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MINUTES OF MEETING

November 10, 1996

DRIFTWOOD HALL, NORTH BEND, OREGON

Meeting brought to order by President Lee Ashwill at 9:00 AM.

MOTION By Bob Bosch

I move that Dave Hughes sit in as Parliamentarian to replace Benjamin Brown for today only. Seconded. Motion carried.

INVOCATION Past President Lowell Chamberlin

FLAG SALUTE 1st Vice President Bob Bosch

ROLL CALL Recording Secretary Jodene Hughes

Officers:	All present except for Parliamentarian Benjamin Brown.
Delegates:	All present.
Committee Chairs:	All present except for 1997 Summer Festival Chairman Dick Davenport, 1998 Summer Festival Chairman Dorothy Daggett, 2000 Summer Festival Chairman George & Lorene Griffith, Youth Activities Ron & Jan Frerk, ORDTA Elaine & Bill Funk Round Dance Screening Jay & Bonnie Stimler.

Goodwill Ambassadors: All present except Ken & Nancy Carson.

President Lee Ashwill made the following declaration:

Mr. Parliamentarian: At this time I am invoking the Presidential right to deviate from normal procedures. I am doing this because it appears we have some deviates among us. Even though I made it clear that my goals for this year included unification of our activity and by Presidential proclamation proclaimed this "The Year of the Duck", it would appear that we have not achieved the posture of unification. There are those among us making an effort to "IRK" this chair by wearing or carrying items that indicates they are "Beaver Believers". At this time I would give them the opportunity to remove and store any such items or be held liable for a \$1.00 fine with the

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proceeds being donated to the Fairview account. Mr. Parliamentarian, please pass among this distinguished group and insure that Beaver paraphernalia is properly stored or collect the \$1.00 assessment.

President Lee Ashwill announced that this meeting is being recorded.

MOTION: Motion made to accept the minutes as revised on October 23, 1996 with the following corrections:

1. Page 19, Rogue-Sis-Q Council. Last sentence, the dancing pad was made possible by funds from the Council with matching funds from the Federation.
2. Page 1, schedule of State meetings. September 21, 1997 - TVC.

Motion carried.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Bob & Carolyn Bosch

I wish to thank this Council for having this meeting and having a nice meal last night. I would also like to thank the Sets-In-Order for their nice birthday party two weeks ago. It was fantastic!!

1997 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Larry & Carol Reetz

On behalf of our First Vice President, I guess he is entitled to cut me just a little bit for a mistake in our program book. Of course, I can't take all the blame for it. You have to look at the advertising committee for the '97 Summer Festival for that.

Preparations for Hoedown Heaven 97 are going very well. We have been very active with visitations to a large number of Oregon clubs, such as the Red Hots, Spinning Antlers, The Potato Festival in Klamath Falls, Vancouver Royal Romp in Washington. We had other visitations to California and Idaho, and also to the Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival.

The fashion show is well on it's way with Dog Patch Parade and also the drama group from Thurston High School with the Hee Haw Kids. Come and enjoy the fashion show. It will be an experience you'll not soon forget!!

We have provided program books to a number of you. We have those here. I do want to say a thank you to Zola Jones. She has done an outstanding job in preparing the book. There are very few mistakes, outside of the camera ready copy from the '97 Summer Festival. Boone printing in Eugene for their expertise over the years has done a good job. We have 3200 of those in print.

For the fairgrounds, as we noted last night, we had a group of four from our committee who approached the fairground board manager and arranged for electricity to be provided for the RV's. We will continue on that so this does occur from year to year in the future. We must remind you that our registration does say that it is a dry camp and this is done at the courtesy of the fairgrounds. There will be some changes in arrival directions and I

will publicize that in the OFN in the future with a map. I will coordinate that with the Boschs' in the next month. Pre-registrations are on track. We are about where we should be for this time of the year.

Just a reminder that for the Mid-Winter Festival as well as the Summer Festival, square dance attire is required at all dance activities. There are some provisions for after parties that can vary from that slightly. However, we do encourage that square dance attire be worn at the after parties as well. One final note, as I said last night, we have chairpersons through 2001. They will be named at a future date.

1997 SUMMER FESTIVAL Dick Davenport

No Report. Death in the immediate family.

