

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS



Minutes of State Meeting held January 26, 1985⁶
Lane County Fairgrounds, Mid-Winter Festival

The meeting was called to order by President, Floyd Bard at 10:05 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 chairmans were present.

Goodwill Ambassadors present at this meeting were: Larry and Ann Lauderdale, Vern and Ruth McKnight, Buddy and Nancy Randall, and Al and Fran Westphal.

Motion made by Catherine Hicks 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. Motion made by Bob Brown to accept the Financial report. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made by Kathryn Ash to accept the Financial Report presented at the November State Meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President, Floyd and Jill Bard recieved a letter from Ron and Nadine Bauer congratulating the Mid Winetr Festival Committee on the finest arranged and printed dance schedule that they have seen in many years. Thanked the committee for their hard work. The Bauers also congratulated Paul and Dottie Swenson for a much improved OFN. Floyd said that the Federation always appreciates correspondence because we want to know how the dancers feel about the State Federation and how they feel we are doing.

First Vice-President, Bill and Bea Cook. We are working with the 1986 and 1987 Summer Festival Committees. We would like to be invited by one of the Areas to talk about the 1989 Summer Festival. We still need a host.

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Second Vice-President, Bob and Barbara Brown. We will be putting the new directory together soon. Please get your membership and directory information returned as soon as possible. We will then get the information a lot quicker. There will be less errors in the directory if the forms are typed.

Treasurer, Carolyn and John Pape. The General Fund Balance keeps going down. We are currently at a minus \$1,978.80. This is almost equal to our Contingency Fund. Hopefully Mid-Winter Festival receipts will pull us out of this deficit and get us back on the right road. Receipts and disbursements are still running a little behind. Even though there is over \$12,000.00 in our account, the General Fund should support itself. Currently we are using money from other allotted funds to cover the General Fund. We build up expenses before our revenue comes in. We should be fine once the Mid-Winter revenue comes in.

Recording Secretary, Janet Pederson. No report.

Corresponding Secretary, Genevieve Churchill. Thanked the Mid-Winter people for a nice weekend. Also thanked First Vice President, Bill and Bea Cook for helping us with the 86 Summer Festival. Need addresses of all the nominees. Introduced the Co-Chairman of the Washington State Summer Festival, Bob and Betty Metcalf.

Bob reported that the group from Washington are really enjoying the Festival. We have about 25 couples from our club. Presented Floyd and Jill with a complimentary Festival application.

Membership Chairman, Phil and Eileen Shadwell. I now have the badge board. Gave each delegate a list of clubs and areas that do not have a badge on the board. Would appreciate receiving these as soon as possible. I have new applications for Federation membership if any of the Area Councils need some. Have membership and directory information forms for all the delegates to take with them today. These are due back as soon as possible. We currently have 135 clubs in the State Federation.

Past President, Jack and Rosemary Williams. We never turned a financial statement in from the 85 summer festival. After turning that in to Jean Brigl, we discovered that there was \$10.86 left in our council. We have designated that money to go to the 1986 Fairview Benefit Dance.

Financial Advisor, Jean and Hank Brigl. You have before you a letter to the Area Delegates regarding bringing all clubs and areas in compliance with the Oregon Federations constitution and by-laws. Attached to this is a list of clubs in each area with the current status of non-profit incorporation, tax exemption and tax identification numbers. This same letter has been mailed to all Area Presidents. Please read this letter carefully and work with your Area President to make this possible in the least amount of time. According to information now in the Federation files, 54% of our current members are now in compliance with the Federation constitution. This is a real gain in the past year. With your help and commitment, lets go for 100% before your term of office ends. I know we can do it.

Without the total federation membership being in compliance with the

Federation bylaws and nonprofit requirements, we cannot begin to have any kind of discussion regarding a change of the nonmember ruling.

In the past, I have been working one on one with the clubs and areas. We need the support of the Area Presidents and Area Delegates. With this kind of help the Mid-Willamette Area has 80% of its clubs in compliance and the 20% should be in shortly. We need to get this project completed and we need your help in order to do it.

It is a near impossible task for me to correspond, time and money wise, with the clubs that are not in compliance. We cannot afford to take that much time. Officers change and information does not get passed on in many cases. I need your help in talking with the clubs to get going on this and then to contact me for assistance and updated material. Your help will make my job easier and I will know that all of the clubs have been contacted.

A letter from the clubs for assistance is more effective than a phone call as I have a written piece of information from which to work and the letter will be forwarded when we are out of town. A phone call is no problem but we are out of town a great deal.

