



**OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2000  
CLATSKANIE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**

President Barbi Ashwill (Lee) brought the November 12, 2000, meeting of the Federation of Square & Round Clubs to order at 9:00 a.m. at Clatskanie Middle High School.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Nancy Cobb as follows:

Officers: First Vice President Linda Lambert (Ralph), Second Vice President Kay Rogers (Jim), Recording Secretary Nancy Cobb, Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Schmit (Ron), Membership Clara Kilbourne (Frank), Treasurer Don Reed (Elizabeth), Past President Larry Reetz (Carol).

Appointed Officers: Financial Advisor Gary Willoughby (Betty), Parliamentarian Tim Roberts (Kathy), Historian Don Morris (Karel), State Publicity/Reporter Ed Warmoth (Mary), Education Chairman Lola Robella (Tony).

Delegates: Blue Mountain - Bonnie Berry (Don), Central Oregon - Virginia Meyers (Hal), Eastern Oregon - Lorene Griffith (George), Emerald Empire - Angie Barta (Alan Prichard), Interstate Highlanders - Cathy Pochatko (Ron), Lincoln-Tillamook - Buzz Buczkowski (Kathy), Mid-Willamette - Harriet Livingston, Portland - Bill Rooper (Annadale), Roque Sis-Q - Rex Bounds (Jeri), South Coast - Karel Morris (Don), Sunset - Mac Wilcox (Pauline), Tualatin Valley - Carolyn Bosch (Bob), and Umpqua - John Hernandez (Esther Thompson-Wood).

Committee Chairs: 2001 Mid-Winter Festival - Noel & Tina Cykler, 2002 Mid-Winter - Larry & Carol Reetz, 2001 Summer Festival - Doug & LaDauna Hartzell, 2002 Summer Festival - Lee & Barbi Ashwill, Insurance - Jim Rogers (Kay), BMI/ASCAP - Ralph Lambert (Linda), Youth Activities Coordinator - Ann Skoe (Roger), State Fair - Ray Bunch (for Fran), ORDTA - Dennis Smith (Elaine), and Caller Advisor - Roger Putzler (Linda). Absent: 2004 Summer Festival and Round Dance Screening - Barbara & Larry Schaumburg, and OFN Editor - Louise Kneese.

Active Goodwill Ambassadors: Tim & Kathy Robert and Don & Karel Morris. Absent. Dick &

Marge Pentecost; Ray & Betty Jones; and Benjamin & Penny Brown.

Past President Larry Reetz gave the invocation. First Vice President Linda Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES.** Rex Bounds moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2000, meeting as presented, seconded by Larry Reetz. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** President Barbi Ashwill announced the meeting was being recorded. She gave a hearty thank you to the hosting Sunset Empire Council for the tremendous weekend of dancing and the great potluck. She asked all members to have reimbursement forms ready on Saturday for Kay Rogers to approve; Kay then passes the approved forms to Don Reed so he can write checks. It's helpful if that's done on Saturday, then Don doesn't have to spend the whole weekend writing checks. Barbi announced there would not be an Officers' meeting at Mid-Winter Festival, as that time slot has been pre-empted so Les and Paula Seeley can do the follow-up recruiting seminar. The seminar is listed in the program books that have been distributed today. She asked everyone to be sure and attend the education workshop.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** First Vice President Linda Lambert said she was sorry they were unable to attend the dance last night due to a prior commitment. She thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the last two months while both she and her family were having health problems. She will soon be released by the doctor to dance again! She was able to attend meetings of both the 2001 Mid-Winter Festival and the 2002 Summer Festival committees. Linda asked everyone to purchase their Festival ribbons, as their support was needed.

Linda asked everyone to please note the following changes to the State Directory, noting they would also be included in the next issue of the OFN:

(1) Page 66, Toe Dragers, change the cuer's name from Fling to Flint. (2) Page 74, change Bev Fling to Bev Flint. (3) Page 65, Tri-Squares, change the cuer information to Janne Norton, 17555 S. Clackamas River Road, Oregon City, OR 97405, (503) 631-8660. (4) Page 65, remove page number 65 from Connie Clark's name and add page number 65 to Janne Norton's name. (5) Page 19, Goodwill Ambassadors, Benjamin and Penny Brown's information needs to be listed as follows: 822 NW Murray Blvd. #155, Portland, OR 97229, (503) 504-6802. (6) Page 25, High Lake Swingers, change the Secretary's last name from Horskey to Huskey. (7) Page 25, High Lake Swingers, change the delegate information from Annette Minix, 1025 SE Shadowood Drive, Bend, OR 97702, (541) 318-5334. (8) Page 25, Sagebrush Shufflers, change the Secretary's last name from Auxier to McDaniel. (9) Page 44, Salem Swingin' Stars, change the cuer information to First Friday - Janne Norton, 17555 S. Clackamas River Road, Oregon City, OR 97405, (503) 631-8660 AND Third Friday - Jeanine Norden, 17520 SW Cheyenne Way, Tualatin, OR 97062, (503) 692-4482. (10) New Area Secretary is Denise (Jim) Harris, 820 E. 11th St., Coquille, OR 97423 - (541) 396-2453.

She concluded by saying she still had State Directories available for purchase. Also, submit any further changes in writing so they can be included in the minutes and the OFN. She asked the delegates to request each club in the Councils to submit copies of their minutes to her, so she can be informed of

each club's activities.

**2001 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL REPORT.** Noel Cykler (Tina) reported registrations had been received as follows: Full three-day ribbons - 302; RV registrations - 104. Others - 12. Four to five registrations are being received each day and Noel will have an updated report at the January meeting.

At the Fairgrounds, the entry way is done and the new courtyard should be completed by December 5, 2000. At that time, Clyde Charter will evaluate the area for sound. The Fairgrounds has given the Mid-Winter Committee an opportunity to work off some of the cost of the building rental for this coming festival by donating members' time during the State Volleyball Tournament held over the past weekend.