1998 SUMMER FESTIVAL Ray Fenn (sitting in for Dorothy Daggett)

The program book is our main priority at this time with estimates from print shops being obtained to help us determine the cost for ads to be put in the book. Potential advertisers in the local area being approached. The Chamber of Commerce is being contacted for their assistance in helping to advertise the festival. The meeting of the budget committee has been held with some adjustments made to the proposed budget draft. We are to decide at the next meeting on the logo design for T-Shirts. They will be for sale by the festival committee members as soon as they are ready. Tours to the Interpretive Sight out of Baker City and possibly to the Wallowa Lake area are being discussed. Funds to help get small items taken care of are now coming in from some of the clubs. There are some details that are not being mentioned in this report as we are not sure how they are going to work out. Watch for further reporting. We are going to come up with some fun things for everyone when they come to visit the eastern part of the State in June 1998.

1999 SUMMER FESTIVAL Shan & Mick McKinney

Wait a minute, where are all the yellow rocks? If anybody forgot, I need a \$1.00.

We have submitted a Financial Statement listing \$1.00 income & our budget has been submitted to the First Vice President as required in practices and procedures for the purpose of requesting a \$2,000.00 loan from the Oregon Federation.

2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL Sylvia Anderson (sitting in for George & Lorene Griffith)

We did meet last month and we will be picking our chairman. Hopefully at the January meeting we will have a chairman for our festival.

OFN REPORT Carolyn & Bob Bosch

We have been able to print one issue of the OFN on the new equipment. There are a few problems, but with the help of Jerry Adams we are continuing right along. Most of the problems seem to be this editor's learning the new program.

During the Summer Festival on July 16, 1995, the State Meeting passed a motion stating that each council or a club within that council would hold a subscription dance. To date, only three subscription dances have been held, Blue Mountain Council, TVC and The Rocken Renegades of the Mid-Willamette Council. Please get together with your council and make plans for your dance. We will furnish you the materials necessary.

The meeting for the area editors as well as club reporters will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday during the Mid-Winter Festival. It will be informal and open to questions. Please plan to attend.

Classes have once again began and we are asking all club presidents to think about supporting the OFN by giving a starter subscription to all their new dancer or dancer couples. The same subscription form can be used, just be sure to put starter subscription on the top. This is an inexpensive way to acquaint the new dancer with the OFN and all that it offers.

FAIRVIEW DANCE Lowell & Donna Chamberlin

At the last Fairview Benefit Dance I arranged all the details. I knew I was going out of State. So those details were taken care of. After today's meeting I will write letters reminding the Callers and the Fairview people of those details. The Fairview Benefit Dance is Sunday, April 6th, 1997. It is at the Fairview Hospital in the training center in Salem. Callers will be the same as last year: Rick Ewing, Roger Putzler, and Ron Silicki and the cuer Marion Cook.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Dave & Betty Cameron

No Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY Jodene & Dave Hughes

The only thing that I have is regarding the letter that Lee Ashwill asked me to send to the Cloggers letting them know that we will not pay for registered mail in the future. I discussed this with Fran Bunch and she had already sent them a letter.

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Lola & Tony Robello

Since our September meeting sympathy cards have gone out to Don White, for the loss of his sister; Florence Hale, loss of husband Henry; Florence Engdahl, loss of husband Warren; Sandy Brown, loss of her mother; Dick Kruger, loss of his father and to Eileen Brady for the loss of her husband Minor.

Thinking of you cards went out to Lee Mauroni (surgery). Cards went out to both Dave and Mae Duff, he has serious back problems and she has a heart problem.

Get well cards were sent to Betty Cameron (surgery on her knee) and again to Jerry Adams who was re-hospitalized for his heart.

I want to remind everyone again to make sure I have an up-to-date name and address of all club secretaries in your area. I will be using our State Directory to mail the ballots so please check and make sure the information in there is correct. Please double check addresses and zip codes.

We do have State stationary and envelopes for those who need it.

TREASURERS REPORT Mick & Shan McKinney

Financial reports have been handed out for August 1996 (Final) and October 1996.

We currently have 4 CD's with Key Bank. Additional CD's will be obtained approximately every 36 days until we have the required \$10,000 certificates approved by the Board.

KEY BANK CERTIFICATES:

<u>Account number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
006412117836 **	\$15,000	January 7, 1997
006412087005	\$10,000	August 13, 1997
006412087013	\$10,000	September 19, 1997
006412087021	\$10,000	October 25, 1997

** This CD will be converted to \$10,000 on January 7, 1997 with a one year maturity.

The books are ready for audit and the Tax return can be prepared with receipt of Financial Statements from the Summer Festivals that had financial activity through August 31, 1996. It is my recommendation that the audit not only include the Treasurer's records but those of the OFN, Mid-Winter Festival and the Summer Festivals as the information supplied by them are included on the Tax return.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Doug & De Pederson

At this time there are 119 clubs in the Oregon Federation representing an unknown number of dancers.

