

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS



Minutes of State Meeting held November 17, 1985
Buckeroo Barn, Roseburg, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President, Floyd Bard at 9:30 a.m. Invocation was given by Past President, Jack Williams. The flag salute was led by First Vice-President, Bill Cook.

All officers, delegates, and chairmen were present except State Fair Dance Chairman, Harold and Faye Bressler.

Goodwill Ambassadors present at this meeting were: Buddy and Nancy Randall, and Al and Fran Westphal.

Motion made by Bill Cook that the minutes of our last meeting 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. (Note: Motion to approve the financial report was not brought before the board at this meeting.)

OFFICERS REPORTS

President, Floyd and Jill Bard introduced the Past Presidents in attendance at this meeting: Buddy and Nancy Randall, Al and Fran Westphal, Vern and May Meyer, and Jack and Rosemary Williams. We always enjoy having you at our meetings.

First Vice-President, Bill and Bea Cook Have met with the 1986 Summer Festival Committee and will continue to do so.

Second Vice-President, Bob and Barbara Brown. We have made some insurance contacts. Still have a good supply of State Directories for 1985-86. Any one in need of one may contact me. To the best of my knowledge there is only one wheelchair dance club in the State. Upon return from B.C. Dance Festival, contacted Summer Festival for a dance area for B.C.-Alberta and Oregon wheel dancers. We were not encouraged to arrange it. 59er Rollin Squares to this point have not met requirements for associate membership in TVC.

Treasurer, Carolyn and John Pape The General Fund Balance is the money the State Federation has to work with. The other monies are set aside for specific purposes. We are already in debt 611.23 and after this meeting, even more in debt until Winter Festival funds come in.

Recording Secretary, Janet Pederson. Written reports are really important to me. First 45 minutes of Sept. meeting were blank on the tape recording. Special thanks to Jean Brigl for the nice written report that she sent me in the mail. *Square Dancing is Official State Dance of Oregon*

Corresponding Secretary, Genevieve Churchill. I sent sympathy card to Huffman Family. Also sent a get well card to Lorene Griffith. She suffered a coronary spasm recently and is doing well now. Passed out State Officer nomination forms to all delegates. I have badges for those who ordered them. Let me know if anyone else needs a badge.

Memership Chairman, Phil and Eileen Shadwell I have heard that there is a possibility of four new clubs coming into the Federation. No applications have been received yet.

Past President, Jack and Rosemary Williams We received a certificate from Square Dancers of America in appreciation for selling the roses at our last meeting. Will pass it on to the Historian.

Finacial Advisor, Jean and Hank Brigl. We had an excellent time at the Potato Festiavl. We saw Past Presidents, Grahmn and Nedra Wood in Centralia, Washington recently. They would like to hear from all thier Oregon friends. Also visited with Glen Pfefferkorn, past State Treasurer and Financial Advisor. We talked on the phone about several tax matters. He was very helpful.

The IRS tax exempt revocation status is still status quo. As the confree has not been able to review our case and our year of extension for right of appeal and their right to tax has expired, we were sent and returned to them another year's extension agreement.

Please ask all clubs to notify me if they have had a rejection of tax exemption or it they get an adverse determination. Sometimes a slight change in response to a question can change things around. We are working with many clubs on their non profit status through out the state.

I now have a listing of all clubs who are incorporated as non profit and will be compiling these lists by areaa to send to Area Presidents for their perusal in determining which clubs require assistance. Hank and I will be out of state from Feb. 1st through April, however, our mail will be forwarded weekly.

We will be filing the tax return for the Federation's 1984-85 fiscal period within a short time. Please remind your clubs that are not tax exempt to file by the 15th day of the fifth month after their fiscal year closes.

Also remind all clubs who are paying \$600.00 or more to any contractor, caller, or cuer during the fiscal year that a 1099-Misc. form needs to be filed no later than Feb. 28th for Federal and a 99-Misc. form for the State no later than Feb.28th. Contractors copy must be in the hands of the payee by Jan. 31st. I have an information letter about form 1099 and the penalties if any one is interested in seeing it.

Regarding the State Festivals, pre-registering gives the areas the up front dollars which are so vitally needed to make the festiavl a success, plus wearing your ribbon at all dance functions encourages others to attend the festiavl. Active festival participation decreases the possibility of square dancers dropping out, encourages visitations to other square dance activities and provides the necessary funds for the operation of the Federation. Please pre-register.

Parliamentarian, Buddy and Nancy Randall. No report at this time. Insurance will be discussed later.