The list of clubs in your area was taken from the current directory and if a club has been omitted or if the information is incomplete, please advise me. The information on the club data sheet was taken from information the federation has on file. The Federation needs in its files copies of a non profit document, the constitution and by laws and a tax I.D. number for each area and club.

Thank you for your help and I know we will reach our goal by Sept. 1.

There are a few 1099-Misc Federal forms and the accompanying summary forms for reporting caller fees to the IRS for those of you who need them. Remember, any payment of \$600 or more to any one person must be reported if you do not want to be hit with a heavy penalty. You can use the 1099-Misc form for the State but it will need to have a state summary form attached to it.

Unfortunately Hank and I will be in Europe during the Summer Festival and Diamond Lake Festival and the Expo '86 square dance June 30-July 5 and will not be able to use our ribbons for the Expo '86 square dance. These are at the special pre Jan. 1 price of \$18.00 in American money. We would be very happy if someone would buy our ribbons

Parliamentarian, Buddy and Nancy Randall. No report.

Publicity and State Reporter, Ed and Janet Shepherd. Since Nov. Meeting, I have sent National Square Dance Directory information to them except 1987 Mid Winter Round Dance Cuers and recieved back a large ad for our Mid Winter and Summer Festival Directories. When Summer Festival Booklet is printed, I would appreciate a copy to send them.

Is there a job description and or practice and procedures available to be copied? Many people in my travels so far this year have asked what each office requires or is responsible for and I just have to guess or answer from personal experience. I think every State officer should have copies to hand out whreever they go.

The State Tourism Bureau contacted me about updating information on square dancing in Oregon. They are getting calls from out of state and have been giving out 2 year old information. However, to put this information in 11 regional Welcome Centers they require 1,000 copies be given them in Salem for distribution. We should also get copies into the Chamber of Commerce offices in various cities.

This is a major example of square dance advertising slipping by because of not printing up Club Directory including State Festivals every year for hand outs.

We as square dancers lose out and will never shed our hay filled barn image and become a forward looking big business and we ^{are} a big business believe me.

Education Chairman, Jim and Boots Floyd. No report.

State Historian, Kathleen and Vincent Gould. I have given the State Delegates the clubs which have not tuned in their miniature 5"x5" club banner and Areas which have not tuned in their 8"x8" banner. We need these area and club banners as soon as possible. The final deadline is May 1, 1986. We also need more pictures and articles of your area and club activities and events. Please send these to us soon after these activities and events occur. We can display the corkboard with your pictures at the Summer Festival. We will be taking the miniature banner display with us to the National Square Dance Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Blue Mountains Area, Dorothy and Charlie Daggett. The Blue Mountains Council held a drawing for three petticoats donated by "Petticoats on Wheels", June Schlosser, at the council meeting in Union on November 30, 1985. The lucky winners were: Rita Caverhill, Summerville; Ann Colton, Baker; and RDV Palmer, Enterprise. All of these ladies were from the Blue Mountain council Area. Other dancers from around the state had helped the ticket sales by purchasing tickets when they were in our area, we thank them for their support. Lessons are moving along well in all the clubs having them. New dancers from Union are taking lessons in LaGrande. All members are interested in hearing the next report on the insurance. Sveral Special dances are coming up in the near future: Dick Spooner, LaGrande, February 22; Scott Smith, Elgin, March 27; Joe Saltel Weekend, LaGrande, May 9 & 10; Dick Spooner, Enterprise, May 24.

Central Oregon Area, Pauly and Chuck Ward. The Central Oregon Square Dance Round-Up reports the annual weekend gathering will take place Aug. 22-23. This year the featured caller will be Dale Roberson, of Roseburg, and there will be a live Blue Grass band for the music. As in prior years, the Round-Up will be at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, and there will be RV space avialable. Both square and round dance lessons are continuing in Redmond, as well as in Bend, with fair participation. Also, Central Oergon Community Colleg is offering square dance and clogging instruction in their adult education program this semester.

The next Council Dance, with a Spring Theme, will be in Bend, at Fox Hall, on Saturday, March 29th. It will be hosted by the Bachelor Beauts, and Slick Fox will be the caller and cuer.

The Sagebrush Shufflers will host their 18th annual Birthday Dance, at the Powell Butte Grange Hall, on Saturday, March 8th with Ron Bliven calling.

The Bachelor Beauts annual Birthday Luau will take place at Fox Hall, in Bend, on Saturday, April 5th, with Loren Cochrane calling.

Ron Meisner is starting to call Plus dances on the 5th Fridays.

We have dances in our Area every Friday and Saturday. Please come and dance with us whenever you are near.

