

State Book

OREGON STATE FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS
Minutes of State Meeting held January 29, 1983
Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President, Vern Meyer at 10:38 a.m. Invocation was given by Past President, Phil Rennick. The Flag salute was led by Second Vice-President, Orval Dyer.

Roll call of officers and delegates by Recording Secretary, Glen Carrier. The following were absent; Education Chrmn, Jimmy Carney; Goodwill Ambassadors, George & Berniece Gruchalla, Jim & Helen Cochran; and Round Dance Coordinator, Bud & Shirley Parrot.

President, Vern Meyer, stated that due to limited time, the Ambassadors reports would be dispensed with.

Motion was made by First Vice President, Ken Moore, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion seconded and carried. Lincoln-Tillamook Delegate, Russell Huffman stated that a correction was in order. The officers listed at the end of the last meeting minutes were not new Area council officers but instead officers of the new club in their area, the Buoys & Gulls. Please correct your minutes accordingly.

Treasurer's report by Ed Warmoth, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Money from matured certificate of deposit has been transferred to savings account at First National. Total balance in savings account transferred to new combined checking and savings account at Benjamin Franklin for most attractive interest rate based on our financial needs. This will eliminate much transferring of money. One of the previously mentioned projects was an ad to be placed in various magazines to promote tourism and square dancing. I have pursued that and have had an ad worked up by a graphic arts studio (ad displayed). It will be placed in American Square Dance Magazine, Wash. Footnotes, & California Bluebook and will run in March and April. Club dues have been received from Englewood Twirlers and the Golden Squares. There will be a group from Germany coming to Portland end of June for approximately three nights on their way to the National via Disneyland in California. Ed hopes to arrange for host homes for them to stay in while in Portland.

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice-President, Ken Moore - Reported that the Festival Advisory Committee, consisting of Frank Young, Phil Rennick, Francis Bortner and himself met and discussed getting more information out on Festivals. They have sent letters to all areas requesting bids for a Summer Festival but have had no replies. As yet, we have no offers for '84 or '85. Only bid on hand is one for 1987. We are scheduled to meet with one area on February 21, to discuss the matter of holding a festival.

Second Vice-President, Orval Dyer - Would like to have all directory information from clubs by June 1st. If he does not have this info he will have to use the information presently in the Directory. Orval would like comments regarding changing the roster back to an area listing rather than alphabetically. He also suggested a map in the center of the Directory which would be helpful to visitors in locating clubs and their area. He also questioned the necessity of a new Directory every year. Ruth McKnight, Rosemary Crawford and Vern Meyer all stated good reasons why a new Directory each year is necessary. It was suggested that Round dance cuers be listed as well as Callers. It will be necessary to add a spot for that information on the directory information sheet sent out to all clubs.

Past President, Phil Rennick - Reported that Jimmy Carney had open heart surgery and is doing fine and will be home this week.

Recording Secretary, Glen Carrier - Reported checking into the matter of printing the minutes on both sides of sheet in an effort to save some money but found no saving, even considering the extra postage required.

Corresponding Secretary, Janet Pederson - Has cards for Jimmy Carney and Dorothy Murray. Please sign. Sent flowers on behalf of the State Federation. Will soon be sending out ballot forms. If some clubs in your Area have new secretaries, please send her that information. The ballots are sent to club secretaries via Certified mail. Janet will follow the listing in the directory and if they are not current it will cause considerable delay as the ballots will be returned and will then go to club president by regular mail. Please fill out the Legacy questionnaire which has been distributed to each of you and either return to me or mail directly to the address listed on the bottom of the sheet. There was some question about the ballots. President, Vern Meyer said that ballots must be sent out within 10 days after February 15, and be back to the Corresponding Secty. by May 1st. Ruth McKnight suggested that an article of information regarding balloting and mailing be published in the Oregon Federation News.

