

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
Minutes of State Meeting held September 12, 1982
Fairview Grange Hall, Tillamook, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Rennick at 10:08 a.m.
Invocation was given by Past President, George Winterfeld. Flag salute was led by Second Vice President, Ken Moore.

Roll call of officers and delegates by Glenore Carrier, Recording Secretary. The following were absent; State Reporter and Publicity Chairman, Bill Baisch; Oregon Federation News Editors, Rosemary Crawford and Donna Scott; Goodwill Ambassadors, George & Berniece Gruchalla, Al & Caddie Boyer, Jim & Helen Cockrane; Interstate Highlanders Delegate, Bill Deasy, Mary Puter, substituting.

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

Treasurer's report by Ed Warmoth, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. This was a year-end report, September 1981 to October 1982. Ed once again reminded that anyone who might have sound ideas for expenditures for the proposed budget to please present them.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

First Vice President, Vern Meyer - No report.

Second Vice President, Ken Moore - Directories are ready and here today. Please present your check for the number of directories ordered by your area and collect them as we do not want to have to ship any of them. If you do not have your check with you, credit is good but please have payment by the next meeting.

Past President, George Winterfeld - No Report.

Recording Secretary, Glenore Carrier - No Report.

Corresponding Secretary, Virginia Walz - Suggested that a letter of instruction detailing the duties of each office and delegate would be most helpful if given to each incoming officer and delegate, many of whom have never previously attended a State Meeting and therefore are not aware of the procedures and the duties of the offices. She has available Oregon Federation stationary and envelopes. Also has new bars and badges for incoming officers which Ray will be happy to distribute.

Membership Chairman, Duane Handyside - Reported that we have gained a few new clubs throughout the State and that there are once again 149 clubs in the State Federation with approximately 15,000 dancers. Some clubs are listed in the back of the new Directories because they were late in getting their information in to him.

Parliamentarian, Buddy Randall - No Report.

Financial Advisor, Jean Brigl - Presented a projected budget, including long range planning, current operating funds. The Festivals are most important in supporting the State Federation. Though they have been successful, they may not always be so, therefore, it is important to not overspend. Future Festivals may average out producing larger incomes and there should be an ad hoc committee to accept and discuss various suggestions or wise expenditures.

Publicity & Reporter, Bill Baisch, absent, no report.

State Historian, Jack Williams - No Report. We are not getting enough material for the History books.

Education Chairman, Jimmy Carney - Very little progress made to date on information sheets outlining process for attaining club/council non-profit status and tax exempt status. Legacy leadership manuals are available at \$1.50. Legacy has been selling same for \$5.00 plus postage. This manual is highly recommended for each club president. Area Councils should continue to consider the idea of a Leadership Conference with perhaps Stan Burdic, American Square Dance magazine; Bob Osgood, Square Dancing-Sets In Order; or Bob Van Antwerp. Consider this for the future, next year, perhaps as a separate conference, not in conjunction with Oregon Federation meetings or Festivals. Have had good response to the Pilot Film at the 1982 Summer Festival and various fairs. Would suggest that if we have any Directories to spare, we should hand out complimentary copies to Chamber of Commerce offices and Travel Information Centers.

Oregon Federation News, Rosemary Crawford, Donna Scott - Absent, No Report.

President, Phil Rennick, departed from the usual procedure in order to present a check for \$6282.12 to Officials from the Fairview Home; Superintendent - Jerry & Shirley McGee, Director of Volunteer Services, Jane Roach and Comptroller, Jeff Guillfooy, who expressed their gratitude on behalf of the Fairview Home and the many patients who reside there. The Oregon Federation was thanked, not only for the many projects to which they have so generously contributed but also for the enjoyment they bring each April, when they come to dance. They now have enough money to purchase materials for the much needed building, which is being funded entirely by contributions and not funded by the State in any way.