There are no new clubs to present to the Federation at this time nor have I received any correspondence requesting paperwork from any clubs under consideration.

Copies of the Practices and Procedures need to be provided to the newest clubs: Cloggers' Association, Lantz's Dantzlers and Sea Twirlers.

We still have one club out of compliance with the Federation's by-laws on club membership, spoke to the Area Delegate of the affected club in the hopes of getting it done within the month.

PAST PRESIDENT Lowell & Donna Chamberlin

As your past president, I have the responsibility for the nominating committee. This year your members of the nominating committee are Ray & Zola Jones, Ray & Betty Jones, Karel & Don Morris, Bea & Ed Smith. Between now and Mid-Winter Festival we are taking nominations for officers. You have in your packet the officer nomination form. And do I have a deal for you delegates. I would like each one of you to go back and at least get one person from each of your area's. If that is turned in, you are off the hook. If it is not turned in, you are automatically nominated for an office. You don't even have to fill this out. Hopefully we will have lots of nominations, and if so, we will have several priorities.

1. Representations from all areas.
2. People that are team players.
3. People that are new.

Each of you delegates and officers, please get people to fill out the officers nomination form. If not, again, you will be nominated. We are not just joking. Make sure you go to them and nominate them. Don't wait for them to come to you. A lot of people would like to run for office if they are asked. It is hard to volunteer and say I would like to run. So you need to go to them. Find some people that you know, that we don't know. I will be in contact with you at Mid-Winter Festival. Especially if there is none from your area. If you don't turn in at least one, again I will nominate you. Thank you!

PARLIAMENTARIAN Dave Hughes (sitting in for Benjamin & Penny Brown)

No Report.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER Marilyn & Ron Schmit

We have been on the run since the last meeting, attending the Sets In Order 50th Anniversary Dance in Coquille and the Potato Festival in Klamath Falls. Both dances were fun and new places in Oregon to visit for me.

This is my first visit to South Coast also, so I appreciate the good weather so I can look around.

I have been telling all places where I visit, that I have registrations for Orlando and early bird certificates for Charlotte, Indianapolis, and Baltimore. I also have registrations for 1997 Summer Festival. If anyone would like one, come see me.

I received a flyer from Buckeroo Country so I could write an article for them to promote their weekend in June 1997.

I also received a letter from a man in Portland extolling the virtues of a couple from Portland. I have passed the letter on to the OFN editors for a possible Featured Dancer Article.

I'm still getting acquainted with my Publicity position so still learning the ropes about what to do and when. I'm in hopes that you will let me know of any special events that could use an extra plug in my monthly OFN article. I look forward to hearing from several of you.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE Marilyn Schmit, Helen Schreiner & Doug Pederson

The applications by the Clatskanie Promenaders for monies from the Federation were originally denied. The application was submitted by the club instead of the council. That has since been corrected.

The committee now approves the expenditures pending the receipt of the receipts.

The request is for \$188.25 so the Federation will reimburse Sunset Council \$94.13.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR Don Reed

Delegates are urged to alert their Area Council clubs of the importance of current annual filing of Non-Profit reports to Secretary of State, Corporation Division, 255 Capitol St., NE, Suite 151, Salem OR 97310-1327.

Annual changes of club officers often find mail astray until new club officers get settled in their positions. Please review your filing dates to assure current registration. If a review of your files is unsatisfactory, a call to the Corporation Division, Phone: (503) 378-4166, should help.

Plans are underway for the annual audit of Oregon Federation books and records. Coordination with President, Past President, and Treasurer is being worked out for scheduling. Results are expected to be reported at State meeting during 1997 Mid-Winter Festival.

EDUCATION Linda & Ralph Lambert

As the new Education Chair I would like to spend this year presenting various ideas relating to Square Dance Classes. I will be doing this by distributing printed material at each State Meeting. It is my hope that the Officers and Delegates will take this information back to their clubs and areas and use the material as a "springboard" to develop some new approaches to the methods of operating our Square Dance Classes.

Part of the responsibility of the Education chair is to present an educational session at the Summer Festival. I would ask the Officers and Delegates to give some thought to a subject for that session. Please bring any suggested topics to the January State Meeting.

HISTORIAN Don & Karel Morris

I would like to remind anyone who is planning to host a Summer Festival that I have available several past Summer Festival information books. These handbooks are to be compiled by each Summer Festival committee as a history of how they handled all situations and expenses as they arose. When the book is finished, it should be passed on to the Historian for safekeeping.

I have Festival books for 1981, '83-'87, '89-'91. I think the more recent books are with the '97 committee.

Also, I have brought the obsolete office supplies and they are on the stage, so take anything you want.

