



OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

Minutes of State Meeting held Nov. 11, 1984.
Clatskanie Grade School, Clatskanie, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Williams at 9:40am. Invocation was given by Past President, Ed Warmoth. The flag salute was led by Second Vice President, Bill Cook.

All officers and delegates were present except: Membership Chairman, Jim and Boots Floyd; Parliamentarian, Don and Rose Mary Crawford; 1985 Mid-Winter Festival Chairman, Leon and Pat Houle, Eastern Oregon Delegate, Ralph and Pegge Wallace, Catherine and Mattlon Hicks substituting; Emerald Empire Delegate, Dan and Linda Bowser, Interstate-Highlanders Delegate, Wayne and Della Johnson, Portland Area Delegate, Jack and Bobbie Davis; and Rogue Sis-Q Delegate, Frances Pence.

Goodwill Ambassadors present at this meeting was Ed and Mary Warmoth.

Motion was made by Bill Cook that the minutes be accepted as mailed. Motion seconded and carried.

Financial Report was given by Treasurer, Carolyn Pape and is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion was made by Chuck Rosebraugh that we accept the Treasurers Report. Motion seconded and carried. Carolyn is concerned about how different Chairmans and Officers are allotted money to spend. A bill from the Round Dance Committee and a bill from Genevieve Churchill have come in for items that have not been budgeted for and as the balance in the Treasury keeps decreasing, we need to be careful about non-budgeted items. She reminded everyone that all checks coming into the Federation need to be made out to the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. Carolyn asked for approval on the \$65.00 bill from Genevieve Churchill. Motion made by Chuck Rosebraugh. Seconded and carried. The bill from the Round Dance Committee had been previously approved by Past President, Ed Warmoth.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President, Jack and Rosemary Williams recieved a letter from Don and Rose Mary Crawford from Interstate-Highlanders Area stating that they are resigning as State Parliamentarians. Don recently suffered a heart attack and will be going in soon for back surgery and no longer will be able to serve as Parlimnetarians. Jack is now looking for a new Parliamentarian and is interested in hearing from anyone who might be willing to fill that position. Parliamentarian is an appointed position. Jack also recieved a letter from the 1985 National Square

Dance Convention in regards to their Fashion Show, "Panarama of Fashions". They would like square dancers from Oregon to participate in the style show. They need to know by Dec. 1st. Corresponding Secretary, Genevieve Churchill will send a copy of the letter to all club presidents to see if we can find someone who might be going and would want to be in the show. Categories of entry are: Teen, Single (Male or Female), Couple, Family, Senior Citizen, and Coordinated Group of 3 or more. The Convention is in Birmingham, Alabama, June 27-29, 1985. The Style Show is quite a production and is lots of fun. Jack recieved a phone call from Curt and Anita Boardman. They are resigning as Chairmans of the Round Dance Screening Committee. They are trying to contact Ray and Betty Hanna of Mid-Willamette Area to take their palce as Chairmans. There will be more information about this at our next meeting. Curt and Anita have been incorrectly listed in the OFN as Round Dance Chairman in the State Officer List. ORDTA President, Dennis and Suzanne Smith should be the name next to Round Dance Chairman. That will be changed as soon as possible.

Past President, Ed and Mary Warmoth are chairmans of the Nominating Committee. The nomination forms have been passed out and are due back in by Mid-Winter Festival. Please promote them within your Area Councils. We will be working with Vern and Mae Meyer on the Fairview Dance and we also will be ready to help with the by-law changes. Norm Anderson asked if there is an order of succession to State Office positions. Ed commented that there is no written order of succession to each office but it is desirable that candidates for President have some knowledge about the State Board. Perhaps there could be an artilcle in the OFN about running for an office. The Nominating Committee does review all nominating forms and has the power to accept and/or reject each nominee.

First Vice President, Floyd and Jill Bard, needs a proposal for the 1989 Summer Festival. The next 4 festivals are: 1985, Central Oregon; 1986, Portland Area; 1987, Umpqua Area; and 1988, Eastern Oregon Area I would even like a proposal for the 1990 Summer Festival.