DELEGATES REPORTS

Central: Francis Bortner - The Festival held in Prineville was very successful with 382 ribbons sold. The Festival Committee had borrowed \$850.00 from the clubs and \$500.00 each from four individual lenders to pay for the flooring. We repaid the individuals each \$300.00 and have \$500.00 left to start next year's Festival, which will feature Marty Firstenberg as caller and Elaine Funk, rounds. This next weekend the Madras Sagehoppers are holding their Harvest Hoedown, Tony Vokral, caller. The Batchelor Beauts are in Pendleton on a visitation. Held their campout at Elk Lake recently with 70 people participating. Classes are starting in Bend and Sisters this weekend. Slick Fox's Round Dance workshop has between 45 - 50 couples. Ron Meisner's Round Dance workshop has 14 - 16 couples and is growing. The Sagehoppers of Madras are now enjoying their new location in downtown Madras. Had a large dance Labor Day with a visit from the Castle Eighters, who spent the weekend near Prineville on a campout.

Eastern Oregon: George Griffith - Rocket Squares danced in the dress-up parade for the Round Up. Danced in the Umatilla County Fair parade and at the Fair. They were very well received and have lots of new dancer prospects. Square Knots danced on a float in the fair parade and went to Condon to help the Grande Squares in an exhibition. Lessons set to start September 14. Grande Squares danced in the Morrow County Fair and Gilliam County Fair, two days. We will be giving lessons in both Ione and Condon. Prospects look good. Danced at Lonerock for part of the program for Governor Atiyeh's visit.

Emerald Empire: Leon Houle' - The new 1700 square foot floor is being worked on. Will have more to report on 1983 Winter Festival report.

Interstate Highlanders: Mary Puter substituting for Bill Deasy - Bill could not attend because this is the weekend for the Tule Twirlers 8th Annual Harvest Festival. This is also why OFN Editors are not present. The Interstate Highlanders have lost a 25 year old club, but, possibly, are gaining two new small clubs, The Twin River Twirlers, tutored by Bill Deasy and The Butte Valley Tumbleweeds, taught by Ben Casad. All the area clubs are starting beginner lessons this month. We would like to know what has happened to the "Daisy Chain Doll" who came to us from Australia in 1980 on her trip to Alaska.

We understand that she did arrive in Alaska but has not been heard from since. The Raynors are visiting from Australia and wrote to us wanting to know her whereabouts. We would appreciate any word of Daisy. Our council suggested that in the future, the Host area for the State Meeting try not to conflict with local festivals that are set for a certain date each year. These Festivals are very important to all local members. Also request that the 5th weekend be avoided whenever possible, as this is the time of most council dances. The Interstate Highlanders would like to go on record as supporting the premise that the round dancers can be amply represented through their regular delegates and do not require an area of their own. As K.C. Publicity Chairman, You are all invited to our 7th Annual Potatoe Festival on October 15-16, at Mazama School, in Klamath Falls. Jerry Harris of Seattle and Don Poling of Medford, calling and Ward and Joyce Foster cueing the rounds.

Lincoln - Tillamook: Russell Huffman - We have had excellent cooperation and assistance from the members and officers of both clubs in our area in hosting the dance and the State Meeting this weekend. Norman Anderson and his Taw, Vivian, of Tillamook, President of the Area hosted a picnic and planning meeting at their home on August 1, to finalize arrangements with 20 people in attendance. Norman and Vivian, as Chairman, have served as Coordinators, for which we are grateful. The Toledo 49ers danced at the Lincoln County Fair 3 evenings, with good attendance of dancers and spectators. One of the sessions was also attended by new dancers from a newly formed club at Lincoln City, accompanied by their caller who called the dance. Local clubs are looking forward to lessons this fall in Tillamook and Newport. The Tillamook Wagoneers are planning a new concept of square dance promotion. Because of the impending surgery of caller, John Winfrey class schedule is tentative. Plans are being formulated for regaining drop-outs with instructive sessions and intensive instruction. This is an idea for all clubs to consider for former dancers who have dropped out due to illness or family responsibility.