In return, Mid-Winter's fee for facilities will be reduced - although Noel wasn't sure by what amount. Program books have been distributed and more are available to be picked up, along with registration forms. Mimi and Red Mills and Tina helped sell advertising, with more sold than ever before. Zola and Ray Jones put the program book together and did a good job. Noel suggested everyone check the program books for meeting times, as some times have been changed. Small, individual program schedules will be available at the Festival.

Barbi said because of the Reciprocal Agreement with Washington Footnotes for advertising, she had received an e-mail from the Footnotes editor saying they hadn't received a Mid-Winter flyer and wanted to be able to put it in their December and January issues; Barbi thought the deadline was November 15. She forwarded the e-mail to Zola Jones and asked Noel if Zola had contacted him. He responded she had not, but he would call her as soon as he returned home. Upon questioning by Virginia Meyers, Noel said there would be assisted hearing devices in the round dance hall, as well as in each main hall and hopefully in the Expo Hall for the round dance teaches.

**2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL.** Doug Hartzell (LaDauna) said the 2001 Summer Festival was coming "along great." Program books are about to go to press, so if anyone has an item to be included, it can be submitted within the next few days and still be included. All arrangements have been made with local and state callers and cuers for Thursday and Friday nights. The committees are working well together. Don Bramhall is chair of the traveling committee, which has been very active, and members have been enjoying a good reception. Doug said they would like to know about any special dances clubs were holding and, especially, about midway and beginner graduation dances, so they could attend. He noted that folks who have asked to help will be contacted as the event gets closer, so they shouldn't feel like they're being overlooked or their help isn't needed - if they haven't already been contacted. Doug said any problems that people have heard about the Fairgrounds for the 2001 Summer Festival are not cause for concern. He had reviewed the contracts, made necessary amendments and matters are being resolved. They have some special events planned, including a Museum Dance and a tremendous after party at Mid-Winter. He thanked his committees for their hard work. A quilt being raffled was displayed and tickets are for sale.

Bob Bosch pointed out the 2001 Summer Festival chair was not properly attired (in good humor). Barbi noted Doug did not have the appropriate badge - it was suggested he pay a \$10.00 fine, but Barbi said that could be negotiated but it would cost him at least \$1.00. Doug retorted his wife says he does not look good in pink! Barbi said he could pay Bob Bosch his fine, since Bob noticed the lapse.

**2002 MID WINTER.** Larry Reetz reported the caller and cuer contracts have been signed. Badges

have been designed and the ribbon order should be made in the next few weeks. Mid-Winter dates in 2002 are January 25, 26 and 27th.

**2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL.** Lee Ashwill(Barbi ) reported the 2002 Summer Festival organizational meeting was held on November 5, 2000, with 34 dancers in attendance. Contracts have been signed for callers and cuers. A contract is in the works for an on-site restaurant and for the sound system. The advertising flyer has been developed and a copy will be sent to the Summer Festival 2001 for inclusion in the Program Book. 2002 Summer Festival ribbons would be available, but it would upset Mr. Hartzell and they don't want to upset him just yet, but will wait until the conclusion of 2001 Summer Festival to do that. In closing, as a good sport, Lee said "Go Beavers."

**2004 SUMMER FESTIVAL.** Barbi noted Barbara and Larry Schaumburg are not in attendance but Assistant Chair Kay and Jim Rogers would give a report. Kay said they've made inquiries about callers and cuers. The Hayshakers will be holding a festival on the fourth weekend in October 2001, which will be an opportunity for a "shakedown cruise" for the Seaside Convention Center so when 2004 Summer Festival is held, the Sunset Empire Council will know exactly what it's dealing with.

(See First Vice President report for two additional corrections (9) to the Directory).

**OREGON FEDERATION NEWS.** Linda Lambert reported Louise Kneese was unable to attend this meeting so there was no report. However, at this meeting a sign-up sheet for people to work the OFN subscription table is normally distributed. Linda has started that sign-up sheet around the table and asked that it be returned to her. Linda Lambert moved that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs approve the appointment of Dave and Jodene Hughes as editor of the Oregon Federation News effective February 2, 2001, as recommended by the OFN Advisory Committee, subject to approval by the POOF's at their January 2001 meeting, seconded by Larry Reetz. Question was called for by Bob Bosch and Barbi repeated the motion. Upon questioning by Ed Warmoth, Linda explained the Hughes' appointment would be until July 2001, which would fill Louise's term. At that time, the state would be looking for a new team, but Linda felt sure Dave and Jodene would commit to another two year term, but that wasn't confirmed. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Upon questioning by Linda Lambert, Tim Roberts stated the virus protection software has not yet been purchased, but will be in a short time. He noted the OFN computer acquired an e-mail virus in September while the OFN Editor was trying to find an e-mail server. The virus didn't cause much damage. The e-mail server was immediately changed to JUNO, which isn't affected by the virus, and the virus has been sitting dormant since that time. However, the software is necessary, two copies are needed and it will cost about \$40.00 each copy. Linda said the budgeted amount for a printer upgrade was less than expected; therefore, the money for the software could come from that budget without overspending the budget or needing additional funds approved.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT.** Kay Rogers welcomed everyone to "our little corner of the state." Now that you know the road runs in two directions, we hope you'll be back real soon. She and Jim have been dancing around this area and have enjoyed several Halloween dances. They are looking forward to dancing around the state more in the next few years. She has been talking to printers in Longview about the directory for next year, but thought ducks and beavers would be a hard act to follow.

**RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT.** Nancy Cobb said she had provided a written reported, noting she was pleased to have the first meeting behind her and the minutes approved. She said the cost of mailing minutes was included in the report (approximately \$1.15 each). As she was unsure whether or not members would want full copies of the reports handed out at the last meeting, she made copies and handed them out rather than mailing them because it would have cost an additional \$1.00 each. She asked those present to give an indication about whether or not they actually wanted the individual reports.

