

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS  
Minutes of State Meeting held November 1, 1981  
Lane County Fair Grounds, Eugene, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Rennick at 9:03 a.m. Invocation given by George Winterfeld, Past President; Flag salute led by Second Vice President, Ken Moore.

Roll call of officers and delegates by LaRayne Harkins, Secretary. Following were absent: OFN, Don & Rosemary Crawford; Goodwill Ambassadors - Wayne & Georgia Puckett; George & Bernice Gruchalla; Jim & Helen Cockrane; Bud & Shirley Parrott. Delegates absent were - South Coast, Kathy Ash.

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

Treasurer's report by Ed Warmoth, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. All accounts now have been transferred to the First Interstate Bank, Hillsboro, Branch.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President Vern Meyer - Has more directories for the delegates if needed.

Second Vice President Ken Moore - Asked all delegates to turn in nomination questionnaires as soon as possible. Please return them to George Winterfeld, Nominating Committee Chairman. Nominating Committee has to have their job done by Mid-Winter Festival.

Recording Secretary LaRayne Harkins - No report.

Corresponding Secretary Virginia Walz - Sent flowers and card to Norma Shepherd. Sent letter to Rainier including all copies of letters she had protesting commercial, also letter to Bob Osgood, of Square Dancing Magazine. Read letter received from Rainier, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Received a copy of letter from Bob Osgood which he sent to Rainier with correspondence to the executive secretary of Legacy. Have the applications for nominations for the delegates with one for each club in each area.

Membership Chairman Duane Handyside - Have one new club in the Federation, Christian Crosstrailers of Grants Pass, which brings membership to 147 clubs.

Parliamentarian Buddy Randall - Have Up-date of the constitution and By-laws which each delegate and officer received. Delegates please take your copies and make enough copies for each club in your area.

Financial Advisor Jean Brigl - Gave delegates and officers copy of publication #557 from IRS on Social and Recreation Clubs, on how to apply and retain exempt status for your organization.

State Reporter Bill Baisch - No report.

State Historian, Jack Williams - Showed a plaque Oregon State Federation received at Seattle for show case of ideas from the National Chairman. Asked all areas to send information on your special events in to him.

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Education Chairman Jimmy Carney - Interviewed people in area and no one interested in panels. Suggest take a vote on different alternatives. 1. Have a clinic with various speakers and a discussion. 2. Have a publicity round-table discussion. 3. Have a table with hand-outs to give people that are interested. 4. Do nothing. Vote by raise of hands indicated number three (3) was selected. Suggestion made we have a data bank of books and articles. He asked all delegates if they have any books on their library shelf, or books from anyone pertaining to square dancing, if they could bring them to the Mid-Winter Festival to add to the data bank. To get people to thinking about club leadership in their areas, maybe they would like to have their own mini legacy. There is a book put out by the National Organization. It contains articles helpful to clubs on finance, how to conduct meetings, etc.. Jim suggested having a copy printed for each delegate, which would cost around \$100, to be given to them at Mid-Winter Festival.

Jack Williams also asked for a table at Mid-Winter Festival for the Historian books.

DELEGATES REPORTS:

Central: Francis Bortner - Eleven couples took an RV mystery trip to McCloud, CA. The Harvest Hoedown in Madras was a big success, about 17 squares. Preparing for a two day festival in Prineville on August 20-21, 1982. The first in an annual endeavor. Slick Fox will be the featured caller for Saturday afternoon work shop and Saturday night dance. Bill Dalrymple is arranging for the round dance cuer. Ron Meisner is in charge of the Friday night jamboree with state callers. Plenty of RV parking at \$2.50 per day. The dance will be held in same building as 1980 festival with plywood floor. Slick Fox calling plus one and two dances in Bend on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Eastern Oregon: George Griffith - Grand Squares started square dance lessons and have 10 squares of new dancers. Gave an introduction party to get people interested in square dancing, this should be planned well ahead of time so people can put it into their schedule. Rocket Squares will start lessons in January. Square Knots have 31 new dancers at their lessons.

Emerald Empire: Leon Houle' - Area welcomed all officers and delegates. Are hosting a catered luncheon after meeting. Benefit dance to follow at 1:30 for sound in big hall of fair grounds.

Interstate Highlanders: Bill Deasy - No report.

Lincoln-Tillamook: Russ Huffman - No report.

Mid-Willamette: Floyd Carson - Area had a very successful Fall Festival on October 31st. The areas new dancers lessons are going well. First New Dancers Dance will be on November 29th at the Elks Lodge, Corvallis. Area is not pleased with the new directory, one club left out and two clubs listed that no longer exist.

Portland: Genevieve Churchill - State directories sales going well. Some addresses are printed wrong. Motion made and approved to send letter of protest to Rainier. There is a singles meeting in Portland this day concerning pulling the singles and their activities together.