Eastern Oregon Area, Catherine and Mattlon Hicks. Christmas in Eastern Oregon was exciting, even if a bit like the north pole. It warmed the hearts of all to bring a Merry Christmas to shutins at the nursing homes. Milton-Freewater's Muddy Frogs involved their teens by letting them do their Christmas decorations. Many dancers "slid in" for the New Year's Eve parties. There have been numerous Chili Feeds, and Pendleton had their annual "Stew Dance" and fund raiser the middle of January. With lessons in full swing, Beginners Jamborees are being scheduled for March 29 in Pendleton-sponsored by Eastern Oregon Area Council and for April 11, Milton-Freewater by Muddy Frogs. There have been a number of visitors from Tri-Cities, Wash. at Hermiston for their Plus Dances the first and third Fridays from 8 to 11 at the Parish Hall. Our compliments to the committee for the excellent and informative Thank you letter sent to pre-registers for the Mid Winter Festival. With the nice January thaw the Eastern Oregon Area is well-represented at the Winter Festival. Happy Valentines Day. A copy of the OFN given to a Washington caller resulted in his subscription. We also gave him a dirctory.

Emerald Empire Area, King and Carol Havialand. A thorough review of our by-laws by committee, were approved and unanimously accepted at our last Area Council meeting. Now are By-Laws are not in conflict with Federation by-laws.

Lane County Relief Nursery was selected as the recipient of the annual Area Benefit dance to be held at Prairie Hall March 29, 1986. The Area will again match the funds collected at the door.

Nominating Committee for State and Area Officers for the 1986-87 square dance year will be chaired by Jean and Hank Brigl

Wagon wheelers Club to hold a marathon dance beginning at 6:00p.m. Saturday April 19, 1986 (Al McCoy, Caller) with all proceeds of the 24 hour marathon to go to the Eugene Speech and Hearing Center.

Interstate-Highlanders Area, Wayne and Della Johnson. Almost any night of the week there is some kind of square or round dance activity going on in the Interstate-Highlandets Area and there is no lack of enthusiasm in the pursuit of these activities. All of the beginner classes are going strong with a good attendance and all of the other workshops are doing well also. The KC's have classes or workshops on Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sunday afternoon. Tule Twirlers and Warner Whirlers are also very active. Dave Abbott's new class is holding up strong and we hope that this group will soon form into a club and become a part of the Interstate-Highlanders and the Oregon Federation. We are looking forward to hosting the next meeting of the Oregon Federation and hope that we will see a lot of you there for that meeting. Bud and Dolores Trowbridge will be cueing the rounds and Ron Telford

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of Corning, Calif. will be the caller for Sat. night at Henley High School on May 10th. Potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., pre-rounds at 7:30 p.m. and dance at 8:00 p.m.. Henley High School is located on State Hi-Way 39 aprox. 3 miles south of Lakeview (Hi-way 140) junction. The Sunday no-host breakfast will be held at the Cimarron Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 11th. The meeting will also be held at the Cimarron following the breakfast. Reservations for the breakfast will not be necessary but it would be helpful to know how many will be attending. Please notify our chairperson: Donna Scott, 1541 Hope St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601, Phone # 882-0974. The Cimarron is located just south of Jefferson Mall on South 6th St. (3030 S. 6th). Any other information may be obtained by calling us at 783-2033 or by calling Coy and Mary Puter at 862-2940.

Many of you know Mary and Coy as our past delegates. They wanted us to say hello to all of you and to wish you all well. They were unable to attend the Mid-Winter this year because Coy is not able to do but very little dancing because of knee problems. They are a very special couple and we are fortunate to have them in our organization.

Lincoln-Tillamook Area, Norm and Vivian Anderson. Square dancing is going well in the North Oregon Coast area: lessons are in full swession with lots of enthusiasm shown by the new class members. A good trend noted is that dancers who have previously dropped out are returning and taking lessons as review. Birthday dances for Lincoln-Tillamook clubs all come in the spring, so look for our ads in the OFN and plan to join us for these celebrations. The Sunset Squares of Waldport have a new caller and cuer and rate this couple highly. The Toledo 49ers include their class in their regular dances by having "class night" one dance per month. Their members say it is successful. The State Federation will be hosted by the Toledo 49ers in its September meeting. That state meeting will be held Sept. 20 at the Toledo High School. Details will follow, of course, as that draws nigh.