Membership Chairman, Floyd Bard - There is some question yet as to the status of the new club Buoy & Gulls. Will talk to Lincoln-Tillamook Area delegate and try to get this matter resolved. Floyd handed our Area-Club Directory forms to all delegates plus a memo to help in properly filling them out. He needs two copies of these sheets. Please wait until new officers are elected rather than sending in a form and then having to send in an amended form. Absolutely must have these back before June 1st. We would like the level of dance as well as the name of the club round dance cuer included if possible. He would recommend adding these two things to the present form and using the supply on hand rather than printing up new forms. Please check the last "Where & When" to see if all is correct. He worked with Rosemary Crawford to make the listing as current as possible but if he missed something please let Floyd know. A current list needed for both the Corresponding Secty. for mailing purposes and for Buddy Randall, for insurance purposes.

Parliamentarian, Buddy Randall - Has checked on insurance regarding coverage on trailers as requested. Our liability insurance covers only members of the Oregon Federation. Outsiders may rent the trailers but must have insurance. It would also be wise for the clubs who rent these trailers to have their own liability insurance.

Financial Advisor, Jean Brigl - Feels that the new budget format will be much easier for everyone to read and understand.

State Reporter and Publicity, Jack Williams - Reported that Dorothy Murray is doing well after her open heart surgery and is sure she would appreciate a call or a card. Phone number is 475-3177. Jack has had 5000 cards printed as per decision made at last meeting and each club or delegate is welcome to them. You may add your name or your club name with a stamp as we have if you wish. He picked up on Marty Firstenberg's suggestion regarding yard signs for Square dance week. Can have plastic signs printed up (Jack displayed sample sign) for \$450.00 per thousand. There was discussion re these signs and question whether or not a square dance couple silhouette could be added. Motion was made by Bob Brown that we go ahead with 1000 of these signs. Motion seconded and carried.

State Historian, Joanne Belt - No report but wished to thank all the dancers who have contributed newspaper and other articles for the history books.

Education Chairman, Jimmy Carney - Ed Warmoth reporting for Jimmy who has been following through on the Educational film offered from South Carolina. There is a licensing fee of \$1027.00 for use on Medford education channel KSYS-TV. There would be twenty six 30 min. programs for use at the Medford station only. Rogue-Sis-Q Council proposes to pay one half the fee if the Oregon Federation would match that amount to cover the total cost of \$1027.00. We need to have the money by March to get this going so if approved at this meeting the check should be sent to KSYS-TV. This would be considered a donation to an educational institution and therefore would show up on our IRS report as a deduction. Ed has checked with educational stations KOAP-TV and KOAC-TV and the licensing fee charge would be \$2000.00 with, of course, a larger area covered. The State might consider paying \$1000.00 with perhaps an area council or several clubs paying the other half of the fee.

Mid- Winter Festival Chairman, Leon Houle - Last year we had 3000 dancers and this year it looks like about 3500 dancers, so we are getting bigger and better, each year. Have had some groans about RV parking--we will have to continue to put the RV's a little farther away than you would like so that we will have enough parking for autos. There is no way we can get around that situation. Do hope that we can cooperate with the Fair board and work out a better electrical hook-up system. We know we need to keep working on the sound system until we get it right.

Doris Jenks, Round dance cuer, commented on the fact that the Round dance instructors chosen, seemed to be teaching more on an International level rather than the level of most round dancers in attendance. We need to keep in mind our average dancers. Leon agreed. Each Festival committee has problems to contend with, therefore we need input of everyone in order to improve this function. He thanks all of you for your attendance and support. Floyd Bard asked, if perhaps, some of the gains in profit made could be passed on to the dancers by lowering fees. Leon stated that that would be nice however, the cost of facilities and other expenses could continue to rise making it difficult to increase charges once we reduce them. We would rather be "ahead" financially. Kathy Ash suggested that more emphasis be put on giving more of a price break to those who pre-register. Jean Brigl pointed out that we do need more funds if we are going to pursue some of these new projects. Ruth McKnight suggested that families also be considered when setting fees for the Festival. Ed Warmoth suggested that the Festival Committee meet with the Festival Advisory Committee and come up with a financial advisory plan regarding festivals.

Summer Festival '82 Chairman, Frank Young - Reported a final figure of \$2000.00 profit on Summer '82. ^{3935.00 total} Stated a plea to other areas not to be frightened of taking on a Summer Festival. Use your schools whenever possible and think positive!!! Ed Warmoth suggested that the Federal Advisory Committee needs to check the completed report of Summer Festival '82 to see that they did not realize the profit from the sale of flooring that they had expected but still managed to finish in the black.