Linda Lambert moved that all reports be included in the minutes, seconded by Cathy Pochatko. Nancy asked for clarification, if the reports edited for the minutes would be acceptable, or if the motion indicated verbatim reports. Linda stated she meant verbatim reports, noting they had always gone into the minutes verbatim. Ed Warmoth said the state minutes mailed consisted of 15 pages, including a summary of the reports. He asked if copies available at the meeting wouldn't be acceptable, considering the cost in postage. Bill Rooper agreed with Ed that a summary in the minutes would be acceptable, with the reports as attachments to the official record copy of the minutes. Linda felt the verbal reports at meetings would get longer because the information people want to provide at the state meeting wouldn't get to the state until the following meeting, if reports are handed out at the next meeting. Upon questioning by Cathy, Nancy said everyone attending this meeting receives a copy of the minutes, which contained a condensed version of the reports. She said she attempted to get all pertinent information into the minutes, saying that some reports were verbatim. Cathy suggested that a copy of the reports be sent to each Council. Nancy clarified that officers leaving office also received a copy of the last meeting minutes. Upon further questioning, she clarified that everyone received a copy of the minutes. The reports were not sent, because she had summarized them in the minutes, because she was trying to save money. The 15 pages of minutes sent out cost 55 cents postage each, plus copying, totaling \$1.15 for each set. The reports from the last meeting distributed at this meeting cost \$44.00 to copy; if they had been mailed it would have cost at least another \$1 each set for postage. Barbi restated the motion that the minutes include reports submitted verbatim. After a show of hands, motion failed, with seven voting in favor and eight against.

Nancy said because the vote was so close, she would be sure that people who want copies of the reports would get them in a timely fashion. She asked that anyone who did want them to let her know. She also asked those who would like her to e-mail the minutes as an attachment to let her know that, as it would save both postage and copying costs (a sheet was sent around for those present to indicate their desire to receive the reports and indicate if they wanted minutes e-mailed).

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT.** Since Veterans Day was yesterday, Marilyn Schmit asked all veterans to stand for a round of applause. The following have been sent cards:

Sympathy: Paula Davis, Newport ( loss of father); Rex Kniesteadt, The Dalles ( loss of mother); Family of Bud Parrot, Albany ( Bud's death); Sally Baechle, New York ( loss of husband - USDA Facilities Chair).

Thinking of You and Get Well: John Hans, Florence (heart problems); Chet Martin, Coos Bay (stomach pains); Barbara Schaumburg, Portland ( cancer treatment); Tim Roberts, Tigard ( gall bladder surgery); Al Brown, Newport; Jim Neely, Stanfield; and Linda Lambert, Salem.

She asked again that delegates let her know about club members who could use a card. She only hears from a few clubs. She also asked them to check with clubs to be sure the club secretaries listed in the directory were correct so the ballots would go to the right person.

As Marilyn will be in Branson, Missouri, for the January meeting, she requested and received permission to seat Annadale Rooper as Corresponding Secretary Pro Tem for that meeting. She thanked Annadale.

**SHOWCASE OF IDEAS REPORT.** Marilyn Schmit reported receiving the official invitation to participate in the Anaheim Showcase of Ideas. She will be sending the completed application back when she returns home. She also received the Publications Display entry. At the last meeting, she requested names and pictures, if possible, of dancers who have danced 40 years or more, but had only received information from Karel Morris for the South Coast area. She said everyone's input was needed because she and Ron aren't familiar with all the dancers of the Oregon Federation.

**UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA (USDA) REPORT.** Marilyn Schmit said her Executive Committee requests for reports for the Winter Meeting are almost ready to be sent. All reports are due back to her by Christmas. She had updated the Affiliate President listing and will be sending those out to the Regional Vice Presidents to complete the updates. The California Square Dance Council has offered USDA space for a National Museum in San Diego and this will be discussed at the Winter Meeting in Branson. Walt Baechle, the Facilities Director on the Executive Committee, passed away after a short bout with cancer. His wife, Sally, will continue in his place.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Don Reed said he distributed 40 financial reports. He said he would be happy to answer questions.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT.** Clara Kilbourne thanked the Sunset Empire Council for the wonderful weekend. She reported all clubs and Councils, except one club in Rogue Sis-Q, were in compliance with requirements for membership. As new membership chair, she said she wanted to seek the support and help from all Councils. Membership packets will be distributed at the January meeting, and will include a self-addressed envelope for all clubs to return the membership information to her. She requested the Insurance Chair to provide her with a copy of the clubs' rosters to use as a point of reference when she receives membership information. She really wanted to facilitate the clubs providing the necessary information without having to be threatening. Barbi thanked her and said she appreciated the vote of confidence to serve as a state officer and help the clubs, because she and Lee believed that is why "we are in these offices, to help our dancers and our clubs."

**INSURANCE REPORT.** Jim Rogers thanked everyone for the good job of getting the insurance paperwork in on time this year. He reported the USDA, the Federation's insurance carrier, made a major change in premium policy this year and now requires any new members joining a club before June 30, to pay the \$2.50 premium. He asked that the name and addresses of new members and a check made out to the Oregon Federation be sent to him. Class members are still free until they join a club. Discussion ensued about the new requirement. Ray Bunch felt six months was half way through the premium year and that perhaps the insurance year should run from June to June to avoid this situation. It basically eliminates receiving free insurance for students and he didn't feel it was right. He thought it might be time for the Insurance Committee to check into the matter, including Washington