Mid-Willatte Area, Ralph and Linda Lambert. The Mid Willamette Area Fall Festival "Seasons Joy" was held Saturday, November 30, 1985 at the Corvallis Elks Lodge. Because of bad weather (snow and ice), a low turn out of dancers participated. Instead of starting at noon, it began at 1:30 p.m. Fifty people were in attendance at the dinner. Seven squares of dancers took part in the evening dance from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Approximately 20 new square and round dance classes are underway. Each weekend there are one to three new dancers dances for the new square dancers to choose from.

On Sunday February 2, 1986, the Mid-Willamette Area will be sponsoring a FREE DANCE from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. The dance will be at the Salem Armory, 2310 17th St NE, Salem (adjacent to the Oregon State Fairgrounds). The program will feature: Roger Morris of Sacramento, Calif. calling and Earlean Passon of Milwaukie, Oregon, cueing. This will be a Mainstream Dance with every third tip Plus. This free dance is Mid-Willamette Area's way of saying "Thank You" to all the dancers, callers, and cuers who supported the 1984 Oregon Summer Festival.

Portland Area, Jack and Bobbie Davis. No report.

Rogue Sis-Q Area, Julia Moore. We are continuing to work on tax exempt and incorporation. Clubs are interested in submitting mini banners to the Historian. We are tentatively setting date for Federation meeting and dance to be Nov. 15-16, 1986.

South Coast Area, Kathryn and Eugene Ash. The months of Oct., Nov and Dec. have been devoted to lessons in all the clubs. Most classes are small in number. The great need is more in the line of having local callers, two callers come from 65 to 80 miles away. Sets-in-Order at Couquille had birthady 39 in November. All clubs had a Christmas dances for inviting beginner dancers.

All clubs of South Coast Area had a get-together New Years Dance at Skyloft in North Bend with RV parking to stay all night and dance. Events in the future are: Valentine dances at Sets-In-Order, Beachcombers, and Saints and Aints; and Skyloft Birthday Dance in March.

Sunset Empire Area, Ken and Eva Moore. The Sunset Empire Council is busy with the Leadership Seminar which will be held in our Area in April. If you have not registered we hope you will, but in any event, we urge you to plan to attend. Mr Walt Cole from Ogden, Utah will be the presenter.

The Hayshakers thank the Emerald Empire for a great festival. Our new dancers "couldn't believe it" and will be here next year in the main-stream hall. Lessons are continuing with graduation palnned for early in April. The nominating committee is working to fill our slate of nominees for club officers.

The Promenaders haven't been able to hold a beginners class, but are finishing with a Plus class. They are busily palnning their Birthaday Dance for February and their annual camp-out for later in the spring. Sunset Area will sponsor a Fairview Beniefit dance, Mar. 8th, 1986, Pacific Grange, Hwy 101 between Astoria and Seaside.

Tualatin Valley Area, Buzz and Glenore Carrier. All clubs in the Tualatin Valley Council are taking a turn at holding special New Dancers dances. Tualatin Valey Council Area Editor reports fairly good response in receiving articles for the OFN, but could be better. All delegates have been urged to respond State Historians request for miniature club banners to be used for display here at Mid-Winter and Summer Festivals, as well as the display at Oregon booth at the National. Tualatin Valley Council clubs are eager to hear of some resolution of the Insurance problem as well as the Non-profit stus problems with the IRS. There are two new clubs forming in the Tualatin Valley Council area. The Sunset Promenaders of Banks, Mel Canby, caller, and Ruth Canby, cuer, and the Square Knots of Newberg are starting up again with Jim Steele , calling.

Tualatin Valley Council is now concentrating on the Spring Fling to be held at David Douglas High School, March 28 & 29th. It is ti be co-sponsored by Tualatin Valley Council, Portland Area Council, Evergreen Council, Vancouver and Northwest Callers and Cuers Association.

The Tualatin Valley Council has voted to work with Portland Area Council on a Rose Festival Dance in June.

Portland Area Council will sponsor a special Summer Festival Pre-Registration Dance at the Oak Grove Community Center January 31, with Gordon Sutton and Bob Stutevoss-Caller, M.C.'s and Koko Sutton,Cuer,M.C.