Fairview Dance Chairman, George Winterfeld - The Fairview dance will be held one week later this year due to the Easter Holiday. It will be April 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. The callers will be Loren Cochran, Rogue-Sis-Q as M.C., Bob Stutevoss, PAC, Harry Morley, TVC, and Ron Blevin, South Coast. Koko Sutton will cue the rounds. There is a slight chance that ground may be broken for the "Leisure Time Center" by April. Flyers will be sent to all clubs around the state in February. It is requested that Area Delegates begin to talk "Fairview" at their meetings and dances and get clubs interested in this fund raising benefit. Make all checks payable to "Fairview Benefit Dance Fund" and they can be mailed to George & Barbara Winterfeld, 13825 S. E. Beech St. Milwaukie, Oregon 97222. Jack Williams requested a news release regarding "Fairview" to be published in various Oregon papers and magazines. George will comply. Question re free ad for individual clubs holding "Fairview" benefit dances. The only free ad is the large OFN ad for the dance at Fairview itself. All others are considered part of the expense and donation of the individual club holding the dance. OFN Editor, Rosemary Crawford also suggested an article to be published in the OFN regarding "Fairview" as many clubs do not know what "Fairview" is. George will write such an article. Jean Brigl suggested that areas make more copies of "Fairview" flyer and see that they are well distributed to publicize the dance.

Summer Festival '83 Chairman, Bill Cook - You all have festival packets as distributed today. We feel we are rolling right along. We have sufficient space to have a good Festival with good sound. Have three floors with a fourth floor available if necessary.

DELEGATES REPORTS

CENTRAL OREGON - Sherm Dirth - We will again hold our Round-Up Festival the third week-end in August. Had a good one last year and hoping for a bigger and better one this year.

EMERALD EMPIRE - Jim Floyd - No report. Thanked everyone for support of the Mid-Winter Festival. Jim & Boots modeled the dress for Mid-Winter '84, which was designed by Rita Midlam.

EASTERN OREGON - George Griffith - Rocket Squares started lessons in January with a very good turn out of new dancers. Round dance classes have been having about ten couples in regular attendance. Square Knots are talking about the hall getting too small--good news!!! Grand Squares lessons are progressing. We have a new club in the Milton-Freewater area called the "Muddy Frogs".

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS - Bill Deasy - Thanks to the Emerald Empire, Leon & Pat Houle and their committees for staging a most successful festival. The Highlanders Area dance was changed from the 5th Sat. to Sat. Jan. 22. The dance was very successfully hosted by the K-C Squares and called by Denny Lantz. Alternate ways of selecting the round of the month were discussed at our Delegate meeting. It was voted at this meeting that in the fall each club should make up a yearly schedule of dancing in an effort to avoid conflicting dates.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK - Russell Huffman - Tillamook Wagoneers expect to have their caller, John Winfrey, back calling for them soon after recuperating from surgery. Buoy & Gulls had a very good attendance for their first dance in November. Among the many visitors were State Federation President, Vern & Mae Meyer. The Buoy & Gulls also wish to join the State Federation. The Toledo 49ers have invited the new dancers to dance with their club on the 3rd Sat. of each month until they graduate.

MID-WILLAMETTE - Floyd Carson- Evidently our area is very pleased with the way business is handled on the State level for I have asked repeatedly for questions and input from the clubs but have recieved no response. We have 16 clubs now holding classes. There were about 429 new dancers in these classes but over the holidays we lost approximately one fourth of that number. Our New Dancers Jamboree will be held March 13, at Sprague Jr. High Axhool in Salem, 2373 Kubler Rd. S. with Al Pedigo as M.C. Our first New Dancers Jamboree as reported in the OFN as having 6 squares was slightly in error. There were 60 squares in attendance.