The scrapbook for 1996 is progressing nicely but I would still like more pictures, flyers and articles from newspapers about the world of square dancing from all the areas in the State of Oregon.

INSURANCE Ray & Fran Bunch

First of all I would like to thank the South Coast Area Council, specifically Karel Morris and Larry Beeman, for rescheduling their area meeting for last night, rather than holding it next week so I could make only one trip down here to put on an insurance seminar.

Insurance Seminars:

5 completed

3 scheduled

One claim since September meeting.

There are still a number of Councils that we haven't gotten to. I sure would like to at least talk to the area delegates from the Councils that have not scheduled an insurance seminar, that we might set up a time when I might do that.

There are still areas who have not turned in 1997 insurance forms. Those were due November 1st and I have to have all that put together by December 1st or we will be late on our insurance for the 1997 year. I will process what I have. Those areas that have not turned in their insurance will be without insurance as of January 1st, 1997. Letters will be going out to Area Presidents next week.

PRESIDENT LEE ASHWILL commended Ray Bunch for his dedication in getting out to these Councils and doing the Insurance Seminars. We understand that they are a very important item and the comments we heard yesterday from the delegates on the positive aspect on that is real heart warming and we thank you very kindly.

BMI/ASCAP Ralph & Linda Lambert

Everything is current and under control with BMI and ASCAP.

Information has been distributed to the Mid-Winter Festival 1997 and Summer Festival 1997 chairs regarding BMI/ASCAP requirements for each of their festivals.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES Ron & Jan Frerk

No Report

STATE FAIR Fran & Ray Bunch

Fran read a letter from the State Fair Director. The contents of the letter extended a hearty Thank You for helping to make the 1996 State Fair a success and looking forward to having you as part of the Oregon State Fair team in 1997. It was signed (Rusty) Robert R Vernon, director of the fair. So that means we have been invited to come back.

ORDTA Elaine & Bill Funk

No Report

ROUND DANCE SCREENING Jay & Bonnie Stimler

No Report

DELEGATE'S MEETING Karel & Don Morris

The delegates discussed the motions on the agenda and are prepared to vote.

OLD BUSINESS**MOTION by Bob Bosch**

I move that we remove from the table the motion on the proposed bid for the National Square Dance Convention in the year 2006.

Motion passed.

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I move that The Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs submit a bid to host the National Square Dance Convention in the year 2006.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

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I move that we remove from the table the motion on the length of time required to retain the records of the Oregon Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs. Seconded by Lola Robello.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION Ray Bunch

We asked that any changes or responses come back to the Record Retention Committee by the middle of October. We have heard no responses, so it would be my recommendation that we continue on.

MOTION by Karel Morris.

I move that the records retention schedule as proposed September 22, 1996, be approved. Seconded by Rex Bounds.

Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

RAY BUNCH Suggested that schedule retention list be made available to the appointed areas. If they need a retention schedule they can get it from Ray Bunch or Jodene Hughes so they know what their responsibilities are. They will be distributed at the next meeting.

LARRY REETZ (Mid Winter Festival)

This can have an impact on our clubs throughout the Oregon Federation. Once they are established with the Federation, each club should try to come into compliance with the same rules. We need to make sure the delegates take this back and distribute it to their clubs.

NEW BUSINESS**MOTION by Bob Bosch**

Mr. President, I move that the Oregon Federation provide new officer bars, with dates, each year at installation. Total cost \$45.00 yearly, to come from the General Fund. Seconded by Rex Bounds.

DISCUSSION:

Bob Bosch We had to buy new officer bars this year because of breakage. This will provide the board with proper ID for dances and visitations, without a month or more delay due to breakage.

There was some discussion from the floor. It was felt that it could be a personal decision. Others felt that it could be our contribution. We should possibly be more careful when we transfer the bars.

Question called for by Ray Jones. Roll call vote taken. Motion defeated.

DELEGATE REPORTS**BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL** Ray & Ginger Fenn

Most clubs are concentrating on lessons. Some have started, others will start in January.

All 4 clubs in our area have voted positive for the motion to bid for the 55th National Convention in 2006.

As reported earlier, the 1998 Summer Festival is looking good with interest and activity increasing.

Next Council meeting & 1998 Summer Festival meeting will be held November 30th 1996 at the Rockwell Grange, hosted by the Elgin Indian Valley Paraders.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL Chuck & Susie Rich

Beginner lessons have been going strong in most clubs, with two clubs completing their bi-weekly lessons already at the end of November. Combining lessons, as the Red Rocks and Sagebrush Shufflers have again done this year, has proven to be very successful because students are more able to retain what they have learned and keep up their enthusiasm at the same time.