Rogue-Sis-Q: Frank Young - Have one new club as mentioned earlier, the Christian Crosstrailers. New potential square dancers dinner was well received and over 200 people attended. Lessons started in September and more to start in January. Our student mid-way dance will be December 13th.

South Coast: Kathy Ash - Absent

Sunset: Del Niemi - Hayshakers reported their Indian Summer Days Dances were a huge success as well as the pie and ice cream social. Clatskanie Promenaders had a masquerade dance last Saturday. Hayshakers have 5 squares of new dancers at lessons. Promenaders will begin lessons January 3rd. Fund-raising events for Fairview benefit are in the making for both clubs and the Council. More on this next time.

Three Valley: David Stutzman - No report

Tualatin Valley: Cliff Robinson - Are conducting a survey of class members as to where they got interested in square dancing, to see if all our exhibitions really pay off. Area has 6 to 8 celebrations in the area such as County fair, Tigard Town & Country Days, etc. Last year we were put at 3 different locations at the same time, which resulted in sparse turnout in dancers and spectators. The times and locations were also poor. Are getting dancers to attend the meetings of the sponsoring organizations to try to get better locations and times. Are holding new dancer dances again in conjunction with regular club dances.

Umpqua: Wes Hammack - All square dance classes are going well in the area.

Back to Jimmy Carney - Reported House Bill H.J. RES, 151 to make the Square Dance the National Dance is before congress now and needs more support for passage this term. Suggested club secretaries print message on postcard and each club member buy and sign and send one to our congress members urging passage of this bill. Handed out print-offs on the bill and example of cards to all present. Legacy put out a questionnaire in Seattle and reported results from these indicated many unhappy with square dancing.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1982 Mid-Winter Festival - Leon Houle', co-chairman - Needing people to pre-register. Have a tentative schedule made up on the wall and asking for any suggestions or comments on it. Handed out booklets to all at meeting and asked people take them back to clubs.

1982 Fairview Dance - George Winterfeld, reporting - Clint and Lucille Barnes have been in touch with Fairview. Fairview is very interested in Leisure Center. They have received permission from the legislature to go ahead and build it. This will be a separate building near the chapel. Estimated cost is \$275,000.00. Will be other groups helping out with this project. Suggest square dancers go towards a certain room, furniture, or etc. Would like ideas to take back to them.

1982 Summer Festival - Frank Young - Asking for pre-registration. Wood floors for rounds and square dancing. Plus 1 and 2 dancing also. The main floor in the arena area will be covered. Will have a style show and lots more.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS:

Vern & Ruth McKnight - Have not traveled between these past two meetings. Bernice Gruchalla had a heart attack and was in the hospital. She is now home and doing very well. Asking everyone to please send cards.

Buddy Randall stated Bernice is back home, had all tests and found it not as severe as originally thought. Ray Murray is up and going after his operation. Nancy Randall is to have surgery done in California, will be leaving this next week.

Russell & Emma Huffman - Have been doing a lot of dancing. Hope to have callers sponsor another mini festival next year. This week-end was a very good one.

Ed & Mary Warmoth - Went to Astoria's Indian Summer. Enjoyed the oyster feed. Have been getting some mail from Australia. Have big dances coming up in 82'.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) President Phil asked if any comments back on suggested State Meeting Schedule Jean Brigl presented at the last meeting. George Winterfeld moved that we accept this outline for future meetings. Ken Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ed Warmoth came up with an idea to put out a calender pertaining to state activities. Vern Meyer is going to make up a calender with dates of all state wide events coming up for the year. This will include operational things such as when we publish the directory, when nominations have to be in, etc.

2) State Summer Festival bids for 1983. President Phil has some names from the south coast. Was brought up at last meeting that some of the smaller areas could combine together to put on the festival. He will contact the people and see what their feelings are.

3) Directories. A detailed presentation pointing out the numerous errors in the State Directory was read by Mort Harkins. Mort urged all those concerned with directory to proof read material before printing to enable the directory to be a more accurate and factual document. A suggestion was made to put the corrections in the OFN so everyone will have the correct information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Ed Warmoth said he needs a calculator with print out tapes. George Winterfeld made a motion that the state buy one. Vern Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ed asked if anyone had a used one to let him know.

2) Jimmy Carney wants to have the Legacy reproduced to distribute to the areas. The cost would be about \$100.00. Frank Young made a motion to print copies of the Legacy to hand out to the delegates at the January meeting. Leon Houle' seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Frank Young said there will be a State President, recognition dance on November 28th at the Twilers Hall in Medford.

4) Jean Brigl asked all delegates to inform clubs that there will be child care available at the Mid-Winter Festival.

Meeting adjourned, 11:05.

Next meeting - Mid-Winter Festival, Eugene - January 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

*LaRayne Harkins*  
LaRayne Harkins, Secretary