PORTLAND - Genevieve Churchill - Thanks to those areas who responded to my plea for more directories. As it turned out, one club cancelled part of their order so we now have some extra if they are needed. Plans for the State Meeting to be held in Portland next September are taking shape. There is also a committee working toward a future Summer Festival. It is very difficult to find places that would be within our budget. Schools in our area are not cooperative. Most places are not adequate or far too expensive. The Portland Area Council would like to reserve one trailer for the Starlight Parade to be held on June 4th. We need to give more consideration to planning new dancers Jamborees as many are planned for the same day--these could be combined and perhaps held in larger halls. She has recieved a letter from the Vice-Chairman of the Fashion Show to be held at the National in Louisville, Ky. June 25th, requesting models from our area to participate. If anyone would like to take part in the show please let Genevieve know as she must answer by February 15th. You all have flyers advertising the B'N'B's Trails-in Dance, July 6th. Stop in and dance with us on your way to the State Festival in Hillsboro, July 7-8-9.

ROGUE-SIS-Q - Frances Pence - The Nov. dance with Marshall Flippo was a huge success with nearly 500 people attending. Southern Oregon Singles held a graduation dance for 58 students with Denny Lantz calling. Each of the Rogue-Sis-Q area clubs are hosting a student level dance. Area Council will hold the last one in April. Coming dances are; Feb. 4, Applegaters Birthday Dance, Jim Cyphert, Square Dance Center in Grants Pass; Charlie Brown Squares, Sweetheart Dance, Loren Cochran, Square Dance Center, Grants Pass, on Feb. 19; Feb. 26. Star Promenaders Birthday Dance, Dave Abbott, Jackson Cty. Expo Center in Central Point; Mar. 19, Shamrocks Birthday Dance, Marv Lindner, Evergreen School, Cave Junction; Mar. 26, Gypsy Squares Birthday Dance, Will Eads, San Diego,; April 2, Charlie Brown Squares, Spring Fling, Jerry Bradley; April 8 - 9, 17th Annual Pear Blossom Festival. All dancing plus level. Fri. night Ernie Nation from Capistrano, Ca. Sat. night Bob Baker of Missouri City, Texas, calling. Fri. night there wo;; be student level dancing with Monty Kizer calling at Richardson Elementary School, Central Point. Larry & Rosemary Wheeler cuing rounds for the Festival. April 10, Southern Oregon Singles will host a dance in the afternoon at the Senior Center.

SUNSET - Del Niemi - Several couples from our area are in attendance at this Festival are in RV's and have enjoyed meeting all those new people around the electric light pole and breaker box!!! Both area clubs are making plans for fund-raising for Fairview. Hayshakers are holding a dance on March 19. A joint dance is planned for April 1st at Svensen, tho; this date is not definite. Both clubs have classes going. Hayshakers will be graduating a class in March and Promenaders last dance. Each couple brought a non-dancer couple and had them join in on some simple calls. They all seemed to enjoy and have promised to come back on Feb. 6th to begin lessons in our new class starting then.

THREE VALLEY - Duane Handyside - All clubs are holding classes with good response. Baker County Miners Jubilee will be held July 22,23,& 24th, in Baker to live music. This event was revived last year for the first time in 50 ye-rs. Several thousand people attended and we hope it will be larger this year and become an annual event.

TUALATIN VALLEY - Bob Brown - The council has been very busy with plans for Summer Festival '83. Think of Summertime and TVC. We have had a very good turnout of dancers for our council visitations which we try to make once a month. Our next council dance to be held Feb. 13, at Brown Jr. High on S.W. 219th, the site of Summer '83. This dance will be new dancers level. Come and see us and find the black cat. We have in our area a Wheel Chair Square & Round Dance Club, called the 59ers Rolling Squares, Caller, Jeff & Evelyn Jeffords. On March 26, 27 the Easter Seal Association has a Tel-a-thon scheduled. We challenge all clubs to meet or beat our donation.

UMPQUA - Warren Engdahl - The Douglas County Fair dates have been changed from mid-August to the 26th thru 30th of July. Jim Hattrick who had been scheduled to call could not make the necessary date changes so Denny Lantz has been signed to call the July 29th & 30th dances. Umpqua Area Square Dance Clubs will host the dancing programs for the first three days of the Fair. The following clubs have agreed to host Beginner level Sat. night dances; Tri-N-Squares, Jan 22; Boots & Calicos, Feb. 26th; Buckeroos, Mar. 19th. The Tri-N-Squares will host an OFN Subscription dance with jamboree callers on April 30th in the Buckeroo Barn. This is an Umpqua Area Council sponsored event.