High Lake Swingers held their annual Harvest Dance in October. With Dave Correlus as their Caller, it drew a crowd.

On October 29th, Sagebrush Shufflers had Craig Abercrombie calling their annual Halloween Dance. Two whole squares of Bachelor Beaus appeared as 101 Dalmatians. A visual treat, indeed. And lots of fun, too.

A subscription to the OFN will be given out at our fifth Saturday Council Dances as a door prize.

The next Central Oregon Council meeting will be held on Sunday, December 1st, at 2pm, in Bend. Ray Bunch, OFN Insurance Chairman, will be our guest speaker. All club Presidents, and interested parties, are invited to attend.

EASTERN OREGON Rex & Sylvia Anderson

We installed our officers at our October meeting for the council. The Pendleton Rocket Squares are down to one square and are mainly just doing round dances. If you are in that area, please come by and support them. They dance on Sunday evenings at the Senior Center at 7 PM. I believe they are only dancing once a month.

The Square Knots of Hermiston are doing their lessons again and we had our anniversary dance last weekend. I can't remember what year it is for sure. I believe it is the 26th or 27th.

The Ione Grand Squares are dancing again and they went over to Mayville, which is by Fossil. There is a caller now in Mayville and he is trying to get a club going. So maybe we will have a new club soon.

EMERALD EMPIRE Ray & Zola Jones

Emerald Area Council met at Sweethome on September 28, 1996. The following items were discussed, and acted on as follows:

1. Motion to sell Area floor tabled until November Area Meeting.
2. Discussion on Oregon hosting a National convention tabled until November meeting. Several delegates were new, and not familiar with this issue. At this time I am aware of one club voting against another Convention, and one club voting for.
3. Area voted NO on increasing club federation membership to include an OFN subscription.
4. President Larry Reetz asked for a committee to survey our Area for reasons we lose both experienced and new dancers; delegates to respond by asking clubs for volunteers.
5. Area 5th Friday Plus dance scheduled for November 29th. Caller - Bill Helms, Cuer - Tami Ward. Pre-rounds at 7:30, dance at 8:00. Emerald Square Dance Center, Admission \$6.00 per couple.
6. Our Area Annual Benefit Dance is scheduled for March 31, 1997. This dance is our way of doing community service in the Emerald Area. Each year we hold this dance as a fund raiser for a local charitable or community service organization. Recipient of proceeds will be decided at our November Area meeting. It was also mentioned that we should make every effort to maximize our communities awareness of square dancing involvement during promotion of this event.

Class rosters have been received from 3 clubs at this time, with a total enrollment of 105.

Next Area Council meeting will be Friday November 15th at Emerald Square Dance Center. Meeting scheduled Friday so it would not conflict with Sweethome Squarenaders Turkey and Telford dance on November 16th. Emerald Area Council meetings are usually hosted by a member club on a regular dance night, with the meeting and potluck dinner preceding the dance.

Your next State Federation meeting is scheduled for January. The Emerald Empire area council hosts that, but since that is during Mid-Winter time we do not hand out any special information. If you will check in the program books that you all received, on page 10, you will see where the meeting is scheduled and when it will take place. If there are any questions, you can contact Raymond.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS Helen & Don Schreiner

The K.C. Squares extend a big thank you to all that attended and supported their 21st annual Potato Festival. Les Seeley called a great dance. The potato bar was exceptionally good, and everyone reported having a good time.

The Tule Twirlers have made a couple of visitations and took a couple of banners. They traveled to North Bend to the Saints & Aints and to Lakeview to the Tall Town Travelers. They received a first place for their float in the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair parade and also a first place in the Potato Festival parade in Merrill. They report their classes are going very well with Jo Ellis instructing and Ben Casad assisting.

The Tall Town Travelers have a good beginning class and their workshops are well attended.

The Happy Huggers beginner class is smaller than usual this year, but they are progressing and their mainstream workshops are doing well.

The K.C. Squares will host the next Interstate Highlanders meeting and dance on November 23rd. We will have some very special guests, Lee & Barbi Ashwill, our State Presidents.

