Ruth and wished her and all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. He thanked the area for a nice dance and breakfast. The roll was called by the Recording Secretary Rita Midlam with all officers present and all delegates except the Interstate Highlanders present. The 1st Vice President Roy Conger made a motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried. The Treasurer Shirley Lee gave the following financial report. The Balance on Hand in the General Fund is \$1406.55, in the Oregon Federation News Fund \$1665.46, in the Liability Insurance Fund \$23.00. The Total Working Capital on Hand to date is \$3095.01 and the Balance in the Savings Account is \$3065.35. A loan is out to the Far Western Committee for \$1500. The 1st Vice President and the Treasurer have the "Learn to Square Dance Posters". The Treasurer also has the Oregon Federation Decals at 2/25¢.

REPORTS

PAST PRESIDENT (Bill Sorenson) Bill thanked the area for the nice weekend. He also thanked his committee for their efforts in getting nominees for the State Offices. Bill was then excused by the President to count the ballots. Helping with the counting were Ruth McKnight and

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT (Roy Conger) Roy thanked the Area for the dance and the signs welcoming the State Officers and delegates. He also complimented the Buckeroos on their Square Dance Barn.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT (Cliff Robinson) Cliff thanked the area for the nice time and reminded the delegates that the new State directory is to be printed and that they should be getting the information forms back to the clubs in their areas. The forms should be returned to Cliff by July 1st to meet the printing schedule.

RECORDING SECRETARY (Rita Midlam) Rita thanked the area for the dance, breakfast and gifts. A personal thanks was given to Eva Marie Seely for recording the minutes of the last meeting in her absence due to illness in the family.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Eva Marie Seely) Thanked the area for their hospitality. Eva Marie reported that ballots were sent to all Federated clubs for voting on new officers for the coming year and about 4/5 of the ballots were returned.

TREASURER (Shirley Lee) Report above.

STATE REPORTERS (Rae Scofield) No Report.

HISTORIAN (Al Boyer) Al thanked the area and reminded everyone that he would like them to save pictures and articles for him to place in the State Scrap Book.

PARLIAMENTARIAN (Buddy Randall) Buddy made comments on how far Oregon had come since the organization of the Federation as is evidenced by the financial report. This is a strong Federation of people working together.

FLOOR REPORT (Buddy Randall) The floor has been re-trimmed and is ready to use. Buddy showed some "tappers" to be used to tap the floor together. He has received quotations on rubber mallets to be used to tap the floor together. The quotation is \$10.95 each. Four will be needed. The floor will be used in Washington, Portland and Eugene this summer. Buddy also recommended that we raise the expense on the floor to 35¢ a sheet, with all commitments to be honored at 25¢ a sheet. Cliff Robinson moved that we buy the rubber mallets and raise the floor price to 35¢ a sheet. The motion was seconded by Roy Conger. The motion passed. Buddy announced that \$500 in shares was to be paid back by the Floor Committee. He passed the names of all those still holding shares and each officer and delegate drew a name. Eva Marie Seely was instructed to collect the names again for Buddy, who said each one would be contacted and he hoped they would offer to put the money in a trust fund for future need. Verne McKnight asked those present to show applause for all the fine work the Randalls have done on the floor.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS EDITOR (Buddy Randall) Buddy is pleased with the ads and subscriptions. Central Oregon had a dance which increased their subscriptions to 60. Some clubs are going to a plan where their dues include a subscription to the OFN. Buddy urged the clubs to advertise. We have the cheapest rate of advertising and lowest subscription rate of any other magazine. He hopes to improve the magazine with each issue.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Absent)

OREGON FEDERATION COOK BOOK (Irene Thompson reported for Fay Rathbun) Irene asked committie members and State Officers to sign up to sell the Cook Book at the Booth at the Far Western. Check with Irene after the meeting if you wished to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (Tommy Thompson) Tommy thanked the area for the weekend. He announced that the Federation has 3 new clubs, 2 from the Emerald Empire : 1829'ers for all those between the ages of 18 and 29, and the Boots and Ruffles for Pre-teens. The South Coast has one new club the Blue Pacific Round Dance Club. Tommy composed a new application for clubs to use when applying for membership to the State Federation. This application would be filled out in duplicate with one copy going to the State and and the second copy remaining with the Area. It was moved by Shirley Lee and seconded by Eva Marie Seely to accept Tommy's new application form. The motion passed. Still needed is a form for the Area's application to the State Federation. All the Delegates were instructed to have their areas destroy all old forms when they received the new ones.