Second Vice President, Bill and Bea Cook still have over 300 directories left. If you need more please take some with you. They will only sell if they are out in your areas and out at your dances. 3 Ambassadors have not picked up there free directories yet.

Treasurer, Carolyn and John Pape reported that the OFN lost \$29.00 on the August issue, \$138.00 on the September issue, and \$52.00 on the October issue. We gained \$665.00 on the When and Where.

Recording Secretary, Janet Pederson thanked Glenore Carrier for helping her with part of the minutes from the September meeting. If everyone keeps using the microphone, keeps turning in good written reports, (and keep telling jokes) then doing the minutes will go much faster and will be easier. Will try to get them out to everyone as soon as possible.

Corresponding Secretary, Genevieve Churchill has extra badges and hangars. If you need any just let her know.

Membership Chairman, Jim and Boots Floyd, absent. No report.

Publicity and State Reporter, Bob and Barbara Brown, No report at this time.

Parliamentarian, no report.

State Historian, Trudi and Lenord Rassmussen have been working on the showcase that features Oregon Square Dancers wearing club outfits. Passed out a flier about this today. We bring history books to each meeting for your use. Genevieve Churchill will need some help getting the display to the National and to help set the display up and overseeing it while it is in Alabama.

Financial Advisor, Jean and Hank Brigl thanked Norm and Vivian Anderson for their excellent written report on the Statue of Liberty Project. She also thanked Janis Pederson, Mid-Willamette Area Secretary for sending her updates on all clubs in the Mid-Willamette Area as to their status on non-profit or tax exemption and tax exemption numbers. If non-profit clubs are filing for tax exemption, please notify her so she can help save them time and work before filing the forms. A lot of clubs will not qualify for tax exemption. Received a letter from IRS regarding our tax exemption status. This will be discussed under New Business. Reminded everyone to pre-register for Mid-Winter.

DELEGATES REPORTS

Blue Mountains Area, George and Dory Fleshman. Because of hunting season, our classes for beginners are just being scheduled. Winter is traditionally the time to square dance and attendance at dances is picking up. The LaGrande club had an OFN Subscription dance in October with 19 new subscriptions. We enjoy attending these meetings.

Central Oregon Area, Bob and Jeanne Yancey. Our Area Council held a joint meeting with the Summer Festival Committee and the Central Oregon Round-Up Board on October 18, 1984. This brought people into meetings that would not have attended all three meetings. We had approximately 40 attend. We will do this again. Jeanne Yancey is teaching clogging on Sunday afternoons. This is something new and fun in the Central Oregon Area.

Eastern Oregon Area, Catherine and Mattlon Hicks. We have about 200 beginners taking lessons in our area. Hermiston is Plus dancing twice a month in addition to regular square dances. The next area council meeting will be held March 30th in Pendleton. Jean Brigl asked Catherine how they were able to get so many new dancers. Catherine reported that they did a lot of exhibitions and one to one contacts. We were able to get publicity at our exhibitions. Bill Cook asked Catherine if the council could survey those new dancers and find out how they heard about the lessons and why they started. We would like to have a report at the Mid-Winter Festival.

Emerald Empire Area, Dan and Linda Bowser, Absent. No report.

Interstate-Highlanders Area, Wayne and Della Johnson, Absent. No report.

Lincoln-Tillamook Area, Norm and Vivian Anderson. Square dancing is still alive in our area but has gone through some difficult times.

lately. Buoys and Gulls of Lincoln City lost Keith Reichert as a caller (moved to Washington), but they now have Jim and Jesse Gibson calling and cueing. They have moved their place of dance too. Their Birthday dance is December 8th. The Tillamook Wagoneers have been struggling too. John Winfrey, their caller has been gone a good deal this fall due to training in his new occupational field which has caused him to travel. John is now into Computer work and electronics. The Wagoneers did not dance in November at their hall but will be dancing again full tilt in January. At that time the club will invite all dancers back who have drifted away from square dancing and give re-training sessions and workshops. The Sunset Squares did not start a class in the fall but will plan one for January. The only club going strong with its new class is the Toledo 49ers and they report a good group of young dancers.