State Fair Dance Chairman, Haold Bressler - There is some discussion regarding more dancing space at the State Fairgrounds, so that more than one square at a time can dance. The State Fair Board is anxious to keep the dancers a part of their program so are considering pouring a concrete slab that would accomodate other useage when dancers are not there. Trailer will be stored at the Fairground. We will need to know ahead of time if you will want to use it. There will be a \$100.00 deposit which will be returned if trailer is returned in same condition as when taken. Buzz Carrier has transported the second trailer and other equipment to Vern Meyer's barn where necessary repairs and modifications will be made for safe use. One trailer will then be taken to Salem for storage.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed Warmoth questioned whether we should go ahead with the educational film in the Medford area. Motion was made and seconded that we go ahead with plan to try film on Medford channel KSYS-TV. Motion seconded and carried.

At the POOF meeting last night there was much discussion as to ways of using some of the extra money available to most benefit dancers via OFN. Perhaps adding four or more pages such as: Caller of the month; Outstanding Dancer Couple, to be nominated by areas or clubs; a "Gots & Wants" page of ads and publishing a New Dancers issue of the OFN to be issued in May and giving each new dancer couple a free copy. A motion was made that the OFN Editors be permitted to promote the projects proposed. Motion seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President, Vern Meyer, stated that he would like to see the State Officers Election rules liberalized a little bit so that the ballots would be returned and all votes counted. Are two envelopes necessary? Club names could be put on ballots for identification. Only Corresponding Secretary would have record of voting. There was discussion regarding this. Floyd Bard made a motion that two envelopes no longer be required and that the ballot be identified by club name. Motion seconded and carried.

Bill Deasy, Interstate Highlanders brought up some questions discussed at their Area Delegate meeting regarding; wearing of cowboy (or other hats) while on the dance floor; kicking and stomping; & can we make Christmas Waltz an optional choice for the month of December, so that we may have some other dance if we wish. Kathy ash, South Coast, made a motion to that effect. Motion seconded and carried. Other questions were; could the Oregon Federation sponsor a caller's school; & request for additional payment on mileage to all State Meetings.

President, Vern Meyer, asked that these questions be brought back to the May meeting as we are out of time.

George Griffith, Eastern Oregon, hesitantly made an announcement regarding the Idaho State Festival which is being held in Ontario, Oregon, June 10 & 11, 1983. It would be a nice gesture if some of the State officers could attend.

Rosemary Crawford announced that the new Oregon Federation News Editor would be Lucille Barnes, Mid-Willamette.

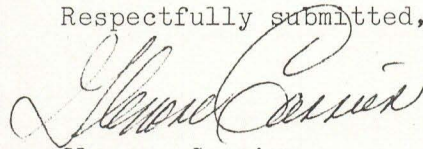
Nominating Committee Chairman, Phil Rennick announced the following nominees for State Office:

- President - Ken Moore - Sunset
 Ed Warmoth - Tualatin Valley
- First Vice-President Jack William - Central
 Bill Cook - Tualatin Valley
- Second Vice-President - Floyd Bard - Emerald Empire
 Robert Lohman - Portland
- Treasurer - Carolyn Pape - Emerald Empire
 . Barbara Currie - Tualatin Valley
- Recording Secretary Glen Carrier - Portland,
 Jan Adams - Mid-Willamette
- Corresponding Secretary Janet Pederson - Mid-Willamette
 Peggy Wall - Eastern
- Membership Marilyn Bradshaw - Portland
 Gary Holden - Eastern

Meeting adjourned by President, Vern Meyer at 12:37 p.m.

Next meeting will be held in Rogue-Sis-Q in May. More information on where and when will be sent you.

Respectfully submitted,


Glenore Carrier,
Recording Secretary

Sept meeting - Portland

Nov. Meeting - South Coast Area

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