LINCOLN/TILLAMOOK AREA COUNCIL Ray & Betty Jones

The Coast Swingers in Garibaldi are holding classes and have 10 students. Likewise the Sunset Squares of Waldport are teaching a couple of squares and have an active plus teach going also. The Toledo 49'rs will begin lessons on January 14th. The Sea Twirlers will be dancing in Gleneden Beach at the Community center from now on. They dance on the 2nd & 4th Fridays at 8 pm. The Lincoln-Tillamook council will have a 5th Saturday Dance on November 30th at the City Hall in Garibaldi. Dance will be preceded by an area meeting to change the Constitution to state what a square dance club is. It will tentatively say that they must have officers, members (at least one square), hold meetings and dance at least 12 times a year unless declared a traveling club.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL Ardelle & Ken Wolf

Area club delegates reported poor results from the advertising of beginning square dance lessons in 10 newspapers, that covered the Mid-Willamette area. This was from the joint expenditure by our area council and the state federation. Apparently this is not a productive expenditure. The clubs found that the best results are by club members bringing the person themselves to the lessons or talking them into coming.

Ray Bunch, Insurance Chairman, gave a seminar on the insurance the clubs and their members are paying for to protect them against injuries incurred at dances and other club activities at our last area meeting. He is hoping to present this information to all councils in the state.

Mid-Willamette delegates reported as to whether their club felt that Oregon should bid to hold the 2006 National convention here in Oregon. It tallied out to 13 yes and 7 no with 2 clubs abstaining.

Reminder: The Fall Festival, sponsored by the Mid-Willamette Area Council, will be held November 30th of this year from 8:00 - 11:00 PM. It will be held at The Square Dance Center 3695 45th Ave NE Salem. Square Dance MC will be Bob Anderson and MC for the Rounds will be Jessie Gibson. Pre-Rounds are from 7:30 - 8:00 PM.

At our last area council meeting, along with copies of my report of the State meeting, I gave each officer and club delegate a printed copy of Lee Ashwill's goals that he wants his council delegates and officers to accomplish in the upcoming year.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL Bill & Annadale Rooper

New dancer classes are in full swing with about 100 new dancers taking lessons at various clubs. We haven't been able to document the effectiveness of our advertising campaign exactly but we feel that it has been helpful.

Several of our clubs answered the call for help from a Tualatin Valley Council teen club many of whose members live in the PAC area. The club needed money to continue and PAC clubs have responded.

The Recycles Club has challenged other PAC clubs to follow their lead by holding exhibition dances at senior care centers.

Plans are being finalized for our annual Christmas dinner meeting with TVC on December 16, 1996. This is strictly a social meeting and a good time is had by all.

On October 21, 1996 the PAC delegates voted favorably on the proposal to try for a National Convention in Portland in 2006. The vote was 11 yes, 5 no, 9 not voting, either because the delegate was not at the meeting or their club had not voted on the proposal.

Everyone is invited to our fifth Friday "Bird House Dance" on November 29th at the Oakgrove Community Center.

ROGUE-SIS-Q Rex & Jeri Bounds

Three clubs are holding lessons together with small classes. Three clubs are having larger classes.

We are sorry that one club in our area didn't renew their insurance. They just didn't have any members. They haven't completely disbanded as of yet, they are not having any dances this year.

Ray Bunch attended our Council meeting and directed all club reps on how to fill out insurance forms and the importance of insurance, there was lots of discussion on insurance policies. Very informative. Thank you Ray!

SOUTH COAST AREA Karel & Don Morris

I would again like to emphasize how much we have enjoyed having all of you visit the South Coast Area. We wish you safe travels home. I particularly want to commend the South Coast Area dancers who helped with this weekend--from waxing the floor to preparing the dinner to decorating, greeting, hosting, baking muffins, calling, cuing and all the other innumerable tasks that were so graciously and efficiently taken care of--a big THANK YOU to all who helped!!

A word of explanation about your table favors. The "Craisins" were furnished by Ocean Spray Cranberries and Pony Village Mall. They are dried, sweetened cranberries and are edible as-is. The candy sand dollars are a reminder of your visit to the coast! Enjoy! The cranberry muffins at the break were made by Ava Abrahamsen from Skyloft Squares.

The major event taking place in the South Coast Area (besides this meeting) was the golden celebration recognizing 50 years of dancing for the Sets-In-Order in Coquille. There were two nights of wonderful dancing, plus workshops during the day and even dancing in the county jail. In researching, they found no information of any other club in the nation who has danced longer, so very sincere congratulations go to Sets-in-Order!!

Other South Coast Area clubs are continuing with lessons, gearing up for holiday dances, and doing some visiting and traveling.

SUNSET AREA COUNCIL Doug & June Bracher

The Promenaders had but two dances during the summer months. They cleaned their hall and had their hard times dance, complete with costumes. It was a lot of hilarious fun. Harvey is continuing his plus dance at Svensen twice a month.

The Hayshakers had a very successful rummage sale and after the sale the club turned out to clean the hall for the Indian Summer Dance--another fun dance.

Beginner class is progressing nicely. At our Christmas Party, the class is invited and the dancing will be at the level of what they can handle. They are looking forward to the party. Enthusiasm is marvelous.