State as they do not use USDA. Upon questioning by Ed Warmoth, Marilyn Schmit said she hadn't heard anything about this through USDA but, while she is at the USDA meeting in Branson, she would let the Loraine Backus, the insurance chair, know that Oregon isn't happy with that decision. Loraine would, in turn, take it back to the insurance company. Kay Rogers noted that while Federation membership is down, the Federation is enjoying the same coverage without a rate increase. USDA is only asking for new members joining a club between January and June to be paid for. Class members don't have to pay until they join a club. She felt Jim would be happy to check with alternate insurance carriers, but she didn't feel this was an unreasonable request. Linda reminded everyone that it would only affect the new members of a club who have not been a member of a Federated club that has already paid for insurance. Ed Warmoth pointed out the insurance coverage provides protection for dancers.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** Larry Reetz (Carol) said, in the Directory and Mid-Winter Pamphlet, there are ads for the Oregon Federation Benefit Dance scheduled for April 1, 2001, at the Salem Square Dance Center. He asked everyone to spread the invitation to the dance. He also announced at the Delegates Meeting yesterday that nominations are due in January for officers for 2001-2002. He said there seems to be some apathy about serving as an officer in the Federation, as well as at the Council and club levels. However, some of the positions are necessary to keep programs running, like square and round dancing, contra, clogging, and asked each person present to solicit volunteers stressing the importance of serving. He also noted the Federation meetings are open and members enjoy comraderie and fellowship with dancers all over the state. He has received two nomination applications so there are some people looking forward to next year.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT.** Tim Roberts distributed a three page update to the Practices & Procedures to the recipients of the new P&P's (Practices & Procedures), which added some items that should have been included in the September printing. He also distributed 43 newly ordered copies of the P&P's to some of the Councils, which is more than were printed up for the Executive Board! He thanked everyone for the interest. He still has two copies for sale at \$7.00 each. He still needs to send a copy to each Council President pursuant to the P&P's, which will cost another \$100.00. Rex Bounds asked for a duplicate of future updates for the delegates so the Council copies could be updated. Lee Ashwill thanked Tim for all his work on the P&P's, noting that the printer forgot to punch holes for three-ring binders and Tim did that himself.

**PUBLICITY REPORT.** Ed Warmoth had distributed a sheet entitled "State Publicity Hotline" and on the reverse "On to Anaheim." He asked that the flyer be distributed to all Councils and clubs. He asked to receive club publicity flyers for major dances; they can be submitted by fax, e-mail, or regular mail. The intent is to start a calendar of major dances to be published in the OFN. He said \$4,226 is still available for advertising to be done by area councils, with matching contributions. Eight councils still have up to \$400 available to them for advertising, beamed at non-dancers. He thought Emerald Empire might be able to utilize the funds to advertise for Mid-Winter to invite people to come and watch the dancing and promote square dancing. Ed reminded everyone there are 600 green and yellow decals that sell for \$1 apiece. He noted the toll free state publicity number is 1-800-637-7321 and is backed up by a telephone recorder. He said Lola Robello is preparing for a State Square Dance Week and to watch for future information. Upcoming events include Mid-Winter Festival, State Federation Board meeting in May, the National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim, the Redmond 2001 Summer Festival and the Oregon State Fair. On the reverse of his flyer is information about the National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim. Ed stated there are 192 people registered from Oregon

and 158 from Washington. Registrations tallied 6,958 through September, which compares with Oregon's 9,816 at its last National Convention in the same time frame, which is the highest registration in recent years. People still talk about the good time they had in Oregon. Other information includes RV, housing and dates. Ed advised he had registration forms for Anaheim.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT.** Gary Willoughby had no report.

**EDUCATION ADVISOR'S REPORT.** Lola Robello (Tony) said they were very excited about bringing Square Dance Week back to the Oregon. They are planning the dates of August 18th through August 25th to avoid Labor Day Weekend and school starting. She would like each club to appoint a person, maybe the publicity chair, to be in charge of Square Dance Week and to contact her every couple of months with their ideas for the event. She shared Ed Warmoth's suggestions to encourage dancers to schedule and publicize local demos at malls, county fairs and similar locations; dedicate one regular dance night to an open house or bring a guest time and include light refreshments to provide opportunity for table talk; and/or plan a contest of some kind. She will have a packet of information at the Mid-Winter state meeting. Her e-mail address is "lolalrobs@aol.com." Barbi said it sounded exciting.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT.** Don Morris (Karel) reported he had completed an inventory of everything he has in storage and gave the information to Barbi (Ashwill). In going through the Summer Festival informational books, which incidentally, each Summer Festival Committee is supposed to make, he only has 14 available at this time. As some are much more detailed and have more information, he assigned a rating on a master list of the more useful ones and designed a check-out system for keeping track of the Summer Festival books. He asked that future Festival committee persons cooperate with the Historian to make it work. At the present time, Don is looking for the books from 1988 and 1992, having discovered where 1996, 1997 and 1998 books are during this meeting. If you have these books, or know who does, please let him know. There are forms available for checking out the information books. The newest mini-banners were given to him and have been added to the three big banners and will be on display at Mid-Winter. As a reminder, any club planning to make a mini-banner, the size is 6"x 6" and made of cloth. Do not glue felt designs or letters together, as they come apart more easily.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BMI/ASCAP REPORT.** In Ralph Lambert's absence, Linda gave the lengthy report of "everything is current with both organizations."

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT.** Anne Skoe (Roger) made a proposal related to the Board's fifth goal, that of supporting youth in our activity. She suggested that the Federation encourage clubs to have a "Youth Rate" for dances, if they don't already have one, of \$1 less than the regular adult rate. Clubs are discouraged from making the youth rate FREE, because people need to pay "something for something." The suggested age for reduced pricing is 18 and below. The target is all K-12 school age kids since most of them rely on parental assistance for money.

Kathy Roberts announced the Portland and Tualatin Valley Councils are working together to have a youth dance on Saturday, February 17, 2001, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tualatin Grange. Flyers will be distributed during the break. She asked that any club with kids taking lessons or as members be

invited to the dance, and invited adults to come as well. Anne Skoe will be the caller and Debbie Combs will cue. Dave Cooper will be a guest cuer and will bring his 49 students. Barbi said it was a great event to look forward to and encouraged everyone to support this dance.