Mid- Willamette: Floyd Carson - Capitol Callers Officers Day, September 19. Callers and officers of clubs and area will meet to discuss any problems that they might have and use this meeting to get acquainted. Our Mid-Willamette Fall Festival will be held at the Corvallis Elks Lodge, October 30. The State Meeting will be held at this time also, hosted by Mid-Willamette Area. We are handing out information to all officers and delegates today in regard to this meeting. The Mid- Willamette area is putting together an area calendar showing callers and all dances, 'special dances in an effort to stop the overlap of dances that we seem to be having. Square dancers will be dancing in Lancaster Mall during Square Dance Week. Clubs in the Corvallis area will have a float in the parade honoring the 125th Birthday of Corvallis.

Portland: Genevieve Churchill - Square Dance Week begins in Portland with a Kickoff dance at the Lloyd Center, 7-9 p.m. Sept. 13; Eastport Plaza, 7:30-9 p.m., Sept. 14 with the Bustle Bumpers; Cornelius Fred Meyer, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 14, with the 4-N-8ers; Beaverton Fred Meyer, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 16, Hillsboro Hoedown; Gresham Fred Meyer, 7-9 p.m. Sept. 17, Tigard 59ers; Clackamas Town Center, 10-5 p.m., Sept. 18, Rose City Squares, Castle Eighters, Record Breakers. Our Fifth Friday Council dance will be October 29th, at the Oak Grove Community Hall, corner of Maple & Cedar. We will have Darrell Kalmbach and Dottie Swenson, callers with Cindy Marberry cueing the rounds. Dance 8-11 p.m. with a Halloween theme. Next year's activities are; Starlight Parade, Rose Festival Dance, Clackamas County Fair, Oregon State Fair, and Square Dance Week. There was excellent coverage of square dancing and wherelessons will be held, in the Oregon Journal, August 23rd, Phil Hunt, a Staff reporter and a member of the Whirlaways produced the article and has an understanding of our activity. He covered Portland and the surrounding areas and should be commended for this excellent article. Buzz Carrier will be the Alternate Delegate to State for the Portland Area Council. Genevieve also introduced Bill Bradshaw, President of the Portland Area Council.

Rogue-Sis-Q: Frank Young, - Area clubs took part in an exhibition of square dancing at the Medford A's game and danced at four different shopping centers simultaneously. Clubs worked on the telephone in our area for the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Star Promenaders thank you for a great Diamond Lake Festival. There will be a free dance September 25th at Mae Richardson School. Rogue-Sis-Q is having a free "Thank You" dance for the great State Festival, on October 30 at the Square Dance Center.

South Coast: Kathy Ash - Coos Bay had a float in their parade with all clubs in the area represented on it and won first place. We danced at the fair but they were not very cooperative. Had a booth which was very well done, and did have couples decide to begin lessons due to these activities at the fair. September 12 was to be a benefit dance for Dave Boozer (cancer patient). He is somewhat better and vetoed having a benefit dance for him. He is back at work and is keeping the Redwood Round Dance Center active. Chetco Swingeros are almost out of dancing--need help. Sand Dunes Sashay - three wonderful days of dancing and good weather. Approximately 25 squares in the Skyloft at North Bend. September 11, Coquille danced at the Harvest Festival in Myrtle Point. September 17, there is a dance in Coos Bay Mall for their Fun Festival. September 25, all club dances cancelled for the Bandon Cranberry Festival Dance. No club in Bandon now but Coquille helps Bandon with dance. South Coast suggests that the Directories in the future, have the round dance cuers added to each club roster. We would like to know how successful clubs have been in claims for square dancer injuries with the insurance company? We are having problems. Square and round dance lessons will be starting at all area clubs.

Sunset: Del Niemi - Lessons are starting September 12 at the Hayshakers, October 17 at the Promenaders. Hayshakers held their annual Ice Cream Social over Labor Day and had 7 squares. Will be having our annual Indian Summer Days, the weekend of October 15 and 16, at Astoria High School. Two clubs will have a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 29th at Wickiup Grange at Svenson.

Three Valley: David Stutzman - No Report.