Publicity and State Reporter, Ed and Janet Shepherd. We are almost done with advertising in the National Square Dance Directory and were able to exchange listings. We are awaiting Mid Winter Callers and Cuers to be named so we can list them in next years listing. Now is the time to start planning your special functions for the Fair-view Dance on April 6, 1986. Remember that the contributions are tax deductible. This is your Sate Sponsored Charity Function so lets ALL DIG DEEP THIS YEAR for this very worthwhile charity. Final plans are being made for a very exciting Mid Winter Festival in Eugene. Dancing starts early Sat. at all levels and stops about 4:30pm so we can eat and change clothes before the Style Show at 6:30pm followed by the Grand March at 7:45pm. Summer Festival 1986 is coming along nicely with showers available in the school for use by those who want to stay all day and freshen up for the evening dancing.

Please pre-register to help both festiavl pain a better dance for you. LOOKING FOR FAME AND GLORY?? The Oregon State Federation needs some warm bodies to fill positions of LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY..... In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, people nominated for State office must be approved by Area Council and submitted to Immediate Past President by Jan. 1st, 1986. Each Area is to submit 4 names from which nominating committee picks 2 candidates for each office.

To avoid hassles, lets all go back to our Areas and get people to run early and avoid last minute shuffling at Mid Winter Festival..

Education Chairman, Jim and Boots Floyd We need an Area to host the 1987 Leadership Seminar. This would be the 3rd annual semiar. The badge Board will be ready by Mid Winter Festival. We still need some badges.

State Historian, Kathleen and Vincent Gould. We would like each club to send us a 5" x 5" miniature banner of their club banner. If your club already has a banner you use when you go on visitations, please send us this banner. We would also like to ask each area to send an 8" x 8" banner of their area banner. These banners will be put on display at the MidWinter Festival in Eugene next January and at the National Square Dance Convention in Indianapolis next June. We would like you to send us the banners by Jan. 1st, 1986. Keep sending us your articles and pictures of club activities and historical events.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Blue Mountain Area, Dorothy and Charlie Daggett . Not much going on in our council. Elkhorn Swingers from Baker had a special dance in Oct. Christmas Dances are being planned. Our next council meeting will be the last weekend of this month in Union. Star Promenaders of La Grande have two special dances planned for Spring and early Summer. One is a weekend program. Joe Saltel will be the caller. Classes are being planned in several clubs to start in January. Alpine Twirlers held a refresher class and retrained a few of the dancers who hadn't danced for a while.

Central Oregon Area, Pauly and Chuck Ward. The Central Oregon Area Council is in the process of updating its constitution and is also considering the advisability of incorporating. Also the Council has a new treasurer, Glen Rogers, and Joanne, of the Sagehoppers, replacing Dorothy Wilhite, of the same club, who has moved out of the Area. After having none for several years, the Sagebrush Shufflers are planning to start lessons after the holidays. Lessons at all the other clubs are progressing nicely. The Red Rock Squares have moved their regular dances from the Pleasant Ridge Grange Hall to the John Tuck School in Redmond. And the Swinging Mountaineers are now dancing at the Community Hall in Sisisters, rather than at the Junior High School. However, they will continue to have their special dances at the school. They have also laid a wood floor at the Community Hall and are working to improve the acoustics. There will be a "Holly Days" Council Dance on November 30th, hosted by the Sagehoppers. Ron Meisner will be the caller. The Swinging Mountaineers will hold their annual "Stocking Stuffer Shuffle" on Friday, Dec. 13th, with Al Pedigo calling. The annual New Year's Eve dance hosted by the Sagebrush Shufflers will be called this year by Slick Fox.

Eastern Oregon Area, Catherine and Mattlon Hicks. Lessons in our Area are in full swing again. These could not be successful without the dedication and encouragement of our regular club members. We have had lots of response and enthusiasm from them. While deer and elk hunting have taken a toll at our fall dances, plans are in full swing for a great holiday season. While most clubs offer information in the OFN about changes of place when dances are held or special dances that are held other than at normal halls we would like to offer the suggestion that a note or sign be put on the door of the hall telling of the change for those who might not have gotten the message or for the stray visitor. Please note in the State Directory whether or not you dance in the summer. We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Floyd Bard commented that he has heard from Greg Holden, Acting Chairman of the 1988 Summer Festival. Greg has contacted Blue Mountain Community College and the Pendleton School District. Blue Mountain Council is working with them. Festival will probably be held in late June or early July. Things look good.