Mid-Willamette Area, Harold and Faye Bressler. The annual Fall Festival was attended by 23 squares of dancers. There was some discussion on where to use the surplus money of the Area. It was suggested that the money be used for improvement projects. Another suggestion was to buy lights for the dancing at the State Fair. New dancer classes are progressing with some of the clubs hosting a dance for the new dancers.

Portland Area, Jack and Bobbie Davis. Absent. No report.

Rogue Sis-Q Area, Frances Pence. Absent. No report.

South Coast Area, Kathryn and Eugene Ash reported at the last State Meeting that Coos Bay-North Bend kept the Skyloft Hall and have a 5 year lease with higher rent of course. Now 3 clubs will dance there. A new name for the center is being chosen through a contest. Skyloft Squares, Saints and Aints, and Royal Steppers all dance at the center. Frank Lane dance was enjoyed by a nice crowd but not as many as expected. All clubs are having every kind of lesson--Clogging and Round Dancing at the Skyloft, Plus at all clubs, and Square Dancing at all clubs. We have a shortage of local callers. Dale Roberson comes from Roseburg, Jack Brown from Grants Pass, and Al McCoy from Roseburg. We have all local callers and more are starting to learn. Coquille changed their Birthday dance to December 18th. Fifth Saturday dance in December will be at the Beach Combers in Port Orford. New Years eve dance will be at the new center in North Bend with the Saints & Aints as hosts.

Sunset Area, Dick and Dottie Sorenson. Both clubs in our area have enjoyed hosting the Oregon Federation meeting and we are happy to have the group here in the area. The Hayshakers are busy with a class of 13-14 people. Plans for the next few weeks include a Christmas dinner and Christmas dance. We will be having a food collection for the needy and also a New Years eve party. Our Indian Summer & Trails End dance were successful and plans are underway for next year. Clatskanie Promenaders are dancing the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. The 27th of October was our Halloween dance and was well attended. Harvey and Deloris Hunsucker are teaching Intermediate rounds and Plus square dancing Sunday evenings at Westport Grade School. Our club is having 3 open dances to encourage new people to join- Nov. 24th, Dec. 8th, and Jan. 5th from 5 to 8:00 pm. Beginner lessons start in January.

A round of thanks was given to the Sunset Area for hosting a great State Meeting weekend.

Tualatin Valley Area, Ed and Janet Shepherd. Our area clubs are reporting average sized new dancer classes except for our Senior Citizens, who have a large class. Watch OFN for list of palces and lesson level new dancers jamborees and club dances and bring your new dancers and/or callers. We have a new club (that calls itself Singles Plus) starting up. Its a singles oriented plus level club. There will be a new name later. Our Area meeting for Decemeber will be cancelled. A newsletter will be sent to all clubs with important news. Please push Mid-Winter and Leadership Seminar in April. We need to have a good showing. Stan Burdick is very knowledgeable man.

Umpqua Area, Chuck and Nancy Rosebraugh. Classes have started out well this year with a total of 158 new dancers. There are 30 new cloggersin Martha Brown's Timber Mountain Cloggers. They are having a great time and the more experienced dancers are performing before groups. Plans are being made for this years Christmas Fair at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The Boots and Calicos run the food concession and the Buckeroos sell Christmas wreaths. The fair is held November 30, December 1 & 2. Club memberswork long, hard hours. Come have a good time and help support two area square dance clubs. The Area council is going to begin sponsoring student level dances on Sundays. This is a good opportunity for new dancers to get the feel of a real dance. Plans are in the works for the 1987 SummerFestival to be held in Roseburg. It will feature and Indian theme and Gary Shoemake will be calling. It promises to be a fun festival.

Bob Yancey passed out packets with Pre-registration forms forthe Summer Festival to all the delegates. Has ribbons and receipt books for those delegates who would like to sell pre-registrations in their own areas. Please pick these up during the break.