Umpqua Area, Nancy and Ken Carson. All clubs in the Umpqua Area Council cancelled their 4th Saturday night dances for Mid-Winter Festival. The Christmas dances in the Area were well attended by students as well as experienced dancers. The Boots and Calicos started off the year by hosting the first area New Dncer Dance on 1-12-86. All clubs in the

take turns being host and having an Area New Dancer Dance once a month. Jack Brown was the caller, and Wilma Robertson Cuer. Buckeroos had a swinging dance with Denny Lantz as the caller and Mary Deadmond the cuer on 1-4-86. Johnny Kozol from Belleview, WA will call on 2-1-86, and Mary Deadmond cues. Cloggers dance 3-1-86 at R. McDonald RV park. Reedsport Red Rock'rs - since the "banner stealing rules" appeared in the OFN (last issue) we have been busy visiting and picking up our traveling banner. Thank you State Federation for giving us some guidelines. February 1, 1986 Stretch Carson calls and Hope Anderberg cues. Our 4th Saturday night dance on February 22, 1986 we are giving a SURPRISE appreciation dance for our caller, Ron Bliven. He has called for us ever since we started our club and we would like to show how much we appreciate him and his wife Terri. All dancers are invited to attend our dance. We hope to have a lot of visitors to honor Ron. Timber 8's will have a special dance on Sunday, March 9, 1986 from 2 to 5 p.m. with Wayne West calling at the Buckaroo Barn. Tri-N-Squares will have intermediate rounds at the Labor Temple each Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Beginner rounds at Tri-N-Square Hall each Thurs. at 7:00 p.m. As you all know the Umpqua Area is hosting the 1987 Summer Festival. We have had several meetings with good turnouts. We have several obstacles to overcome-- such as the Fairgrounds changing their fair to the date of Aug. 14-16, the same dates that we picked to have our Festival. We then talked to Umpqua Community College about using their facilities as our location. Problem was-- many of our Committee felt that there was not adequate floor space for our dancing needs. So back to "square one" we went and changed our dates to July 10, 11, & 12, 1987. The Fairgrounds did give us those dates. Now that we know when and where we are holding the Festival we are going full steam ahead getting committees together etc. Umpqua Area needs to borrow \$2000.00 to get the 1987 Summer Festival started, presentation by Lowell Chamberlin under Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1986 Mid-Winter Festival, Dan and Linda Bowser. We have a had good time doing it and appreciate all the help we got. We have approx. 4,200 paid dancers plus callers and cuers this weekend. We did not get much coverage from the Eugene Register Guard. Would like other dancers to help us and let the Register Guard know that we are around. We would also like clubs to cancel their dances during our Festival. KVAL, channel 13 gave us some coverage on Saturday. We should acknowledge this and give them our appreciation. A standing ovation was given to Dan and his committee.

1986 Fairview Bnefit Dance, Jack and Rosemary Williams. Fairview M.C. is Chuck Rogers from Valley Squares. Callers will include R.L. Jones from Braids and Braves, Ivan Koehn from Eugene Whirl Aways and Larry Sprout from Klamath Falls Squares. Rounds will be cued by Darryl and Becky Jordan from Roseburg.

1986 Summer Festival, Genevieve Churchill. We would also like to encourage all clubs to cancel their dances during our festival. The festival is off and running now. Our committees are working hard. We need pre-registrations. We currently have approx. 200 dancers pre-registered. Guy Fine has ribbons and registration material if anyone would like to take some with you today.

1986 State Fair, Harold and Faye Bressler. It was announced in the Fall that the State Fair would run 17 days. The State Fair Board has now decided to leave the Fair as is and keep it at 11 days only. We will register dancers from May 1st to July 31st. Ken Moore brought up the subject of the trailer repairs. We need 1 1/8" tongue and groove plywood. The sheets need to be 4'x8'. It all should be purchased in one lot so that we will get a good fit. Area Councils could then send a donation to cover the cost of the plywood and supplies. The approx. cost for each sheet of plywood will be \$25.00 and then supplies would be extra. Each Area could put their logo on one sheet of the plywood. The repairs need to be finished by June. We would like each Area Council to send a donation of \$35.00 (\$25.00 for plywood, \$10.00 for supplies) to Harold and Faye and then the committee will see that the repairs get done. Make checks payable to Harold Bressler and them to him at 4730 Auburn Rd. NE, #81, Salem, OR, 97301. Send donations and Area logos to him by March 31st.

1987 Mid-Winter Festival, King and Carol Haviland. The committees have been formed. We have preliminary flyers out and we have been doing some pre-registrations this weekend. We appreciate all the comments we have recieved and the suggestions for our next Winter Festival.

1987 Summer Festival, Lowell and Debbie Chamberlin. Umpqua Pow Wow 1987 will be July 10, 11, and 12 at the Fairgrounds. Trails Ends Dance will be on the 9th. We had to change the dates of the Festival because the Fairgrounds were not available for the previously announced dates. We also had to change callers. Gary Shoemake was not available for the July dates. Our featured caller will be Wade Driver. We need to make a deposit on the fairgrounds in early February. We would like the State Federation to loan us \$2000.00. We also need a copy of the Federations Certificate of Insurance. Treasurer, Carolyn Pape reported that there currently is not enough in the loan fund to loan the full \$2000.00. *Participant 70
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rest.* Lowell said that only \$500.00 is needed right now to make the deposit on the Fairgrounds. Motion made by Bill Cook to advance Umpqua Area \$500.00 towards the 1987 Summer Festival. Motion seconded and carried.