Emerald Empire Area, King and Carol Haviland. A review of the Area Council's Bylaws has prompted a number of changes to bring them into alignment with the Oregon Federation Bylaws. A final vote on the changes will be held at the next Area Council meeting. The Round Dance Cuers from our Area will host a special Round Dance on Dec. 15th, 1985, at Prairie Hall between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 pm, in the honor of Shirley Parrot. Many clubs in our Area are reluctant to join in an effort to obtain insurance through the State Federation and as a result of this, the Emerald Empire Area Council has decided not to participate. Our Area Council donated \$100.00 through the Acorn 8's who were responsible in helping to raise \$13,000.00 to obtain a special van for a handicapped boy from Oakridge.

Interstate-Highlanders Area, Wayne and Della Johnson. Plans are being finalized for the hosting of the Oregon Federation in May of 1986 and we are looking forward to having a good turnout for that meeting and dance. We will be preparing a package of information for each of the officers and delegates and will get these out in the near future. The K.C. Squares wish to express their appreciation for all of the support

given for the annual Potato Festival. This was a great success and as expected, the Star Promenaders walked away with the traveling trophy. The City of Klamath Falls is having a Snow Flake Festival the 1st week of Dec. and asked the K.C.'s to participate. We will have a demonstration Dance on Thursday night, Dec. 5th, from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in front of the P.P. & L. Office on Main St. and a dance at the same location on Sat. afternoon from 1:30 P.M. to as long as people want to dance. K.C.'s are holding class for new dancers each Thursday night at Altamont School. We have 78 new dancers. Mainstream to Plus workshop are Monday nights and Plus to A1 are on Wed. nights. Larry Sprout is the caller. Bud and Delores Trowbridge cue the Round dance class on Sunday afternoon. The Tule Twirlers have their monthly Party night at the School on the 1st Sat. of each month. We have not had any communication from the Warner Whirlers of Alturas and have not had the opportunity to attend any of their dances for this year, but we do know that they are active. A group from Klamath Falls are planning on a new dance club in this area and it is our understanding that they plan to join the Interstate Area Council and the Oregon Federation. Dave Abbot is the caller and he is teaching a new class. He is also having weekly workshops at all levels.

Lincoln-Tillamook Area, Norm and Vivian Anderson. The Lincoln-Tillamook Area mourned the passing of a fine lady and a great square dance promoter, Emma Huffman, wife of Russ Huffman. A memorial for Emma held at Toledo was attended by a large crowd of friends and by almost the entire set of Oregon Federation officers. This area says, "Thanks; we are grateful for your attendance and for caring." Emma and Russ were former Goodwill Ambassadors; their daughter is Fran Westphal and Al are presently Goodwill Ambassadors. At the last Area meeting the calendar for 1986 was made up and features four meetings of the officers, with Area dances as part of two. This coming year the area will be host to the September Oregon Federation Meeting, date and place still in doubt, although the Toledo 49ers have put in a bid. The Area is discussing the insurance question voted to favor a state-wide insurance of the liability-only variety and promised to subscribe to such a plan should the insurance committee procure one. The clubs in the area are busy with regular dances and with their classes. The Sunset Squares now have a new caller and cuer, Stretch and Louise Carson of Reedsport. This club welcomes all square dancers to their "Get acquainted with Stretch and Louise dance" Sunday, Nov. 24, 2-5 p.m. at the Waldport Moose Hall. Free dance and free buffet dinner following. Can't beat the combination. The three clubs in the Area welcome visitations, mystery trips and otherwise, and do receive many such groups. The Tillamook Wagoneers were hosts to two bus loads of Country Capers in November, and the Toledo 49ers and Sunset Squares are frequent hosts also. Yes, the welcome mat is always out here on the verge of the blue Pacific-- where the sun always shines--as long as you are square dancing. Also, the clubs really like to get posters advertising special dances around the N.W. Coastal people just naturally visit a lot, especially in winter. "Keep those cards and letters coming."

Mid-Willamette Area, Ralph and Linda Lambert. The Mid-Willamette Area installed new officers on September 16, 1985. The new officers are as listed in the State Directory. New Square and Round Dance classes are underway. Approx. 20 classes are in progress. At the request of the State Federation, we checked on which Mid-Willamette Area clubs would support a 100% participation program. Out of 25 clubs. 2 support. 1 against, the remainder would not commit, wanting more cost information. No agents other than the Eugene Insurance Agency are used by the clubs