Meeting adjourned for coffee break at 10:50.

Meeting called to order by President Jack Williams at 11:20.

President Jack displayed an award that the Oregon Federation recieved for their participation in the Orginizations dispaly at the 33rd National Square Dance Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, June 1984.

OLD BUSINESS

State Leadership Seminar, Janet Pederson. The seminar will be held April 19, 20, 21, 1985 at Willamette University in Salem. Cost for using Willamette will be \$520.00 for all three days. We are only being charged for two days rent. The third day will be rent free. The rental cost includes stage and bleacher set-up. If we need more bleachers, there will be an additional \$30.00 charge. Concession stands will be open and staffed by the University staff. There will be no room for R.V.s on campus because Willamette will be in session during the Seminar. We are talking to the State Fairgrounds people to see if we could park the R.V.s there. They have some free space with no hook-ups available and also some spaces that would cost a small fee. There are also KOA Campgrounds available in Salem. Will try to solve R.V. problem as soon as possible. More details later. All delegates have informational packets in front of them in regards to Salem and the surrounding area. The central section on the lodging gudie are the

motels that are the closet to Willamette University. If you need more Lodging guides, write to the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Salem. Address is on the front of your packets. Cost for attending the Seminar will be \$7.50 per couple or \$10.00 per family. This includes three days of seminar and two square dances called by Stan Burdick. For those wishing to attend only the dances the cost will be \$5.00 per couple per dance. We will probably host Stan in one of our dancers home. His meals and lodging are included in his \$600.00 fee. Registration fliers are in your packets. If you need more let me know. We still need ideas on topics that Stan could discuss at the Seminar. Sunset Council turned in some ideas today. He will discuss anything that you want to hear about. We would like to see a representative from every club in the State attend this seminar. A list of topic ideas is included with these minutes. Ed Warmoth mentioned that the registration forms for the 1986 Leadership Seminar should be available at the 1985 seminar.

Statue of Liberty Project, Norm and Vivian Anderson. We sent \$3,188.10 to Statue of Liberty Fund from Oregon. Looked for a way to get some publicity out of this. Presented a symbolic check to Senator Mark Hatfield at the Tigard Chamber of Commerce meeting recently. Jack Williams, Ed Warmoth, and Vivian and myself were all there. Articles appeared in the Salem and Tillamook papers about the presentation. We had fun doing this project and thanked everyone for their help.

State Insurance. Received a letter from Buddy Randall, Chairman of the Insurance Committee and he has not heard from any committee members about any new bids. Buddy says it might be too early to expect bids. Floyd Bard asked about a suspense date for receiving bids. Should it be Winter Festival? Harold Bressler, who is on the Insurance Committee was not aware that the Committee had set a deadline. Jack asked that Harold take this question back to the Committee. The Board would need a proposal by the January meeting in order to be prepared for the May insurance renewals.

Jack reported that Ted Litchfield, Chairman of the 1984 Summer Festival followed our request and sent letters to all the vendors explaining why refunds were not going to be given to them. He answered all their complaints and did a fine job of submitting the letters to them.

We have filed an appeal with the IRS in regard to our Oregon Federation tax exempt status. Under some new rulings or new leadership in that department, we are losing our tax exempt status. Jack asked Financial Advisor Jean Brigl to comment on this. Our 1980-81 tax report was under audit. It was rejected by the computer because they had no record of us in their files under Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs or Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs which we are now. We have a tax exempt letter in our files and they are now revoking that letter. IRS feels that we now do not fit in any of the tax exempt rulings. We feel that the category that we are in is best for us. Our appeal has been filed and information is being compiled. The appeal will probably be held within the next 2 months. If we lose the appeal, we will have to take another recourse to gain tax exemption. We can do this by changing our by-laws or by changing our name-take out the Federation since Federated clubs cannot belong in some categories. If we win our appeal then we are just fine.

NEW BUSINESS

We were going to take some action on the recommendations made by Bob Lohman in regards to our Constitution and By-laws. Due to the appeal to the IRS this discussion will be postponed to a later date.