FAIRVIEW CHAPEL DANCE (Dee Sorenson) A total of \$3,142.52 was contributed in the past year toward the chapel. The total over the past 4 years is \$5,208.38. This year the Rogue Sis-Q Area donated over \$1600 alone. Also donated this year were boxes of clothing and recreational items. Dee read a letter of thanks from Fairview. Next year the dance will be April 1st with the callers being Ed Burcham, Jim Steele, Ron Blevin, and Dale Robertson.

MID-WINTER FESTIVAL 1972 (Harriet Shiek reporting for Virginia Jackson) The Total receipts were \$3565.70, Total Expenses were \$2562.68, with the New Profit being \$1,003.02. The Oregon Federation's share of $\frac{1}{2}$ being \$501.51 and the Emerald Empire Area's share of $\frac{1}{2}$ being \$501.51. This is the largest profit ever made and this was the largest attendance on record. Verne McKnight instructed the Chairmen of the Winter and Summer Festivals to notify the 2nd Vice President of all meetings so that they can attend since this is part of the duties of the 2nd Vice President.

FAR WESTERN CONVENTION (Shep Shephard) Shep presented a copy of the budget to each of the delegates. The teens have been moved from the Exhibition Hall to the Concourse making a reduction in the budget of \$2400 in rent. Pre-registrations are coming in great. Those who pre-register before May 1st will get the Souvenir Program free. Committee members have advertised the Convention by covering the Daffodil Festival in Tacoma, Klondike Days in Seattle, the Silver State Festival in Reno. The Convention will have 12 featured callers and 111 other callers. Advertising has been placed in all major square dance magazines and they are advertising in the city of Portland for spectators. A plea was also made for any one to purchase an ad. in the Souvenir Program. The next committee meeting will be held at Shep's home in Portland next Sunday May 21st.

MID-WINTER FESTIVAL 1973 (Chuck McDonald) Dancing will be in 2 buildings next year with 2 callers featured. The callers will switch building mid-way during the evening. Al Berry will be one of the callers. He is from Canada. The other caller is not yet decided on. The Festival will be held the 1st weekend in February.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 1973 (Francis Engle) The theme will be "By the Sea in 73". The Chairman is Graham Wood. The Area is building a float to be placed in the Azalea Festival Parade and the Far Western Parade. The Callers will be Burl Main and Gaylon Shull, with the 2 callers calling at the same time in different halls. Verne McKnight presented Graham Wood with a check for \$500 to finance the advance expenses of the festival from the fund reserved for that purpose.

DELEGATES REPORTS

CENTRAL OREGON (Bill Foss) It was a great dance last night and the areas efforts are appreciated. Square Dancing is growing in Central Oregon with 6 and 7 squares graduating per club. The Area Council held a 5th Saturday dance (subscription dance). The next State meeting will be held in Redmond September 16th.

EASTERN OREGON (Bob Selover) Bob thanked the area for dance and gifts. Appreciation was also expressed to the Oregon Federation News for the cover representing the Eastern Oregon Area.

EMERALD EMPIRE (Chuck McDonald) Chuck has been asked by the Callers Association in his area to inquire from the State what the State intends to do with the money made as profit from the Festivals held here in the State. Verne McKnight stated that that would be answered in the President's corner in the Federation News by an article written by the State Treasurer Shirley Lee. Chuck announced a coming dance on May 19th called the 1829'ers Zero Birthday Dance which in fact was an appreciation dance for Dan and Shirley McCornack the callers of the Emerald Teens, the club from which most of the 1829'ers came. Chuck also made a motion that the State write a letter of appreciation to Dan and Shirley for their special efforts this past year in teaching a blind boy to square dance with the Emerald Teens. The motion passed and Eva Marie was instructed to write same.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS (Frank McBain) Absent

LINCOLN TILLAMOOK (Norris Tabor) No Report

MID WILLAMETTE (Ferne Barth) Thanks to the area. The Mid Willamette Area had a successful Area dance and they have good beginners classes. Square Dancing is going strong.

PORTLAND (Shep Shepperd) Shep introduced the alternate delegates Dick and Susie Erickson. Inquiries were made why Gateway did not support State Festivals. It was revealed that there was illness in family. Bejos also has records.

ROGUE SIS Q (Pete Petterson) The Area is proud that with only 4 clubs plus a 5th club from Cave Junction, that \$1600 was raised for Fairview. The Area challenges all other areas next year. Pete thanked the Umpqua Area for the letter and detail map sent previous to meeting. She suggested that in the future that the meeting be not scheduled on Mother's Day due to the fact that this is a family day. The Teasing Teens is doing a good job of making a float for the Pear Blossom Parade. Pete told a story of a man who while transporting the festival floor got in trouble with the law and how the square dancers helped him out of trouble. One favor deserved another.

