

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

Minutes of State Meeting held May 31, 1981

Cinders Restaurant, Bend, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President George Winterfeld at 10:00 a.m. Invocation given by Clint Barnes, Past President and flag salute led by Second Vice President, Vern Meyer.

Roll Call of officers and delegates by Barbara Winterfeld, Pro tempore. The following were absent: Recording secretary, Norma Shepherd; Financial Advisor, Glen Pfefferkorn; Education Chairman, Ben Schaffer; Goodwill Ambassadors - Wayne and Georgia Puckett, Emma Huffman, Mary Warmoth, Al and Caddie Boyer. Delegates absent were Rogue Sis-Q, Harold Sims; Teen Area, Suzie Lanier.

A motion was made by First Vice President, Phil Rennick to dispense with reading of the minutes of last meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report by Jean Brigl, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Buzz Carrier made a motion the Treasurer's report be accepted as given; seconded and passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President Phil Rennick - no report.

Second Vice President Vern Meyer - Regarding the new directory - has three bids so far, two unacceptable and one for .885 per copy. Will obtain several more bids. Delegates are to report the number of directories they need at the June meeting. Vern will be able to report the cost of the directories at the June meeting. Requested information from next year's festival committees for the directories.

Past President Clint Barnes - Teen Area reports they wish to drop from the Federation and work with their area councils. They had less than \$50.00 left, which they would use to print a newsletter, distributing to the teen groups around the state. They desire a rap session be planned at the festivals so they can get together for discussions.

At this point the nominating committee was excused to count ballots.

Recording Secretary - no report.

Corresponding Secretary Arla Thompson - no report. Does have stationary available.

Membership Chairman Lorene Griffith - Interstate Highlanders have a new club, Warner Whirlers of Alturas, Ca. A new club in John Day requested information regarding joining the Federation, information sent but they have not yet responded. Club's name is Strawberry Stompers. Calico Capers of Portland have disbanded, leaving a total of 149 clubs in the federation. Information sheets for directory given to each delegate for area secretary to distribute to each club. The club lists new officers, returns form to area secretary. Area secretary keeps one form, send two forms and dues on to the Membership Chairman no later than June 15.

Parliamentarian Buddy Randall - as of this date not enough votes have been turned in to change the constitution and by-laws. New ballots will be sent out to those clubs who have not voted. Accident insurance for individuals has increased to \$5,000. for \$1.80 per person. Liability has remained the same at \$300,000. Cascade Callers had a question regarding liability caller insurance, where a husband and wife who are both calling and/or teaching, do they both have to carry the liability; yes they

do as one person is not responsible for the other's actions. Cost being \$33.00 per person. New dancers can purchase accident insurance during beginner lessons as sustained members with the understanding they will join the club upon graduation, if there are enough dancers purchasing, minimum being \$10.00, worth of premiums, this applies to dates other than the yearly renewal date. If there are any questions regarding insurance, write or call Buddy who will then obtain the information. Important to note that there is no grace period regarding this insurance, that if the premium is not paid prior to due date, you have NO coverage.

President George stated that Buddy Randall is designated Insurance Coordinator, if anyone has insurance questions, please contact Buddy directly.

State Reporter Ed Warmoth - two educational programs will be presented at Summer Festival, referred to as "Talk Shops"; Friday from 1 to 3 will be concentrating on caller - club relations. Daryl Clendenin will give a complete explanation of the current Caller Lab division of Mainstream, Plus 1 and 2 and talk about Mainstream club dancing, workshop, etc. Saturday morning 10 to 11:30 will concentrate on Successful Clubs with Florence and Warren Engdahl from Roseburg. Update on insurance and will go over the schedule for the National Convention.

Historian Jack Williams - Thanked areas for sending information. Also would like to purchase a handtruck to carry books into meetings, probably would cost around \$20.00. Permission granted.

OFN Ann Lauderdale reported the new staff from Klamath Falls came to help put together the June issue, learning the ropes. Advertising is picking up, circulation not gaining alot. As the informative material is increased, so is the interest to readers and the circulation should grow. OFN is in good shape financially, even with increase in postage rates.