After several delays due to sickness, our council finally had it's September meeting October 27th. The Sunset Area Council, consisting of two small energetic clubs voted to support the decision of the State Federation regarding the National Convention in the year 2006.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL Tim & Kathy Roberts

The TVC mourns the loss of Henry Hale, a long-time member of the Valley Squares and delegate to the TVC.

The TVC received a total of 32 inquiries from the advertising signs we placed on Tri-met busses in August and September. It will be interesting to see how many of these folks we can get in classes.

We have recently completed the process of choosing a new charity for the council to sponsor. Sometime in January we will be putting on a dance for which the proceeds will go to Bob Miller's Needy Kids. Bob Miller is a radio DJ in Portland. His fund buys glasses and hearing aids for children whose families are unable to do so on their own.

Our 5th Saturday dance in November (two days after Thanksgiving!) will have as its theme "Cold Turkey, Warm Heart". Dancers are asked to bring canned food to be donated to a local food bank for the needy.

Finally, the TVC will be repeating its popular Round Dance Party on Sunday, February 23rd at the Tigard Grange. This year's party will be called "Cheek To Cheek," and will feature dances from phases 2 through 5. Come join us!!

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL Jim Henson & Nancy Cobb

On October 22, 1996, the Umpqua Area Council held a joint club meeting called "Yellow Rock" to air some issues and to promote joint UAC activities. Hopefully the meeting was successful and hopefully all clubs will support UAC activities in the future. The UAC will be participating in the Veterans Day parade in Roseburg with all clubs wearing red, white, and blue square dance attire. Our next fifth Saturday dance in November, is UAC sponsored and all clubs are encouraged to attend.

Our insurance is complete and ready to be handed in. All clubs were very responsive in meeting our deadlines to update our records.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS REPORTS

Nancy Morrissey

The day after our last meeting I was in Portland for work and took the opportunity to visit the Columbians Plus Workshop and Dance. Les Seeley always does a great job.

Since then I have not had the opportunity to do much dancing.

The second week in October I attended my nephew, Sean Morrissey's, Make-a-Wish trip to see the California Condors. He was excited that I was able to participate and we got some good looks at the condors in the rearing facilities and in the wild. The "Today Show" interviewed my nephew and then they filmed both of us walking together. They will do a complete story on the Endangered California condor from the chicks at the San Diego Zoo to the rearing facility at Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge where we visited, to the area where they release the birds in the wild. This special TV program will air in mid December. I was very proud of my nephew as he hiked up and down the hills in over 100 degree weather on his new prosthetic

leg. He has a rare form of cancer known as soft cell sarcoma which required him having his leg removed and is presently undergoing chemotherapy. Just as the California Condors are getting a second chance, I hope and pray that my nephew also gets a second chance at life.

Accompanying me back to Oregon was my mom and cousin who kept me away from square dancing for 12 days while we toured coastal sites.

After their departure I helped out with our square dance lessons and attended the Crab Walk Sashay hosted by the Toledo 49ers last weekend. Everyone had an excellent time.

I plan on dancing more in November and then back to southern California for the Holidays with my family.

JACK & ROSEMARY WILLIAMS

Sorry to mention that Brinkley retired from his program on the television. However, that does not change the relationship of these ambassadors. In fact, things are really revving up for more activities to come. Since Jack is the Vice President of the Bachelor Beauts, he has been participating in the activities he does best, politicking. Actually that isn't all really true as he was in charge of the clean up project in front of the Eastern Star Grange hall, which is the home of the Bachelor Beauts. He has been attending meetings for both the Bachelor Beauts and the Central Oregon Round Up. He has the impressive duty of seeing that the big tent will be erected for the next year's activities. Somehow hunting and a heel have kept him from the real fun of dancing.

As far as the other half of the couple is concerned, there has been more golf and visiting taking place. We did host the caller for one of the dances, Jack Peterson and Jeanne, his lovely wife. They are great conversationalists, giving us a run down of all their moves, their work and their family. What a way to spend time. It really made me aware that callers and cuers also have a life outside of square dancing.

One little side trip that Rosemary took on her own (of course Jack was hunting) was down into California flying from Redmond to Seattle, then Seattle to Sacramento, picking up a rental car and buzzing around that area. Actually, I was there with my daughter and her son, to watch some soccer games that the University of Oregon was playing. They actually played well (especially my granddaughter, Kristi Morris), but did not win. At the first soccer game, against the University of Pacific (Homecoming), I froze even with all my California bad weather clothes on. The next game, against Sacramento State we could have worn shorts.