of the Mid-Willamette Area. The Mid-Willamette Area Fall Festival will be held "Seasons Joy" Saturday, November 30, 1985, at the Corvallis Elks Lodge. 12:00 noon - 5:30 pm, Square and Round Dance workshops, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Dinner-\$5.95/person, 7:00-8:00 pm; Progressive, Exploding, Heaxagon, Kaleidascope Squares, 8:00-12:00 midnight; Pre-rounds and Dance. Callers and Cuers from MWA and Capitol Callers and Cuers Ass. All day is \$3.00/person, evening only is \$2.00/person. Teen prices are \$2.00/all day, and \$1.50/evening only. Vincent and Kathleen Gould are Chairpersons. New dancers dances will start Sunday, November 24th. The Spinning Antlers of Corvallis will host the 1st one. The dances will continue weekly until March of 1986. The Mid-Willamette Area will host a FREE DANCE on Sunday, Februray 2, 1986, 2:00-5:00pm at the Salem Armory. An out of the Area caller and cuer will be hired. Janet Pederson is Chairperson. This is a "Thank You Dance from the Area for the support at the 1984 Summer Festival. More information later.

Portland Area, Jack and Bobbie Davis. Cheryl Lynn has resigned as Secretary and LaVern J. Gibson (Stars and Garters) was elected to replace her. LeVern's address is 7011 NE Broadway, Portland, OR 97213. Phone 255-3870. Louie Popp reported that plans are underway for the annual Dornbecher Dance. Several clubs that dance on the 2nd and 4th Sat. each month have asked why all the State Festival Dances have to be on those days. They would like to see some festivals on the 1st or 3rd Saturdays. The Spring Fling will again be at the Davis Douglas Highschool sponsored by the Portland Area Council, Tualatin Valley Council, Evergreen Council, and the Valley Callers and Cuers. The date will be March 28 and 29, 1986.

Rogue Sis-Q Area, Julia Moore. We have incorporated and changed by-laws to comply with guidelines of incorporation. Council Dance Novemeber 30th will be at May Richardson School in Central Point. Student level dance will be Dec. 8 at the Josephine County Square Dance Center, 2-5 pm. Clubs want to know insurance rates before deciding to go with insurance state wide. We are excited about hosting the State Federation Dance in November 1986.

South Coast Area, Kathryn and Eugene Ash. Activities since last State Meeting in September: Myrtle Point Harvest Festival, danced on street, Sets-in-Order and Saints and Aints, Beachcombers had a Lauau on a Sunday. Bus load of 41 from Set-in-Order went to Blue Grass at Buckeroo Barn, Bandon Cranberry Festival Dance in which all clubs attended, Danced at St. Catherines rest-home--all clubs danced and afterwords to Phil Lindeys plus dance, Plus dances at Skyloft on 2nd and 4th Sundays, Halloween Costume dance at Saints and Aints, Beachcombers will have guest callers for a few months, Set-in-orders had 39th Birthday Dance in Nov., on a spwy, hailing, icy, night, and we were glad to have 15 squares. Thanks to Buckeroos, Brookings, Chetco Ocean Waves, Royal Stepper, Saints and Aints, Beachcombers, Skyloft Squares and Red Rockers. Square dance and Round dance classes small or not at all in most clubs--sad to say.

Sunset Area Council, Ken and Eva Moore. The Council has been getting a great turnout for Leadership Semianar Committee Meetings, and everything is looking great. Mike McDow and his group of cloggers, Rythm Express have agreed to supply the enertainment for the Seminar on Sat. night. The Clatskanie Promenaders are back dancing after a vacation this summer. Both clubs have lessons going. The Hayshakers have about 2½ squares of new dancers. Plans for Hayshakers Christmas Dinner Dance looks good with all the new dancers being invited.

Tualatin Valley Area, Buzz and Glenore Carrier. New Dancers Jamborees are being held by many clubs beginning the 1st of Dec. and on thru Jan. TVC presents a calendar with the minutes to keep area dancers informed of dates and places of these dances. TVC is encouraging all dancers to participate in the Leadership Seminar to be held at Seaside, April 18 thru 20, 1986. TVC Vice-President, Benjamin and Penny Brown are working on the Spring Fling to be held Mar 28, 29, 1986 at David Douglas Highschool in Portland. Have several committees assigned and will have meetings to appoint others. This is a joint council dance with Portland Area Council, TVC, Evergreen Council, and Callers Ass participating. A joint Tualatin Valley Board and Delegate potluck meeting will be held Dec. 9, at Aloha Grange for the purpose of selecting the Round of the Month for March 1986. Motion made and passed that TVC will up-date paractices and procedures with duties of each officer clearly specified. Mix N' Mingles were voted in as full members of the TVC. The Rythmn Express have expressed a desire to join TVC as Associate Members. It was voted to accept them as Associate Members. A new club, The Sunset Promenaders, with Mel and Ruth Canby, as Caller and Cuer meet at Banks Grade School on Thursday nights and have been accepted into the Council as Associate Members. There has been discussion at Delegate Meeting regarding donation at time the door of club dances. Many feel it necessary to request more due to the increase in rents and other expenses. Would like to know if other Councils in the State are experiencing the same problems?????