**STATE FAIR COORDINATOR'S REPORT.** In Fran's absence, Ray Bunch reported receiving a phone call requesting that the format be changed for the State Fair. This group of folks would like to dance one time with 25 squares. However, the State Fair chairman advised there is not room to accommodate this event during the Fair. Afternoon scheduling could be changed to a two or three hour block instead of taking a break, however, it's felt the best advertisement is to have people walking around the grounds in square dance attire. Ray said they can't make too many changes as they have to do what the Fair says. If the Federation would rather not dance at the Fair, it might be time to pursue not dancing at the Fair. At the last Fair, there were five afternoons and two evenings where there was no dancing. He asked for input. Lola Robello said it was suggested at yesterday's Officers' Meeting that perhaps allowing single dancers, rather than a square from a club, might help. Rex Bounds moved to support Ray and Fran in their efforts now and in the future and have state fair dancing remain the same. Tim Roberts explained a motion wasn't necessary to leave things the way they are. Barbi asked people with suggestions for Ray and Fran to mail them to them. Ray said suggestions made at the January meeting would be fine. He also said if individuals wanted to dance at a certain time, to let him and Fran know, as long as there is sufficient lead time.

**ORDTA REPORT.** Dennis Smith (Elaine) reported that ORDTA had its fall meeting on October 7, 2000, at the Springfield Dance Center, at which time amendments to their bylaws were approved that simplify membership requirements and procedures. ORDTA requests that the delegates remind their area clubs about the panel that ORDTA will present at Mid-Winter "So You Want to be a Cuer." Several cuers from around the state will be on this panel and will present useful information for prospective cuers. A business meeting was held, followed by a discussion concerning classes, including ideas to make lessons easier for the students, things to make them more fun, and helpful hints in general. On October 14, ORDTA lost one more of its founding members, Bud Parrott. He was instrumental in the formation of ROUNDALAB. ORDTA's founding members were Bud and Shirley Parrott, Lloyd and Elise Ward, and Bill and Elaine Funk. The only surviving founding member is Elaine Funk.

Upon questioning, Dennis said the presentation "So You Want to be a Cuer" would be Saturday afternoon. The information has been included in the Mid Winter Program Book (Written report attached to minutes).

**ROUND DANCE SCREENING.** Dennis Smith said Barbara Schaumburg had e-mailed her report, which he submitted. He read the report into the record: "The Round of the Month for January 2001 is "Stood Up," written by Mike Seurer, Roswell, New Mexico, chosen by Interstate Highlanders. The Round of the Month for February 2001 is "The Marvelous Toy," written by Milo and Carol Molitorii, Susanville, California, chosen by Lincoln-Tillamook. E-mail notifications have been sent out. She's still having a problem getting people to notify her when they have a change in ROM representatives. She asked for suggestions to resolve the problem. Dennis said Barbara asked him to thank everyone for the cards and e-mail she has received.

**CALLER ADVISER'S REPORT.** Roger Putzler commented he wanted to follow Lee Ashwill's lead

about being a good sport, but his mama told him “if you can’t say anything good don’t say it at all - go Beavs.” He had no report.

**DELEGATE MEETING REPORT.** Mac Wilcox said he was told to take very precise notes at the Delegates’ Meeting, but the first thing he heard was Larry Reetz saying “Picture me on my hands and knees! (Laughter),” which wasn’t hard for him to do. He said Larry has now given his report for him, as he already asked everyone to obtain nominations for office. During the meeting Lee Ashwill asked for a few minutes to report on the OFN editor situation, which Linda reported first thing this morning. Ray gave a nice report about the situation at the State Fair, so Mac was saved from making that report. The motions discussed at the Delegates’ Meeting, will soon be acted upon. He said they actually didn’t do much and that was the end of his report.

As there was no old business, Barbi announced the break.

BREAK. 10:32 TO 10:50 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

Larry Reetz moved that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs authorize a \$50.00 expenditure from the Square Dance Enhancement Fund for the purpose of offsetting Les and Paula Seeley’s expenses in conducting a “Follow-Up” Recruiting Seminar during Mid-Winter Festival 2001, seconded by Karel Morris. Bob Bosch called for the question, motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Larry Reetz moved that the \$5,000.00, less expenses incurred, allocated to keep the 43rd National Square Dance Convention Corporation open, be immediately reallocated to the 54th National Square Dance Convention if Oregon is successful in securing the bid in Anaheim, California, in June 2001, seconded by Buzz Buczkowski. Bob Bosch called for the question. Motion was voted on and carried, with Bill Rooper voting no.

Larry Reetz moved that the \$25,000.00 from the profit of the 43rd National Square Dance Convention, which was “earmarked” to be utilized as a loan to host a future National Square Dance Convention, be distributed to the 54th National Square Dance Convention corporation immediately upon the award of the bid if Oregon is successful in securing the bid in Anaheim, California in June 2001 (the loan to be interest free), seconded by Rex Bounds. Buzz Buczkowski called for the question. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

### **DELEGATE REPORTS**

**BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL.** Bonnie Berry (Don) reported some clubs in her Council elected to use suggestions from Les Seeley’s class at Summer Festival, some had not. LaGrande Star Promenaders elected not to and their class is struggling. The Baker City Elkhorn Swingers used many of the suggestions, and have high numbers of new dancers in their class. She felt Les’ class was valuable and suggested that delegates who have clubs struggling with change, might consider changing. LaGrande had their special “Hobo” Dance, with other clubs invited. They had the “Best Dressed Hobo” the King and Queen Hobo and a stew everyone added to in the big stew pot. LaGrande Club is planning a hay

ride on November 18th, followed by a chili dog meal and dance. December 9th LaGrande and Baker City Clubs will join together for a Christmas Dinner and Dance. Baker City is hosting. LaGrande's Round Dancers are practicing some special numbers for the entertainment. Elgin's Indian Valley Paraders are planning their annual New Year's Eve Dance and have invited the clubs in the Council to join in. (Written report attached to minutes).

**CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL.** Virginia Meyers reported The Sagebrush Shufflers hosted a crowd of people at the Painted Hills celebration in Mitchell, which attracted several people to lessons in Powell Butte. Square dance lessons started on September 9th with 27 new dancers enrolled. A used clothing sale was held on October 22nd and 29th. The Halloween Dance on October 23rd was well attended. The Detroit Week-end, hosted by the Bachelor Beauts and the Braids & Braves, was a huge success, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of Dave and Jodene Hughes and hospitality extended by Detroit. The Saturday night spaghetti dinner, hosted by the Fire Department, and the Sunday morning breakfast, hosted by the local snowmobile club, were well attended and plentiful! The After School Vision program manned a snack booth at the dance and the food (and prices) were super. Dave and Barbi Cooper instructing are instructing round dance lessons. The beginners' square dance lessons will begin on January 4th. The Club is sending out post cards with the upcoming dances listed to members who have not attended dances lately reminding them that they are missed. The Red Rock Squares had a camp out at Mitchell and joined the Sagebrush Shufflers in the demo at the Painted Hills Festival. The Whirl-a-Ways hosted the Red Rocks at a camp out at McKenzie Bridge, where they served a great hobo stew for the evening meal on Saturday night and an equally tasty breakfast on Sunday morning. A third annual camp out for the two clubs is being planned for next August. The Red Rocks will be dancing in the Redmond Christmas parade on Saturday after Thanksgiving. Their beginning square dance lessons will start on January 8th. Dave Cooper is teaching square dancing again this year at Jewell School in Bend, with 57 fourth and fifth graders, and some parents now taking lessons with the Sagebrush Shufflers. The Red Rocks went to Hood River on October 21 to advertise the 2001 Summer Festival. The Swinging Mountaineers and the Sagebrush Shufflers hosted a very good Fifth Saturday dance on September 30th. The Ft. Rock Hoedown was a successful weekend, with good dancing and fun activities, ending with a scrumptious breakfast on Sunday morning. The High Lake Swingers had their Birthday Dance on October 14th and a Christmas Dance will be held at the LaPine Elementary School. Virginia said the Central Oregon Area Council wishes everyone in our Square Dance Family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a most HAPPY NEW YEAR. (Written report attached to minutes).

**EASTERN OREGON AREA COUNCIL.** Lorene Griffith (George) said she submitted her written report. She noted both area clubs planned to start lessons in January. (Written report attached to minutes).

**EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL.** Angie Barta said she had no report to submit. She distributed copies of a flyer for the Boots and Sandals Christmas Dance. There will be a Beginners' Jamboree at the Springfield Square Dance Center on December 3 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The Sweethome Squarenaders are having a Thanksgiving Dinner Dance on November 18 at the Oaksites school gym in Sweethome. She especially thanked Ed Warmoth for noting information about advertising funds in his report as she can now answer a question she received about the money for promoting square dancing. They are planning advertising for an event similar to Square Dance Week.

**INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS.** Cathy Pochatko (Ron) reported Ron Pochatko is the new caller for

the Happy Huggers. Workshops that started in September had to be canceled due to lack of participation. A beginners' class will start on Sunday, January 7th. The Tule Twirlers have scheduled a beginner hoedown for April 29th, 2001. They are also trying to schedule a Saturday night beginner dance prior to the hoedown. Classes have begun on Mondays and Wednesdays and party nights will now be held at Altamont School Cafeteria on the first Saturday of the month. K.C. Squares have resumed class on September 20th and beginner classes started on September 21st. The annual potato harvest dance was on October 20th and 21st. The Tall Town Travelers provided no report. The Interstate Highlanders have given up their post office box as the rates were raised from \$2.00 to \$44.00 per year. The new address is % Connie Driessen, PO Box 1152, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. The Interstate Highlanders Dance scheduled for June has been canceled due to the National Convention in California, but they may have it in April instead. New Year's Eve Dance is in the planning stage to be hosted by the Interstate Highlanders. (Written report attached to minutes).

**LINCOLN TILLAMOOK COUNCIL.** Buzz Buczkowski said the Coast Swingers at Garibaldi are having a Veterans Dance on November 11th along with a turkey raffle. On November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving, they will share left-over goodies. December 9th will be their Christmas Dance with \$5.00 gift exchange. Their beginner dance class is doing well with 8 adults and 4 teenagers. He asked for prayers for Sherri Miller, their President, who hasn't been well. The Sea Twirlers were very pleased to have Lee and Barbi Ashwill attend one of their dances in October. December 8th will be their Christmas dance and then they will be dark until January. They hope to begin lessons in February. The Toledo 49ers followed all of Les Seeley's suggestions with poor results. After sending out letters to 57 households and calling each one the week before class was to begin, there was a turnout of 2 couples, 2 singles and 2 children. After the fourth week, they were very disappointed to have to cancel class. They hope to try again in January after the hunting and fishing seasons are over. Four snowbird couples have gone south but they will try to survive. Sam Scott still has a plus group on Mondays and Charlotte Jeskey has A-1 on Tuesdays in Newport. Snowbirds have left the Waldport Sunset Squares with only two couples that still dance so they can't continue to function without more people. All dances have been canceled until May when they start up again with their Birthday Dance. In a positive light, Buzz said Lincoln County has a "Hi Neighbor Lady" who greets new people moving into with County with information and always includes times and places of square dances and when lessons start. He also plans to contact the Tillamook County "Hi Neighbor" person to offer similar information. He said he hated to give such a "gloom and doom" report but things are not good at the Coast, but they are going to hang in there and fight to continue. Barbi reminded everyone that the Federation is one big family and if anyone has suggestions to help Buzz and Cathy, to be sure and let them know. She thanked Buzz and Cathy for their efforts. (Written report attached to minutes).

**MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL.** Harriet Livingston thanked Ray Bunch for distributing the insurance forms in her absence at their last Council meeting. She said he must have "put the fear of God" in her members, because when she returned, she only had four (of 16 clubs) who hadn't returned their forms. Out of the 16 area clubs, all but one are having lessons. Independence Wagon Wheelers used the recruiting suggestions and doubled the number of new dancers at their class. The Swingin' Stars also used the suggestions, but their numbers are down. Their first new dancer dance will be on November 21st in Lebanon; the Mid-Willamette Area then has about one new dancer dance a week until March or April. She thanked Sunset Empire for the delicious meal last night and apologized for missing the dance (due to a visitation of her club in Vancouver). Swingin' Stars will be doing an Adopt-A-Highway program and volunteering to man the rest area stops as a fund-raiser.

**PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL.** Bill Rooper thanked everyone who participated in the September state meeting. He noted it's one thing to plan a meeting, but it isn't a success unless people come. He said they planned for 100 guests and less than 50 showed up for the meal. He also received a request from an area club that the insurance forms, which are due back to the Federation by October 15, be distributed by September 1 to give ample time to complete and return them in time. Several area clubs are planning new dancer Jamborees. The Council has a coordinator trying to avoid scheduling conflicts by advertising these dances. Their regular fifth Friday dance was well attended. Callerlab has completed group studies of "discontinued dancers" and "non-dancers" in the Portland area, as well as several other Metropolitan areas across the nation. The final report is due by the end of the year. Due to the sale of the Portland Square Dance Center, several clubs have had to find new dance halls. A new directory with maps and other information is being prepared. PAC and TVA (Tualatin Valley) will hold their annual Christmas dinner on December 11th at JJ North's restaurant on 106th and Halsey Streets. Anyone who would like to come is welcome. Lola Robello, PAC's long time Sunshine person, has retired due to health problems. The Silver Stars club from Vancouver is in the process or has already applied for membership in the Oregon Federation and the PAC. The dress code committee made their report as follows: For regular dances, any clean, untattered clothing may be worn, except cut-offs, shorts, Bermuda shorts, sweat suit or revealing clothing. This applies only to PAC dances, as each individual club is entitled to their own dress code. Guidelines for when or if the PAC would supply monetary assistance to a club in need were voted on. TVC and PAC are planning a teen dance in February 2001. Barbi pointed out one of her goals was for "all" Officers, Delegates and Goodwill Ambassadors to attend the potluck and dance so please come and support your host Council at these meetings. Sometimes you may not be able to attend but please contact the host delegate and let them know ahead of time so they know how many guests to plan for.

**ROGUE SIS-Q COUNCIL.** Rex Bounds said classes are progressing in some clubs, with one club having over 20 students. Other clubs are postponing their classes until January to attract as many students as possible in the Council area. Dances are planned following Thanksgiving and the first student dance will be the third weekend in December. Two clubs will be dark for Mid-Winter. (Written report attached to minutes).

**SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL.** Karel Morris noted a directory change in the South Coast Area for Area Council Secretary [see (10) under First Vice President's report]. She was happy to be able to report that caller, Johnnie Nichols, had recovered well from his triple by-pass surgery six weeks ago and is again calling, teaching and dancing. The Beachcombers will be having a student level Christmas dance and plan to begin lessons January 11, 2001. Saints-n-Aints are planning a New Year's weekend of dancing on both Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and 31. The Sets in Order had their 54th birthday dance. They are still the longest continuous dancing club in the world! Their lessons are going well. Due to Johnnie Nichols' recovery from surgery, Jim Harris taught the first seven weeks of lessons. Their Christmas dance will be beginner level and many of the students are already talking about attending Mid-Winter Festival. (Written report attached to minutes).

**SUNSET EMPIRE COUNCIL.** Mac Wilcox said the Seaside Sashay, hosted by the Hayshakers, will be held on the 4th weekend of October 2001 at Seaside Convention Center so they can see what it will like for Summer Festival 2004. Some lessons are not very successful in this small Council, as people have other things to do, like staying warm. The Hard Times dance was well attended and both clubs

had Thanksgiving dances and are planning Christmas dances. He explained the gift (a rope puzzle on top of two rolls of toilet tissue) was to be used while you're "contemplating use of the gift on the bottom!" The toilet tissue is representative of the area since Ft. James is one of the largest employers. Barbi thanked Mac for the wonderful weekend.

**TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL.** In the absence of Carolyn Bosch, Bob Bosch noted a written report was turned in by Carolyn. As promised, all their Council dances are now OFN Subscription Dances, which seems to be working. They have gotten both new and renewed subscriptions. The idea has proven beneficial in two ways, getting the dancers to the dance and more subscriptions for the OFN. The Halloween Council Dance was a great success. They are looking forward to the joint council dinner meeting with the PAC in December. The TVC is working on the 5th Saturday dance on December 30th, with a little New Years Eve Dance connotation, with folks invited to wear costumes or special club functions costumes. Watch for the ad in the OFN for more details. He also noted, as others have announced, that the PAC, Evergreen and TVC are working on hosting a Youth Dance on April 14th at the Winona Grange. He invited everyone to consider it a family dance and join in the fun. (Written report attached to minutes).

**UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL.** John Hernandez reported the Boots 'n Calicos had a Westward Ho Theme dance, which is an annual event, and a Halloween Dance. They will hold their 3rd Annual Pajama Dance January 13, 2001. The Buckeroo Square and Round Dance Club is holding its third annual open closet sale on November 11. It's a consignment sale where the seller will get 65% of the price and the club will take 35%. The annual Christmas wreath sale will be December 1 and 2 and maybe the 3rd, with a craft and bake sale as well. The Buckeroos have a total of 29 new class students, who are doing very well. Pioneers 'n' Petticoats class is also doing well. The club has made numerous visitations and had a fun Halloween Dance. Rainbow Cloggers are pleased to be part of the Umpqua Council. They are sponsoring three free workshops on Fridays from 6 - 9:30 p.m ending November 17, with classes will be open for children ages 7 through teens, adults and seniors. Dances are held at the same location on the 4th Friday of each month. (Written report attached to minutes).

### **ACTIVE GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORTS**

**TIM AND KATHY ROBERTS.** Tim said he was especially glad that none of today's motions affected the Practices & Procedures! They attended the Oktoberfest Weekend in Longview, sponsored by the Longview Area Dance Association. He shared some of the unique ways the Association operates. It consists of four square dance clubs from the Longview area. Although they are not a Council, the four clubs cooperate in a way that Tim hasn't seen in Oregon. Together, they operate the Longview Square Dance Center, dividing up the duties between them. They sponsor two big square dance weekends every year, and people from all over Washington and Oregon come in to dance and have fun. More interesting is the way they run their lessons. The four clubs get together to have lessons three nights a week. The same curriculum is taught in all three lessons. Students are free to attend any of the lessons. If they can't make a Sunday one week, they can show up on Wednesday. Or, for the student who feels particularly squishy, they could attend ALL of them. By the time they graduate, students have seen angels from all of the participating clubs, and have probably danced at all of them. Thus, they can make a suitable choice for a club to join, based on personality and dance night. Tim thought this was a remarkable way for a group of clubs to "leverage their respective strengths," as they say in the management game. (Written report attached to minutes).