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

Round Dance Screening Committee, Darryl and Becky Jordan. Everyone has been very cooperative and we have recieved all the information on time. We have recieved little feedback. We have gotten one complaint on the selction of one or two dances and one suggestion for a Round of the Month. Things have gone fine. We appreciate your input. The last two rounds chosen are Walking in the Sunshine and Swinging.

Nominating Committee, Jack and Rosemary Williams, Chairman. Presented the following candiadtes for nomination for State Office:

President: Bill and Bea Cook, Tualatin Valley Area
Don and Rosemary Crawford, Interstate-Highlanders Area

First Vice-President: Bob & Barbara Brown, Mid-Willamette Area
Ray & Zola Jones, Emerald Empire Area

Second Vice President: Dave & Betty Cameron, Emerald Empire Area
Wayne & Della Johnson, Ineterstate-Highlanders Area

Recording Secretary: Janet Pederson, Mid-Willamette Area
Judith & Alan Anderson, Emerald Empire Area

Corresponding Secretary: Genevieve Churchill, Portland Area
Kathleen & Vincent Gould, Mid-Willamette Area

Treasurer: Carolyn & John Pape, Emerald Empire Area
Beth & Neil Christianson, Tualatin Valley Area

Membership Chairman: Phil & Eileen Shadwell, Tualatin Valley Area
Angie Barta, Emerald Empire Area

Floyd thanked Jack and Rosemary and their committee: Marge and Henry Rust, George and Lorene Griffith, Janis Pederson, and Vern and Ruth McKnight for all their hard work. Election results will be announced at our May State Meeting.

Insurance Committee, Buddy Randall. We are getting inquiries from other agents who would like to bid on the Insurance program. Ballots did not get sent out to the clubs to make the change in the Constitution and By-Laws. They will be sent out very soon. We can not do anything in that respect until we get the votes from the clubs whether they will accept what the board approved at our last meeting. The Committee will go ahead and work up an insurance program for the Federation and then present it for bids. Underwriters will start giving us bids in March.

Oregon Federation News, Paul and Dottie Swenson. The first of the year we began using the new heading; approved at the November meeting; on the cover. The heading seemed a little larger than we expected, so the next issue will be reduced slightly.

The cover is now a lighter weight stock. We recently had a postage increase and since we pay postage by weight, we hope this will keep our postage costs down. The new stock seems to survive the process of mailing with no problem.

Since the beginning of our term and until this issue which is now in process; we have cancelled 109 subscriptions, 14 of which were "Moved- No Order", "No New Address", etc. We have received 155 new subscriptions. This past weekend we received 18 new subscriptions in four days. No doubt most of these subscriptions are new dancers and possibly many of our cancellations were new dancers last year that did not stay with square dancing.

We've had no major problems or complaints so to our knowledge everything seems to be going all right. We presume that if there were a disagreement of policy or something else we were doing that we would hear from you.

We ask ALL the Delegates to please take the following request back to your Area: "We would like to have pictures of happenings that occur all over the state, from ALL the Areas. In time then the pictures in and on the O.F.N. will be able to represent ALL of Oregon"

We brought to the Winter Festival a large quantity of sample copies of the OFN and put them on display on a table near the New Dancers hall; also several pads of subscription blanks. Most of these have been taken so we look forward to more subscriptions.

Goodwill Ambassadors

George and Bernice Gruchalla. Recording Secretary, Janet Pederson received the following letter from George and Bernice. A report from your Goodwill Ambassadors in the Valley of the Sun. I had my hip checked and x-rayed this Fall, after returning here-everything O.K. Dr. said

my pains down the leg comes from my back. I could discard the crutch the middle of October, but am on medication and am taking back treatments since which is helping so we square dance 2 to 3 times a week, plus lots of socializing.

Square and Round dancing is alive and busy as you can see by the enclosed schedule.

We are sorry we will be unable to attend the Winter Festival this weekend but be assured our thoughts and best wishes for its success are with you. We'll miss our friends there. Always enjoy and read the Newsletters you send.

My brother-in-law in San Diego is very bad with Lou Gehrigs disease so we must stay close.

We see Ray and Dorothy Murray quite often, and are looking forward to a visit from Al and Fran Westphal plus other Oregon square dancers who might come our way. Love to all, George and Bernice Gruchalla.