Tualatin Valley: Cliff Robinson - Top priority of course is the 1983 Summer Festival, Bill Cook will report on that. We had a total of 15 squares for two nights at the Washington County Fair. A wheel chair group that really went over well with the crowd. We have a new idea going, starting this month, dancers from a member club will be able to earn a TVC Ambassadors' Bar. To get them you must get a card and visit every club in the area and attend two council dances, have the card signed by the club President or Caller, complete it within one year and get your bar. Several dances are slated for Square Dance Week. Tualatin Valley Council and three area clubs sent sheets of plywood to Prineville for the floor at their festival. Our last meeting we invited all club presidents and held a leadership conference with Joyce Buzzard.

Umpqua: Wes Hammock - All clubs in our area report active beginning classes. The Buckaroo Square Dance Club is trying a Sunday evening class this year, hoping to attract the swing-shift working people. The Douglas County Fair was well attended, with many people showing an interest in our dancing in the Square Dance Pavilion. All area clubs participated in the five nights of dancing and made it a success, and our new portable wood floor made dancing outdoors a pleasure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1982 Summer Festival: Frank Young - Does not have final figures as there are still some small bills outstanding. Will have it completed by next meeting. Profit should still be over \$2000.00.

1983 Mid-Winter Festival: Leon Houle' - Will have three full days of dancing starting with a "Trails end" dance on Friday night at a level for both beginners and hard badgers. The caller will be Bill Peters of San Jose, CA and the round dance instructors will be Roy & Phyllis Stier of Santa Barbara, CA. We will be using the Auditorium for round

dancing, the Performance Hall for the New Dancers Program & Style show on Sunday morning and the Exhibit Hall for all the Mainstream and Plus Level Dancing. The Commercial booths will also be in the Exhibit Hall. We need your pre-registrations!!!

1983 Fairview Dance: George Winterfeld - Loren & Faye Cochran will M.C. the dance with callers Bob & Jan Stutevoss, PAC; Harry & Jenny Morley, TVC; Ron & Terry Blivens, South Coast; with rounds cued by Koko Sutton. Although Loren Cochran will be M.C., we are planning on having all the callers call all through the dance so that they will all have a more uniform number of dancers to call to.

1983 Summer Festival: Bill Cook - Things are progressing well. We think we can have a great Festival for you. We do need all the pre-registrations we can get, as you know they are a very important part of getting the Festival going.

State Fair Dance: Harold Bressler - The State Fair dancing was a great success. We had more dancers and spectators than we have ever had. This was our fourth year at the fair and we had over 800 dancers sign in. We counted approximately 600 spectators at one time at some of our afternoon dances. The State Fair Committee now feels we are a permanent part of the State Fair and a successful portion of the entertainment there.

Round Dance Coordinator: Bud Parrot - Has requested that he be allowed to replace Tom Surface on the round dance committee as he is resigning. He would like to ask Dick & Marge Pentecost to be replacements. They are round dance instructors as well as Dick being a square dance caller and they are at the Dalles, in close proximity to the Washington clubs and aware of the rounds being danced there. David Stutzman stated that there is still some problem with the selection of rounds, not enough time, etc. Bud and his committee try to send out a list of 10 dances to select from at least 4 months in advance so that clubs will have ample time to make a selection. It is not mandatory that dances be chosen from this list, however they are dances selected by the committee at a level with the average "round-square" dancer in mind. Caller, Sam Scott, stated that there is also a problem with old rounds being brought back or even a new round taking hold and they are played so much that when they are chosen round of the Month people are tired of hearing them. Bud did not have any solution to this problem. The Round Dance Instructors and Callers will be holding an open Dance at Prairie Hall in Eugene on October 3, 2-4 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Russell and Emma Huffman - Thanks to all who worked and helped with the State Meeting. Have not been doing much traveling lately but have been busy dancing in local area and we have moved, please note our new address in your Directories - P.O. Box 154, Yachats, Ore. 97498 Phone 547-4185.

Vern and Ruth McKnight - Our sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers, visits and prayers during Vern's long 42 days in the hospital. He is doing very well and hopefully will soon be dancing again.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:

Al & Fran Westphal did a super job on this installation. President, Vern & Mae Meyer; First Vice President, Ken & Eva Moore; Second Vice President, Orval & Betty Dyer; Treasurer, Ed & Mary Warmoth; Recording Secretary Glen & Buzz Carrier; Corresponding Secretary, Janet Pederson; Membership Chairman, Floyd & Jill Bard.