**DICK AND MARGE PENTECOST:** In the absence of Dick and Marge, Marilyn Schmit read their report. They attended the Portland Area Council 5th Friday square/round dance and the monthly PAC meetings as delegates of the Columbia Gorge Plus Dancers. They have conducted basic round dance lessons for the Ione Grand Squares. They are hoping to gather some of the round dancers into square dancing. They also attended the Country Cutups 24th Annual Breakfast and Bazaar and dances with the Bachelor Beauts in Bend, the Columbia River Plus club's monthly dances and the Swap & Swing Square Dance Club dances in The Dalles. (Written report attached to minutes).

**DON AND KAREL MORRIS:** Karel reported that since the last State Meeting, they have danced only in our own South Coast Area. Their home club, Skyloft Squares, held a fall camp out at Twin Rivers RV Park in the Roseburg area the first weekend of October, with perfect weather, for outdoor barbecues, picking apples and plums in the campground and, in general, having a really grand time. (Written report attached to minutes).

**BENJAMIN AND PENNY BROWN:** In the absence of Benjamin and Penny, Marilyn also read their report. Since the last State meeting in September, they have been traveling around the East Coast, visiting the Escapees Escapade in Goshen, Indiana; Grand Rapids, Michigan (to visit with one of Penny's classmates); Niagara Falls; through the New England States to see the "colors;" Pennsylvania to visit another of Penny's classmates, as well as visiting Philadelphia, Valley Forge, and the beautiful Amish country; into Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains. They then traveled to Chanute, Kansas, where their Nu Wa 5th Wheel is manufactured to have the big slide adjusted. They woke up on November 9th to 3" of snow and said, "let's get out of here" and are now traveling west. Although they haven't been to any square dances, they always talk to people about dancing in Oregon and people always ask what YLOROK on their truck license means, which they explain and demonstrate, too. They always encourage people to visit Oregon, whether they square dance or not. They wished everyone a good meeting and noted they'll see everyone at Mid-Winter. (Written report attached to minutes).

**RAY AND BETTY JONES.** (mailed to Secretary and received after the meeting - as the report wasn't read into the record, the following is their verbatim report). Hi to everyone in the Oregon Federation! We are in Sunny Yuma, Arizona, and are dancing with the usual wintertime callers and cuers - Jerry and Janice Jestin, Bob and Jan Stutevoss, Arnold and Jeanette Tramp, Don and Ronda Young and Ron and Mary Noble. The annual Yuma Square & Round Dance Association Festival is always held close to Valentine's Day each year - and this year it will be February 10, 11 & 12, 2001. Al and Fran Westfall are Vice President of the Association this year and so are planning the festival for next year, 2002. Lots of dancing fun here - and in other Arizona locations. Hope you will head this way after Winter Festival in Eugene and bring your dancing shoes. If anyone has fliers for special events in Oregon, bring or send them down and we'll see that they are put in the racks at the Square Dance Center. As folks head north starting in March, they enjoy knowing where to stop along the way to have a good time. Have a Happy Holiday and New Year, and a successful Winter Festival. As we wipe the perspiration from our brows and kick back in the lounge chairs in the shade, we'll think of you all!

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Marilyn noted she had ordered badges and bars as requested, asking that the order be completed in time

for this meeting. However, they haven't arrived. When they do, she will mail them.

Lola Robello thanked Don Reed for the very nice gift of the calendars. She also thanked Roger Putzler for the little calendar.

Cathy Pochatko said their area has discovered an "untapped" group of people to recruit for square dancing - the members of AA. They are always looking for alcohol and smoke free places to go and have fun. They have three beginner couples and trying to get more in January. They decided not to try to solicit the members of "Overeaters Anonymous!"

Harriet Livingston said a friend of a friend of hers, found some 1956 and 1957 copies of "Let's Dance" magazines at a garage sale and gave them to Harriet. She asked if anyone wanted them.

Mac Wilcox said he neglected to report that on the third Saturday in February the Hayshakers will be having an amateur callers and cuers night for anyone who ever thought they might like to call or cue. He suggested everyone, as they're leaving today, take note that there's a certain amount of beauty in "not having anywhere to go!"

Dave Hughes said he and Jodene wanted to thank everyone for their support of them as the new OFN editors. They made a lot of changes to the data base for the "When and Where" and asked that everyone check them for accuracy. Also, please be sure to notify them when clubs make date changes or are dark so there will be no surprises. He said he and Jodene are moving to Hermiston in December, but will be coming back to harass everyone! The Doghouse Gang challenged the Outhouse Gang to a square dance dance-off and raised \$500 for two different charities. Square dancers are wonderful. Dave thanked everyone for their support.

Lee Ashwill thanked Harvey Hunsucker for two excellent dances this weekend. He said room blocks for the 50th National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim will be returned to the Registration & Housing Committee on December 15, 2000, so anyone who wants in those room blocks, now is the time. Also, last count showed that Oregon had only 202 registrations. Oregon dancers are encouraged to get registered. Oregon will need their help when the convention is in Oregon so now is the time to register.

Kathy Roberts encouraged everyone to mention square dancing wherever you go. She and Kay had a conversation while shopping with a lady and now she is taking lessons. Another idea, besides the badges folks wear to promote lessons, is to attach a short invitation to lessons on a magnet to give out to interested persons. She also thanked everyone for the positive response to the youth dance, noting she still had a few flyers.

Ron Schmit said he had some ribbing about the seating arrangements for the delegates. He told them to be thankful the Second Vice President didn't make the arrangements and if you want to know why, you should ask her what happened yesterday.

ADJOURN. 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cobb  
Recording Secretary