OLD BUSINESS

IRS Status

Jean Brigl talked a little bit about the virtues of the three "p's", Patience, Perseverance, and Persistence.

By having these three attributes, we have been granted a transference of tax exemption to the Code 501-C-4 without having to have our 501-C-6 revoked, without having to pay taxes and penalties due on a revocation of exemption and we have eliminated the need to reapply for exemption. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to George Ebersteen for all the research, time and effort he has given to the Federation in this regard.

We retained IRS Specialist George Ebersteen to help us with our IRS Status. His work is now done and he has given us a bill of \$200.00. Motion made by Bill Cook to pay George Ebersteen \$200.00 for his charges of time, postage, telephone calls, copies, mileage, and etc. Motion seconded and carried.

A letter of thanks and appreciation will be sent with the check to George. Floyd thanked Jean for all her work on this situation. It was truly appreciated. A standing ovation was given to Jean.

Legacy

The Legacy meeting will be held in Memphis or Nashville, Tennessee in May. It has been awhile since Oregon has been represented at this meeting. A lot of things are going on on the National level. Would like to send someone from Oregon to the Legacy meeting. Education Chairman would be the best choice. Jim and Boots Floyd, Membership Chairman said that they would be happy to represent Oregon. The money to help finance the trip could come out of the General Fund it it was there but will probably have to come from the Contingency Fund.

Motion made by Wayne Johnson ~~that~~ we send a delegate to Legacy and that we reimburse up to \$750.00 for expenses. The \$750.00 will come from the Contingency Fund. Motion seconded and carried.

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Constution Changes

The ballots will go out soon in regards to the motion that was made at our November meeting. The motion was the incorporation of Insurance fees as part of annual membership dues. Would also like to include

another vote on that ballot. The President-Elect situation was discussed a year ago but no changes were made in the Constitution at that time. We agreed that the President would no longer be an elected position and that the First Vice-President would become the President-elect. Motion made by Catherine Hicks that the Constitution be changed to read: The First Vice-President automatically succeeds to the Presidency position. Motion seconded and carried.

This motion will also appear on the ballot that will go out soon to the club secretaries. We need Area Delegates to let their clubs know that we need these ballots back as soon as possible because of the insurance vote. There will be a suspense date for that ballot to be returned. Any change in the Constitution requires a 2/3 majority of clubs voting. The proposed changes will be sent to all the clubs and they will have to wait 30 days until they can vote on the changes. If passed, the changes will become effective May 11th.

Grant Application

A grant application was given to the Rhythm Express at our November meeting and we have not received it back yet. Mike McDow from the Rhythm Express reported that he has filled out the application and will turn it into Past President, Jack Williams after copies have been made.

Mike commented that a lot of cloggers have approached him this weekend and asked why there was no clogging session at this Mid-Winter. There will be a 2 hour clogging dance at 86 Summer Festival and a 3 hour dance at the 87 Summer Festival.

Hall Insurance

A question was raised in regards to insurance for square dance clubs who own their dance hall. Buddy Randall reported that a rider may be placed on their insurance policy to cover fire, theft, etc.

Leadership Seminar, Ken and Eva Moore. This is sponsored by the Oregon Federation and is hosted by the Sunset Area and North Willamette Callers and Cuers Association. We need to see more people wearing our blue ribbons. Will be April 18-19-20 at Seaside Convention Center. Walt Cole of Ogden Utah will be our presenter. He is also presenting Washingtons seminar this year. Watch for our ads in the next three OFNs. Will also have an article in the OFN. Something for everyone at the Seminar. Have ribbons here today to sell. We have about 30 pre-registrations so far. North Willamette Callers and Cuers will call and cue Fridays dance and Walt Cole will call Saturdays dance. Rhythm Express will entertain us on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence

Carolyn Pape received a Christmas card from Ed and Mary Warmoth. They still want to teach square dancing but feel it would require a record player and microphone. They have 110 votes available. A regular caller type P.A. would be the best. It could also be used for meetings and other entertainment. There is also a place to store it and protect it. He also describes how the system would have to be sent. Maybe this is something an Area or individual might consider doing if they know of a source for the equipment that Ed needs.

Card is being passed around for Wayne Puckett. He is in the hospital. Cards have also been sent to Gordon Sutton who is ill and also to Gail Domine, whose husband Tim was killed recently in a car accident.

Harold Bressler reported that the McKnights just donated \$35.00 towards the trailer repair project.

The next meeting will be held May 11th, 1986 at Cimarron Motel/Resturant in Klamath Falls. The Interstate-Highlanders will be our host.