Umpqua Area, Nancy and Ken Carson. Classes are well underway for each of the clubs. Each club is anticipating 30 to 40 new dancers. Boots and Calicos are having a Thanksgiving Dance with Tim Taylor as caller. Seems all of the clubs are having a Christmas Dance with the Buckeroo's being no exception. Their dance is December 21 at the Buckaroo Barn. The Buckeroo's are having a New Years Eve Dance with a potluck at midnight. Timber 8's have a Plus dance every 1st Friday. The other three Fridays are Workshops. Tr-N-Squares are hosting the 5th Saturday Area Council Dance on Nov. 30th. Wayne Weaver will be calling and Darryl Jordan cueing. December 6th will be their Christmas Dance. Tri-N-Squares are starting off the areas "New Dancer" dances on Dec. 15th from 2:00 till 5:00 at Tri City. Reedsport Red Rockers are happy to announce that we have an addition to our club, Hope and John Anderberg. Hope has graciously agreed to cue our 1st and 4th Saturday night dances. She has also started a Beginners Basic Round Dance Class for us on Wednesday night at the Winchester Bay Grange. Since our club has only been in existence for two years, we are eagerly looking forward to "roundding" out our club. We have 30 people taking round dance lessons, not bad for our fist class. Reedsport Red Rock"rs are having a Christmas Dance on Dec. 7th for all lesson class people, also experienced dancers-open to all dancers, level of dance will be basic. Ron Bliven will do the calling. Dance starts at 8:00 pm with potluck to follow. The umpqua Area is having what we hope is first. It is called a Round Dance Picking Party, Sunday, Jan 12th at Winston Center from 2 till 5 p.m. All of the Umpqua Area Cuers will be taking part. All dancers interested in picking the round of the month for April are invited to attend and take part in the selection. The Umpqua Area would like to thank all of you for coming and making this an enjoyable weekend. Special thanks given to Flora Johns, Martha Brown, and Florence and Warren Engdahl for the homemade rolls and helping in the kitchen. Special thanks given to Ken Carson and Lowell Chamberlin for setting up and cleaning up for the meetings and dance. Also wish to acknowledge

Gene Brown for helping with the sound system, the lights and etc.

President, Floyd Bard thanked the Umpqua Area for hosting a great State Meeting Weekend. He also commented that this is the first time in a long string of State meetings that we have 100% attendance by our State Delegates. This is so nice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1986 Mid-Winter Festival, Dan and Linda Bowser. We need callers and delegates to promote all festivals. Pre-register and wear ribbons to support the festivals. We are having problems getting round dance cuers. I would like to see clubs cancel their dances during Mid-Winter so we could have a better turnout of callers, cuers, and dancers. Registrations are ahead of the last two Mid-Winter Festivals at this time. We thank the dancers who have been selling ribbons in the Area Councils. Bill and Bea Cook have sold 34 and Ed and Janet Shepherd have sold 77. As of Nov. 13th, 425 registrations have been received. Have ribbons here today if you would like to register. RVs must register in a group. We have 107 RV registrations so far. Have power hook-ups for 200.

1986 Fairview Dance, Jack and Rosemary Williams. We have passed out flyers to all delegates and officers. Please post them in your area. The pictures did not come out well because color pictures donot print well. Lets have a good turnout. Sent flyers to Jane Roach and Jerry McGee at Fairview.

Janet Pederson reported that she received an invitation to attend the Mental Helath Ass. of Oregon luncheon. They were honoring all the people who have supported Fairview over the years and Fairview people wanted square dancers to be represented at the luncheon.

1986 Summer Festival, Genevieve Churchill. Our festival is going great. We have meetings once a month. Our next meeting is Nov. 21st. Have passed out descriptions of the Festival outfit. We would like to see some of these outfits around the state. Have a current budget to give to Floyd today. Inroduced Kay McDow, Exhibition Chairperson for the Festival. Kay reported that she is currently working on a Thursday night exhibition which will include wheelchairs, round dancing, square dancing, and clogging. There will be a full program of exhibitions at the festival.