These coming months will be full as Jack will be responsible for the next meeting of the Bachelor Beauts. We will be attending the Thanksgiving dinner, (my mouth waters just thinking about it) that is hosted by the club. Then, another Mid-Winter Festival, (goody, goody).

KEN & NANCY CARSON

Howdy to everyone!

As you can guess by my southern drawl, we are down south in Gatlinburg, Tenn. sightseeing the Great Smoky Mountains and surrounding area. We are truly enjoying the beautiful, vivid fall colors of the trees. It is quite a wondrous sight.

We enjoyed five days of visiting with our daughter & son-in-law, Vonnie & Larry Nordquist. She was Saints-N-Aints round dance cuer until they moved to Alabama. They just moved into their new home at Harpersville, Alabama. We went with them square dancing to Birmingham and danced with their club, The Circle 8'ers. People are very friendly. Their club has mainstream square dancing with no rounds in between. Their dances end at 10 pm, with socializing and finger foods served in between tips. Alabama has the same problems that we do, especially attracting and keeping new dancers.

By the time you hear this report we will be further south and west. We will be visiting Ken's brother in Texarkana, his niece in Louisiana, and his sister in Houston, Texas, then we start home through New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Sorry we will be missing the November meeting, especially when it is in our own backyard. Right now the travel bug has us and we are enjoying each and every day and this great land of ours.

See you at a square dance somewhere.

TIM & KATHY ROBERTS

Your federation's newest goodwill ambassadors have had little time for visitations, between Kathy, who is chairman of a fund-raising auction involving 2,000 families, a daughter who is getting settled in second grade and a three-year-old who is getting settled into whatever trouble can possibly be found.

We did find time to keep up with the club dances for our home club, the Toe Draggers. This was also the month when the Toe Draggers help the Kinton Grange do their annual Turkey Dinner. Kathy and the club helped serve more than 750 turkey dinners in one day.

We had a good time at the RV 8er's "Goodbye to the Snow Birds" dance at Phil Lewis School in Tigard just after our last state meeting. Even with our own state president and vice president doing their share, we still couldn't put a significant dent in the immense quantity of pies they presented.

We also went to the 4-n-8er's annual corn feed out in Forest Grove. You would think they had a crew of a thousand picking, shucking and cooking corn on the cob for all those people.

Our visit to the Mix-N-Mihgles certainly proved one thing: we both need to work on our Plus dancing before we return.

We also managed to squeeze in a visit to Norm Yoder and the Hillsboro Hoedown, a club that always offers a good time.

We continue to be involved in the planning for a very special Millennium Dance, to be held on New Years Eve 1999, with a team from the TVC, the PAC and Washington's Evergreen Council. You'll be hearing lots more about this special event in the coming months.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRESIDENT Lee Ashwill

I would like to thank South Coast for their hospitality, for the food, for the accommodations, we always have a good time when we come down here and this was no different. It was just great.

Barb & I would like to thank Don & Helen Schriener for the hospitality at the Potato Festival. We also had a great time down there. Attendance was not as big as usual due to the snow over the pass, but it did not stop the enthusiasm.

For those of you who have not seen it, there was a Public Access television program accomplished in Portland and has been aired this past week and a half and our very own Ed Warmouth was the moderator of that and Ed we viewed that tape and we think you did one heck of a job.

I would like this Executive body to let me know feedback on the time frames. This was not intended to cut anyone off of anything that they had to say. As we traveled, we have heard from the dancers, that there would be more attendance at the State Meetings if they were speeded up a little bit. We have tried to do that, but if it is offensive to anyone you just have to tell us and we will go back to the way it was and drop those time frames out. We personally believe that there are more meetings in this State than necessary and for that reason, there will be no Officer meeting at the Mid-Winter Festival. We are going down there to dance!!

LOLA ROBELLO (Corresponding Secretary)

I just want to thank the South Coast. And for the weather, you guys did real well on that. That will be a hard act to follow for Mid-Winter. I would also like to thank the South Coast for my swing.

PRESIDENT Lee Ashwill

Thanked the South Coast Council. In our goal, we established we would like to visit every council, either at a council meeting or special dance during this next year and by changing your meetings and allowing us to attend your meeting down here, that takes one more off our list.

RAY JONES (Emerald Empire)

Wanted to ensure that project 2000 is not forgotten. Lee assured him that it will not be forgotten.

RAY BUNCH:

In reference to what Larry Reetz said about the meetings at Mid-Winter. I assume that you made the decision not to have an area council, presidents meeting. Lee said that was correct.

MOTION by Doug Pederson

I move that we adjourn.

Seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodene Hughes, Recording Secretary