Al also requested an especial salute to Buddy & Nancy Randall (Mr. & Mrs. Squaredancing)

Second half of the meeting was called to order by President, Vern Meyer at 12:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Nominating Committee; Phil & Jo Rennick, Vern & Ruth McKnight. Buzz Carrier, Jim Floyd, and George Griffith.
- (2) There was a discussion regarding the purchase of two trailers and auxiliary equipment that have been put together by Ben Schaefer. These trailers are the ones used at the State Fair and in various parades. Ben has a total of \$3730.00 involved in them and will sell them to the State Federation for \$2000.00. Bob Brown, TVC, made a motion that the State Federation purchase these trailers and equipment. Motion was seconded by George Winterfeld, Motion carried. President, Vern Meyer will make arrangements for storage and find a custodian of the trailers. Ben Schaefer suggested that if trailers are used or rented to various areas or clubs for parade floats, etc., those areas or clubs should sign waivers to take care of any insurance problems which might arise.
- (3) Education Chairman, Jimmy Carney stressed the importance of Legacy. They have 340 members and affiliate members. Would the State Federation consider becoming an affiliate member at \$20.00 per year? Jim Floyd made a motion that the Oregon Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs become an affiliate member of Legacy. Genevieve Churchill, seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- (4) Treasurer, Ed Warmoth stated that the books had been audited and suggested that an ad hoc committee composed of Jean Brigl, Ed Warmoth, Vern Meyer, 1 Delegate and 1 Dancer, be formed to discuss projects for which the state money could be used to best advantage.
- (5) President, Vern Meyer, requested that Buddy Randall check on increasing insurance coverage in order to keep up with increasing cost of suits, etc.
- (6) President, Vern Meyer, stated that he will not add to the Ambassador list at this time and questioned if perhaps some of those presently on the list would like to be relieved of those duties. No response.
- (7) Historian, Jack Williams, suggested that pictures be taken by a semi-professional photographer at the Festivals with the cost of this being included in the Festival budget. This will probably be done at the Mid-Winter Festival. We will see how it works.

Bill Bradshaw of PAC presented a question to OFN regarding payment for an advertisement which is sent to them correctly but with date or time somehow misspelled when the ad reaches the pages of the OFN. Must we pay for incorrect advertisement? Since OFN representatives were absent President, Vern Meyer requested that Corresponding Secretary, Janet Pederson send a letter of inquiry to the OFN Editors regarding this matter.

George Giffith, made a motion that a representative be elected by the Round Dance Instructors and Cuers to be a representative to the State Meetings and also the Correspondent to the OFN. Motion discussed and died for lack of a second. Genevieve Churchill made a motion that this question be tabled. Motion seconded by Floyd Carson. Motion carried.

Thanks from Vern Meyer and all those present to the Lincoln - Tillamook Area for the super Hosting of the State Meeting. Good food, good dance, good facilities.

President, Vern Meyer, reminded all the Delegates that the State President and First Vice President are to receive copies of minutes from all area council meetings.

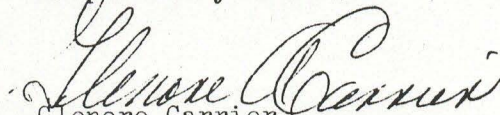
Vern and Ruth McKnight made their annual presentation to the couple whom they felt have contributed much devotion and promotion of Square Dancing over the past years. This years' recipients were George & Berniece Gruchalla. They received a beautiful Burlwood clock.

A moment of silent prayer was requested by Jim Perkins of the Tillamook Wagoneers for Wilma Zochert, of the Rose City Squares who is in critical condition following brain surgery.

Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Mid-Willamette Area and held at the Corvallis Elks Lodge, October 30, 1982. Floyd Carson suggests that motel reservations be made as soon as possible because there will be a football game on this same week-end.

Respectfully Submitted


Glenore Carrier
Recording Secretary