1986 State Fair, Harold and Faye Bressler. Harold sent a report itemizing the items needed for repairs of the trailers. It needs 12 sheets of plywood, 1 1/8" tongue and grove- \$276.00, painting-\$18.00, varnishing-\$40.00, nuts and bolts-\$58.80-\$103.60. Total approx. repair bill will be \$392.80-\$437.60. Trailers are being stored at the Fairgrounds in Salem and at Vern Meyers home. Both are kept in dry storage. Both are being used a lot and really need this repair work done. Floyd will take the bill under advisement and figure out a way to get the repairs done and paid for. Mid-Willamette, Portland, and Emerald Area Councils all have agreed to help pay for the repairs. Floyd will send a letter to all Area Presidents with a proposal or request to put forth what they can to help repair the trailers. They need to be repaired before Spring. The trailers may be used by all dancers. A deposit is required but is returned upon return of the trailers in good condition.

1987 Mid-Winter Festival, King and Carol Haviland. We will be visible at the 1986 Mid-Winter. We will do some pre-registrations. We will be doing some International advertising. 3 couples from the Boots and Sandals club will be in Europe in June and July. There is the possibility of a 4th couple going. If we have 4 couples, we will be demonstrating in Innsbruck, Austria for the International Society of Musical Educators World Congress. 1987 Mid Winter will be Jan. 23, 24, and 25. Our theme is "Mid-Winter is Heaven in 87."

1987 Summer Festival, Lowell and Debbie Chamberlin. Our dates are Aug. 14, 15, and 16. Our caller will be Gary Shoemaker and our cuer will be Mary Ann Rother. We are talking with Umpqua Community College people about using this as our location. We are concerned about the decline in registrations and receipts at Summer Festivals since 1981. Last year there were 21 dances/festivals competing with the 1985 Summer Festival. We need your support.

Floyd commented about the support of summer festivals. Some local festivals cannot be changed because they are held the same time every year. Others who plan dances during festivals can be asked to support the festival and cancel their dance. We can refuse ads in the OFN if it is in direct conflict of the festival. Send festival dates as soon as possible to the OFN. A possible problem is that festivals start on Thursdays. Each festival committee chooses their own dates so we are not locked in to Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. festivals. Community Colleges have been supporting of square dancers. A letter needs to be sent from the Federation to the Community College Organization expressing our gratitude for opening their facilities to square dancers so we can use and hold our festivals.

ORDTA, Dennis and Suzanne Smith. Absent. No report.

Round Dance Screening Committee, Darryl and Becky Jordan. The Round of the Month has been chosen thru the month of January. December's ROM was chosen by Rogue Sis-Q Area as "The Only Girl!" January's ROM was chosen by the South Coast Area as "Sweet Dreams." The Sunset Area has the choice for February, Tualatin Valley has March, and Umpqua has April. Letters have already been sent to these Areas from the Screening Comm. with suggested Rounds. It is important that the ROM be to us two months prior to your Areas month in order for it to be published in the OFN. We welcome any new suggestions for ROM at any time. Also, we would like to thank all the Areas for their participation and cooperation in choosing the ROM. We have enjoyed working with you.

1986 Leadership Seminar, Ken and Eva Moore. Is going well. Our moderator is Walt Cole of Ogden, Utah. He is also putting on Washington's Leadership Seminar. Our seminar will be April 18-20 at Seaside Convention Center. We will have a dance on Friday night using Northwth Caller and Cuer Ass. members. Walt Cole will call the Saturday night dance. Cuers will be from NWCCA. Rhythm Express will put on the entertainment prior to the Sat. night dance. The seminar will be held all day Sat. and on Sunday until 1:00p.m. We have sent a list of suggested topics to Walt Cole. They include: Communications, How to change and improve, Developing rapport, Caller/Club relations, Viewing the wide world of square dancing, Maintaining club interests, Better beginner classes, How and what we dance as to levels, How small clubs keep going, How to put to use what you have learned at the Leadership Seminar, How to hold new dancers in club activities. We hope to have a good turnout.

Nominating Committee, Jack and Rosemary Williams. On our committee is Vern and Ruth McNight, Henry and Marjorie Rust, George and Lorene Griffith, and Janis Pederson. I wrote a letter which will be published in the OFN and I also gave each Area a copy. The letter is a special request for dancers to consider filling out an application for State Office. We would like all delegates to give a copy of this letter to all clubs.

President, Floyd Bard put a challenge out to all Area Councils. I would like each Area Delegate to submit one nomination form completed with a name from their council who would be willing to run for State Office. These forms are due to be submitted to the Nominating Comm. Ch. prior to Mid-Winter Festival.

Insurance Committee, Buddy Randall. Deferred to old business.