Motion made by Bob Brown to adjorn the meeting. Motion seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet Pederson
Recording Secretary

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I know that you are all anxious to hear about our status with the IRS but let's talk about that under old business. For now, you have before YOU A LETTER TO THE AREA DELEGATES REGARDING BRINGING ALL CLUBS AND AREAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OREGON FEDERATION'S CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. ATTACHED TO THIS IS A LIST OF CLUBS IN EACH AREA WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF NON PROFIT INCORPORATION, TAX EXEMPTION AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. THIS SAME LETTER HAS BEEN MAILED TO ALL AREA PRESIDENTS. PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY AND WORK WITH YOUR AREA PRESIDENT TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE IN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TIME. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION NOW IN THE FEDERATION FILES, 54% OF OUR CURRENT MEMBERS ARE NOW IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERATION CONSTITUTION. THIS IS A REAL GAIN IN THE PAST YEAR. WITH YOUR HELP AND COMMITMENT, LET'S GO FOR 100% BEFORE YOUR TERM OF OFFICE ENDS. I KNOW WE CAN DO IT!

WITHOUT THE TOTAL FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERATION BYLAWS AND NONPROFIT REQUIREMENTS, WE CANNOT BEGIN TO HAVE ANY KIND OF DISCUSSION WITH THE IRS REGARDING A CHANGE OF THE NONMEMBER INCOME RULING.

IN THE PAST, I HAVE BEEN WORKING ONE ON ONE WITH THE CLUBS AND AREAS. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE AREA PRESIDENTS AND AREA DELEGATES. WITH THIS KIND OF HELP THE MID-WILLAMETTE AREA HAS 80% OF ITS CLUBS IN COMPLIANCE AND THE OTHER 20% SHOULD BE IN SHORTLY. WE NEED TO GET THIS PROJECT COMPLETED AND WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ORDER TO DO IT.

IT IS A NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TASK FOR ME TO CORRESPOND, TIME AND MONEY WISE, WITH THE CLUBS THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE THAT MUCH TIME. OFFICERS CHANGE AND INFORMATION DOES NOT GET PASSED ON IN MANY CASES. I NEED YOUR HELP IN TALKING WITH THE CLUBS TO GET GOING ON THIS AND THEN TO CONTACT ME FOR ASSISTANCE AND UPDATED MATERIAL. YOUR HELP WILL MAKE MY JOB EASIER AND I WILL KNOW THAT ALL THE CLUBS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED.

A LETTER FROM THE CLUBS FOR ASSISTANCE IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A PHONE CALL AS I HAVE A WRITTEN PIECE OF INFORMATION FROM WHICH TO WORK AND THE LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN WE ARE OUT OF TOWN. A PHONE CALL IS NO PROBLEM BUT WE ARE OUT OF TOWN A GREAT DEAL.

THE LIST OF CLUBS IN YOUR AREA WAS TAKEN FROM THE CURRENT DIRECTORY AND IF A CLUB HAS BEEN OMITTED OR IF THE INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE, PLEASE ADVISE ME. THE INFORMATION ON THE CLUB DATA SHEET WAS TAKEN FROM INFORMATION THE FEDERATION HAS ON FILE. THE FEDERATION NEEDS IN ITS FILES COPIES OF A NON PROFIT DOCUMENT, THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR EACH AREA AND CLUB.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND I KNOW WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL BY SEPT. 1.

FEDERAL

THERE ARE A FEW 1099-MISC FORMS AND THE ACCOMPANYING SUMMARY FORMS FOR REPORTING CALLER FEES TO THE IRS FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO NEED THEM. REMEMBER, ANY PAYMENT OF \$600 OR MORE TO ANY ONE PERSON MUST BE REPORTED IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO HIT WITH A HEAVY PENALTY. YOU CAN USE THE 1099-MISC FORM FOR THE STATE BUT IT WILL NEED TO HAVE A STATE SUMMARY FORM ATTACHED TO IT.

UNFORTUNATELY HANK AND I WILL BE IN EUROPE DURING THE SUMMER FESTIVAL AND DIAMOND LAKE FESTIVAL AND THE EXPO '86 SQUARE DANCE JUNE 30 - JULY 5 AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE OUR RIBBONS FOR THE EXPO '86 SQUARE DANCE. THESE ARE AT THE SPECIAL PRE JAN. 1 PRICE OF \$18.00 IN AMERICAN MONEY. WE COULD USE THE MONEY IN EUROPE AND WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF SOMEONE WOULD BUY OUR RIBBONS.