1985 Mid -Winter Festival, Floyd and Jill Bard. We have fliers and ribbons available today. There have been some questions about the R.V. parking. Those that register together, arrive together, may park together. We will try to accommodate your request as best we can. Orval Dyer will be the Wagon Master.

1985 Fairview Benefit Dance, Vern and May Meyer. April 14, 1985 from 2:00 to 5:00pm. MC will be Norm Yoder from Hillsboro. Callers will be Jack Brown from Grants Pass, and Craig Abercrombie from Elgin. John and Jo Archibald from Corvallis will cue the rounds. We will try to send fliers to all area councils as soon as possible.

1985 Summer Festival, Bob and Jeanne Yancey. Two additional dances have been sceduled in Bend for the Summer Festival. One before the festival and one during the festival. Both are in addition to the 1985 State Summer Festival registration charges. Slick Fox will hold an "Early Bird Dance" at Fox Hollow on Wednesday night, July 10, 1985. This is for all dancers who arrive early for the Summer Festival. On Friday morning there will be a Mt. Bachelor Badge Dance on top of Mt. Bachelor. With the new chair lift to the top, this will be an exciting adventure. You will be dancing at 9,000 feet. Don't wear your best shoes and bring your camera. Bill Dalrymple will be MC and all Oregon callers are welcome. Mt. Bachelor is 20 miles from Central Oregon Community College campus. This dance will be free. However, you will pay for your badge, if you want one, and your chair lift ticket. The 1985 Summer Square and Round Dance Festival now has its final flyers ready for distribution. This will be started at this meeting. There will be ample RV space but no hookups. Closest hookups will be at Tumalo State Park.

Floyd Bard reminded us that a written description of the duties of all officers and chairmans be written out and given out each year to the officers as stated in our Practices and Procedures. It was suggested that those who were holding office last year help the new officer write or write for the new officer their position description. Need to have this information by the Mid-Winter Festival meeting. State delegates need to do the same thing. Bring these list of duties to the Winter Festival meeting. Floyd will compile these lists and they would be available at our May meeting.

Floyd would like each officer also to submit by the Mid-Winter meeting an estimated budget of what they are going to spend for the 1984-85 year. They might have to contact the person who held their position prior to them to help them determine the budget. Carolyn Pape asked that each officer or chairman to keep track of all their actual expenses throughout the year. Treasurer needs some guidelines on how to dispense the money for Committee expenses. Jack commented that any expenses over and above any budgeted expenditure that comes up unforeseen, will be brought before the board now on and approved or disapproved.

Historian, Trudi Rasmussen asked if any of our Goodwill Ambassadors are making plans to attend the National Square Dance Convention so they could help Genevieve with our display. Jack was not aware of any of them going at the present time.

Ken Moore asked about the Don Ross Benefit Dance in the Tualatin Valley Area. He was wondering how much money was taken in. Sunset Council passed the hat around at one of their dances for him. The TVC minutes stated that \$1,300.93 was donated by square dancers.

State Fair Dance Chairman Harold and Faye Bressler have been talking with the manager of the State Fair in regards to permanent lighting at the area where we do our dancing. More later on this project.

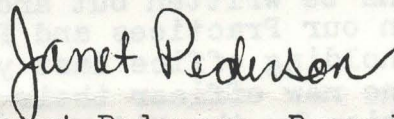
Genevieve Churchill reported that at a recent North Willamette Callers and Cuers meeting, a representative was there asking if they could belong to the Portland Area Council as cloggers and they wanted a special category for that. There was a lot of discussion at that meeting and a Committee was appointed to review the situation. This might be something that might come up at the State level because the cloggers want to be a part but they don't want to be as square dancers. They want to be called cloggers. There will be more on this as time goes by.

Corresponding Secretary was asked to write a letter to the school board thanking them for the use of their schools this weekend.

The next meeting will be held at the Mid-Winter Festival on January 27, 1985.

Motion made by George Fleshman to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet Pederson, Recording Secretary