DELEGATE REPORTS:

Central: Jack Cooper stated Bachelor Beauts graduated six squares, Alfalfa Weavers three squares, with other clubs there is a total of approximately twelve squares graduating in next two weeks. New club forming in Sisters. Area has placed cards in all area motels, Chamber of Commerce advertising area dances and annual events. Also have exhibition dances in shopping malls and once a month the Alfalfa Weavers hold an exhibition dance at Deschutes River Ranch which has stimulated interest in square dancing.

Eastern Oregon: George Griffith, alternate - announced area will host September meeting the last weekend of the month, more information to be sent later. Will be a Friday and Saturday night dance that weekend along with a variety of activities. Square Knots have graduated 18 new dancers. Rocket Squares graduated 50 dancers. More interest in round dancing this year. Council dance on June 6.

Emerald Empire: Larry Lauderdale, alternate - reported the county will be spending approximately \$43,000. on performing arts building at Fairgrounds and \$86,000. in the exhibit hall to improve sound with ceiling tile, etc. Theme of Winter Festival will be Snowflake Fantasy. Featured caller will be Gary Shoemaker from Carlton, Texas. Jack & Darlene Chaffee conducting round dance program.

Interstate Highlanders: Mary Puter, alternate - KC Squares promoted 26 dancers. New club in area is Warner Whirlers with Ben Casad instructor. Harvest Festival second weekend in September; Potato Festival third weekend in October.

Lincoln-Tillamook: Russell Huffman - at recent area meeting all officers were re-elected for second term. Toledo 49ers had 32 squares at 32nd Anniversary Dance. Tillamook Wagoneers will celebrate their birthday during Dairy Festival in June with a jamboree. a trophy was presented to Toledo 49ers for a float with best theme in Loyalty Days Festival parade.

Mid-Willamette: Floyd Carson, alternate - two new clubs in area, both from Albany.

Portland: Buzz Carrier - Sandy Swingers have disbanded. Rose Festival Dance will be June 12. Callers: Daryl Clendenin, Jim Hattrick, Chuck Rogers and Gene Noble. Multnomah County Fair will be from July 24 through August 2nd. Coordinating Square Dance Week with clubs in the area.

Rogue Sis-Q: Absent.

South Coast: Kathy Ash - Clubs in north area have had good classes. A new Plus 1 and 2 workshop for all clubs in area, shared by Chet Martin and Ron Blivens on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Wayne West moved to Southern California, so Al McCoy gives the lessons and Dale Roberson is calling 2nd and 4th Saturdays in Coquille. Beachcombers are losing their caller, Tony & Wilbur Kurzhall when they move to Hawaii soon. A new club for singles had first dance in May. Caller is Carol Webber, dancing in Neighborhood Facility in North Bend.

Sunset: Ken Moore - Astoria Hayshakers have new location for dance - Astoria High School; October 17th. Lots of RV parking space. Have re-elected last year's area officers.

Three Valley: David Stutzman, alternate. Council has been sponsoring Plus 1 & 2 workshop, has good participation from all clubs. All clubs have graduated their beginners.

Tualatin Valley: Cliff Robinson, alternate. TVC now has 16 member clubs; have a potential of about 4 or 5 more. Valley Squares have their beginner classes in January; first class this year they had four squares, next class 92 more beginners came. Valley Squares seem to pick up interested dancers who became interested after fall classes closed to new beginners. TVC is working with Portland Area on Rose Festival Dance. TVC is working on a float for 4th of July parade in Hillsboro.

Umpqua: Stan Bennett - three clubs graduated classes, but have no information as to how many dancers. Area council is sponsoring dances at Douglas County Fair on Friday and Saturday nights, also are renting a booth in exhibition building making information available regarding classes, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1982 Mid Winter Festival - January 29, 30, 31. Caller announced earlier in minutes. Prices will be same as last year. Child care will be provided by Campfire Girls.

1982 Summer Festival - requested \$2,000. loan. Motion to grant loan by Jack Cooper, seconded by Buzz Carrier - motion carried.