SOUTH COAST (John Vanlandingham) John introduced the alternate delegates Toots and Sparky Engle. He announced that the Sets in Order Club is no longer dancing. The date on the Azalea Festival is May 26, 27 and 28th.

SUNSET (Ruth Nogle) The area is contemplating hosting the 1974 Summer Festival even though there are only 3 clubs in the area. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

TEENS (Cathy Ball) Cathy introduced the Teen President and Secretary. A total of \$144 was made on the 1st Area Dance bringing the Treasury up to \$183.03. Area badges have been picked and advisors are being picked from the Parents who filled out applications. The next Area dance will be in October. The teens have a committee picked to build a float for the Far Western Parade.

UMPQUA (Lee Weaver) Lee thanked all for making the dance a success and thanked Hillcrest Vineyards for samples as gifts to officers and delegates. He urged all to visit famous Lookingglass. Lee thanked Dale Robertson for MC'ing last night's dance. The Buckeroos are having a Birthday dance next Saturday with Wayne West as the caller. The theme will be the Roaring 20's. The Fair dance will feature Roger Morse as caller. Lee introduced the Area President Ernie Peale and wife Ramona. Verne McKnight reminded the Umpqua Area that they are next in line for the Summer Festival in 1974 if the Sunset Area passes.

OLD BUSINESS There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Cliff Robinson announced that there is a bill pending in Congress to proclaim Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance. With this in mind, Cliff urged all to write to H. C. Cushenberry, President, Miller Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin objecting to their ads connecting Square Dancing with drinking. Ruth Nogle asked that the State Federation write to the Beer Company also.

September 18th thru 24th has been picked as Square Dance Week. Roy Conger moved and it was seconded that the State accept these dates. The motion carried.

Elsie Downs showed a copy of a booklet called "Square Dancing, Oregon Style" which was published by the State in the '50's. She wanted to know if this book is going to be brought up to date and re-published. Discussion followed. Verne McKnight asked the delegates to take this back to their areas for discussion.

The results of the ballots for the State Officers was presented to Verne McKnight who read them to the meeting. The new officers for the coming years are: President - Roy Conger, 1st Vice President - Cliff Robinson, 2nd Vice President - Tommy Tompson, Corresponding Secretary - Connie Lankford, Recording Secretary - Ferne Barth, Treasurer - Shirley Lee, and Membership Chairman - George Gruchalla.

The President of the Emerald Empire Area Nat Dicianna announced that they would be willing to trade the next State Meeting in January with the Eastern Oregon Area since it would be easier for all to travel to Eugene than to Eastern Oregon during the winter.

Shep Shepperd announced Territorial Days in Clackamas County on June 30.

Buddy Randall introduced Harvey and Vera Nokes from the Emerald Empire Area who are hard working members of the Floor Committee. President Verne McKnight asked the Corresponding Secretary Eva Marie Seely to write to each of the people whose name was drawn for floor shares.

Pete Petterson suggested a letter also be written by the Corresponding Secretary to the Hillcrest Vineyard thanking them for gifts of wine.

Verne McKnight announced that they have a new address: 5126 S. W. Oakville Rd., Albany, Oregon 97321. Their road has been re-numbered.

The next State Meeting will be in the Central Oregon Area in Redmond VFW Hall, with the Breakfast at the 86 Corral Hub Motel on September 16 and 17th. LaNola Bacon has been asked to install the new officers.

Nat Dicianna announced the Emerald Empire Area's plans to promote Square Dance Week. Chuck McDonald asked all with floats ready for the Far Western Parade to put them in the Eugene Rodeo Parade also in July. Rita Midlam reported that Square Dancing dominated the winners last year in the Eugene Rodeo Parade with Single Trees winning the 1st Place Non-Commercial Trophy and the Grand Prize Trophy.

Roy Conger still has "you were patronized by a Square Dancer" cards. See him if you need any.

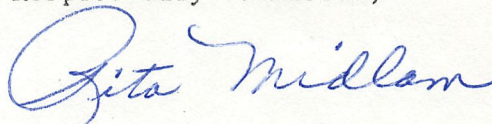
Central Oregon still has flags and invites dancers to visit Central Area.

Rogue Sis Q thanked Jim Steele for calling the after Party Dance last night.

Pete Petterson introduced Dude and Forrest Kennady who were former State Presidents.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rita Midlam, Recording Secretary