Oregon Federation News, Dottie and Paul Swenson. Everything seems to be going smoothly, The staff members are all finding their feet as far as their responsibilities are concerned. We've had a few problems with people not receiving their issues, but these problems are being cleared up, and back issues mailed to these people. Bill and Bea Cook, 2nd Vice President, and our advisors, have been helpful whenever we've come up with a question. We expect to put them to even more 'use' as time goes by. We welcome any ideas and suggestions anyone may have for us. We do have an ad from Washingtons Mid-Winter Round-up.

Floyd commented that we currently have 2600-2700 subscriptions and it keeps growing. I would like that to increase to 5,000. The readership is approx. 2½ times over the subscription list. There was smooth transition between the Barnes and the Swensons. That was an excellent job. A round of applause was given for them. OFN will give free advertising for subscription dances.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORTS

Buddy and Nancy Randall. No report other than Nancy danced about every tip at last nights dance.

Al and Fran Westphal. We went to Washington and promoted the Mid-Winter Festival. We will soon be doing a lot of visiting within Oregon. On behalf of Russell, Emma, Fran, John, and myself, we would like to thank the Oregon Federation Clubs for the outpouring of their letters and hearts that helped us through a real hard time. We know Oregon Square Dancers are beautiful people.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. for coffee break.

Meeting called to order by President, Floyd Bard at 11:54 a.m.

Jack Davis announced that Genevieve Churchill has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador to the Penticton Jamboree from Oregon for the next five years.

Jean Brigl has a notebook filled with sample forms of any of the IRS or State Forms that are needed. You may look at this notebook at any time.

OLD BUSINESS

Rhythm Express, Ron Moore and Mike McDow. Each delegate has a letter from us. Please take back to clubs. Want to thank the federation for

the support they have given us thus far. We are going to Expo 86, its just a matter of how we do it. We have been confirmed for June 30th to July 5th. We are going then because there is square dance festival in Westminister which is next door to Vancouver. We will be advertising the Oregon Summer Festival which will be the following weekend. We will have a booth set-up to sell registrations. We have contacted the on-site entertainment people at Expo 86 and we are waiting to hear from them about a set schedule as to when we will be performing.

A question was raised about the Rhythm Express becoming a Federated club. Mike McDow reported that they have applied for membership in TVC and will be applying for membership in PAC.

Floyd Bard told the R.E. that at this time, the State Federation can not offer any monetary support but invited them to apply for funds from the Federation Grant Program. The money does not come out of the General Fund. We can support the R.E. in their exhibitions at festivals and other places. They will be allowed to set-up a booth at Mid-Winter to display pictures, and etc. and ask for donations to help pay their way to Expo 86. Other Areas or dancers on their own may help support the R.E. any way they can. *we have no next funds set aside at this time*

Legacy, Mac and Mary McClure. The next meeting of Legacy will be in Memphis or Nashville in May 1986. In the past there have been no representatives from Oregon. We have tried to cover the Oregon issues when they are brought up at Legacy. We are Chairmans of the National Folk Dance Committee. The Oregon Congressmen co-sponsoring the new Folk Dance bill are: Bob Smith, Ron Wyden, and Denny Smith. There will be a meeting in Georgia next weekend to discuss some of the problems in square dancing. They invited 40 square dance couples and 40 caller couples to attend. Darryl Clendenin, and ourselves from the West Coast Area were invited to attend. Darryl can not make the meeting but we will be there. Will bring back a report to your next meeting.

Floyd thanked Mac and Mary for all their efforts. The Folk Dance Bill is HJR 316. It came in June 17, 1985. It is written as a one or two year designation. A new clause has been put in this bill stating that : Whereas square dancing is the American Folk Dance that is called, cued, or promoted to the dancers that includes squares, rounds, contras, clogging, line, and heritage dancing. Floyds next article in the OFN is in regards to this bill urging us to write to our Congressmen and ask them to support the bill.

Insurance Committee, Buddy Randall and Floyd Bard. The Insurance Committee this year consists of Buddy Randall as Chairman, Al and Fran Westphal, Vern and Ruth McKnight, Ed and Janet Shepherd, and Floyf and Jill Bard. We welcome all agents who would like to bid on the insurance for the Federation. We have 3 agents who are interested in bidding on the insurance program. We will try to get the best premium we can. Oregon is currently paying per dancer \$1.23 for liability, \$2.50 for accident and personal injury, \$3.73 for total insurance coverage. The Washington Federation insures their dancers under the umbrella of the Washington Federation. Last year they paid \$.54 for liability, \$1.14 for accident and personal injury, \$1.68 for total coverage. Their new rates for this year are \$.80 for liability, \$1.70 for accident and personal injury, \$2.50 for total coverage. Some of our Areas say they will support the Federation only if they will beat the rates that they currently get. We can do this as a Federation as a whole. The Constitution and By-Laws will have to be changed if we are going to incorporate the insurance premium as part of the annual dues.