1981 Mid Winter Festival - Income was \$20,971.02, expenses \$10,193.68. Check to state to repay \$1,000. loan and \$2,369.47 for State's share of profits.

1981 Fairview Dance - Final amount donated this year was \$2,332.05.

1981 Summer Festival - Income as of 5-26-81 is \$12,442.53, Expenses - \$7,702.52,

State Fair Dance - Aug. 28 through Sept. 7th. 800 tickets will be available for square dancers - more report next meeting.

1982 Fairview Dance - looking for possible projects. Callers: Bob Stutevoss, Loren Cochran, Chet Martin, Bob Erny with Larry and Rosemary Wheeler doing the rounds.

ELECTION RESULTS: President: Phil & Jo Rennick; First Vice President: Vern & May Meyer; Second Vice President: Ken & Eva Moore; Treasurer: Ed & Mary Warmoth; Recording Secretary: LaRayne & Mort Harkins; Corresponding Secretary: Virginia & Ray Walz; Membership Chairman: Duane & Donna Handyside.

Goodwill Ambassadors gave reports updating their activities since last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) National Square Dance Association. Will have a meeting at Nationals in Seattle. Clint Barnes made a motion this issue be tabled until after Nationals; Ken Moore seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) By-Laws Update. Not enough votes turned in.
- 3) Pilot Film - committee has not met, however financing no longer is available from TV industry.
- 4) Buzz Carrier announced the two caller organizations in Portland Area have combined, forming the North Willamette Callers and Teachers Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Round of the Month Review. Bud Parrott, Chairman of Screening Committee listed his qualifications: Member of Roundalab, Board of Directors, Executive Committee; Universal Round Dance Council; Oregon RDTA, Capitol Callers Assn., Past President. Subscriber Member of: Texas RDTA, Dixie Round Dance Council, So. California RDTA. Member of Amer. S/D Magazine Pulse Poll and National Carousels. Subscribe to: Square Dancing, Amer. S/D Magazine, OFN, Round Dancer Magazine, Squartern Magazine, Hanhurst Tape Service.

"We screen all publications for new dances. The organizations we belong to, except ORDTA and Capitol Callers, issue reports or newsletters of dances taught previous months, categorized as to level. Several list ROM's, local and national. Many list dances shown and chosen to be taught for ROM's. All choose 12 per year - easy. Some choose intermediate and advanced also. Most states the ROM is chosen by teachers, shown and taught at meetings. Members delegated to teach ROM to callers associations. We, in Oregon, use Roundalab approved steps and figures for S/D level guidelines.

Method of listing: Contributing members send list to us of dances taught, heard of, or danced. We list all and those that are duplicated are put on list. Lis is updated periodically. New dances added, older ones deleted. List sent out three months prior to ROM month. When ROM chose, we are notified, chosen dance is deleted. List contains 8 to 10 dances, all qualified for ROM. We try to keep list limited to dances less than one year old. R/D labels have priority due to availability. If an area chooses a ROM not on the list, if it is qualified as to level, availability, etc. we will ok it.

In addition to publications we subscribe to, we receive cue sheets from choreographers, plus new records from several record publishers each month as we have written dances for most of the companies. Each month we receive from Roundalab, the Fleck System Ratings for all dances published that month and they are categorized as to level."

Each area delegate was given time for comments, along with interested dancers in the audience. All suggestions will be taken into consideration by Bud and he will present further report at Summer Festival meeting.

- 2) Benefit Dance for improved sound at Mid Winter Festival. Ken Moore made motion for the Federation to back Lane County Fairground Benefit dance for sound improvement. Stan Bennett seconded. Amendment by Vern Meyer to hold dance on September 26 or on an alternate Friday or Sunday if available. Amendment carried. Motion carried.
- 3) Vern Meyer requested all pictures of new officers for directory be turned into him prior to July 1, 1981.
- 4) Larry Lauderdale made motion a loan of \$1,000. be granted to 1982 Winter Festival, Ken Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Winterfeld

Reminder: Next meeting - Eastern, last weekend in September.
Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m. by President.