Dues amount will depend on the insurance premium. One reason Washington rates are so low is because Washington does its own bookkeeping. Currently Eugene Insurance does our bookkeeping. We need 100% participation of the Federated clubs to get the best premium. We will try to get the best premium. We will negotiate with the Insurance Companies to give us a per dancer rate. Katherine Ash moved that we change the Constitution and By-Laws to read that the Insurance through the Federation will be a requirement for participation in the State Federation and the dues amount will be changed to reflect the Insurance premium. Motion seconded and carried. There were three oppositions to the motion. One reason for opposition was that unless we can beat the Washington Federation rates, then clubs in PAC, TVC, and Eastern Areas will join the Wash. Fed. The \$2,045.00 in the line item for insurance in the Financial report is used for festivals in case we overcharged on what we figured on for festival coverage.

NEW BUSINESS

No correspondence.

Oregon Federation News Masthead

There is a proposal to change the masthead of the OFN to a more contemporary design. Dottie Swenson showed the design that is being considered. Two other designs were also shown. Motion made by Bob Brown to adopt the first design shown as the new masthead for the OFN to start with the next available issue. Motion seconded and carried. Dottie stated that she would also like to add to the front cover that square dancing is Oregon's State dance.

OFN-Bob Osgood Column

Sets In Order Magazine will publish its last issue in December. Bob Osgood is retiring. Bob is asking other square dance publications to syndicate his column in return for ad space for his Sets In Order products. This would cost us \$74.00-\$110.00 per issue for 2 to 3 pages. At this time we can not afford this. Floyd will write to Bob Osgood and tell him that we can not do this at this time.

Banners

Guidelines for stealing and retrieving banners will be published in the OFN. The Areas need to be concerned about the clubs bouncing around stealing banners. Clubs can adopt the guidelines or ignore them. Rogue Sis-Q has a banner dance. All clubs bring back the banners they have taken and then start over again. The club that brings the most banners receives an award.

Oregon Dancers and Dances

Ed Shepherd reported that we have 3,506 dances a year as a whole. We currently have 7,078 dancers registered.

Delegates Meeting, Nancy Carson

Education Chairman of ORDTA, Hope and John Anderberg would like clubs to allow their round dance cuers and instructors to be excused for the weekend when Internationally known Round Dance people come into an Area for leadership purposes. One such event was held recently in Eugene and there were no cuers from South of Eugene in attendance. The dues for ORDTA are \$10.00 per year per couple. The cost for the Eugene weekend was only \$5.00 per couple. It was hard for them to understand why there were not more cuers in attendance. Would like this information taken back to the clubs. The delegates suggested that the

ORDTA Leadership Chairpersons send a letter to all clubs and cuers in the State to explain this situation. It was also brought up by the delegates that the summer festivals keep occurring on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Perhaps it could alternate each year 1st or 3rd weekends one year to the 2nd or 4th weekend the next year.

Interstate-Highlanders Delegate, Wayne Johnson recommended that all clubs and Area Presidents to appoint a committee to review the contracts they are using to book their callers. Make sure everything is covered that you want covered. We had an embarrassing incident in our Area in which we did not have everything covered in the contract. Callerlab has a contract that can be used or you may contact a Past Festival Chairman for help in writing a contract.

FOR THE GOOD OF SQUARE DANCING

Janet Pederson reported that she has Early Bird Certificates for registering for the 1987 National Convention in Anaheim, CA. They cost \$15.00 each. May be redeemed in May 1987 for registration ribbon or for a refund. Also displayed a copy of the October issue of American Square Dance Magazine. Within that issue was an article about Janet and Janis Pederson, and Doug and Dennis Wilken, all members of the Englewood Twirlers.

Floyd commented that the people who are putting together the documentary about the 50th anniversary of Pappy Shaw are looking for information to be put in this video. Contact Floyd if anyone has any information that can be used or knows of anyone that has any information.

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Calgary people has invited one square of Oregon dancers to be their guests at the Calgary Festival. Contact Floyd if you are interested in going. He has the information and ribbons.

The next meeting will be held January 26, 1986 at Mid-Winter Festival in Eugene.

Motion made by Jack Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet Pederson
Recording Secretary

1985-86 STATE DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

1. Page 5 State Federation President, Floyd and Jill Bard
Should read: 2000 River Loop #1, Eugene, OR 97404 688-4172
2. Page 7 State Corresponding Secretary, Genevieve Churchill
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