



OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED JANUARY 28, 2001
LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

President Barbi Ashwill (Lee) brought the January 28, 2001, meeting of the Oregon Federation of Square & Round Clubs to order at 9:08 a.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

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 Pro Tem Annadale Rooper (Bill) for 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 Robello (Tony).

Delegates: Central Oregon - Dave Cooper (Barbie) for 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), Rogue 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). Absent: Blue Mountain - Bonnie Berry (Don),

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

Active Goodwill Ambassadors: Tim & Kathy Roberts; Don & Karel Morris; and Benjamin & Penny Brown. Absent. Dick & Marge Pentecost; and Ray & Betty Jones.

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

Linda Lambert moved to seat Annadale Rooper as Corresponding Secretary for this general meeting only, seconded by Larry Reetz. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

MINUTES. Linda Lambert moved to approve the minutes of the November 2000, meeting as presented, seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Barbi Ashwill welcomed guests from Washington State and said it was nice to see the Federation's Goodwill Ambassadors. She gave a special thank you to the Mid-Winter Committee and Noel and Tina Cykler for an outstanding Festival. Barbi said she was really pleased for Randall Award recipients Otis and Lila Jones. She advised the meeting was being recorded.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. First Vice President Linda Lambert thanked the Mid-Winter Committee and the Emerald Empire Council for a wonderful weekend, noting it's nice to see friends. She also thanked all of the Councils who responded to her request for copies of the Council minutes, saying she enjoyed reading what other clubs and dancers are doing in other parts of the State. She expressed appreciation for receiving Festival Committee Meeting minutes.

Since the last State meeting, Linda said she had been quite busy getting back to dancing and attending meetings, including the Umpqua Council meeting in December, Mid-Winter Festival Committee meetings, the 2002 Summer Festival Committee's second meeting in January and part of the Buckeroos square dance lesson. She and Ralph went with the Putzlers to Grants Pass for a New Year's Eve Dance. Although time commitments kept her from attending the 2001 Summer Festival meeting held in December, Linda hoped to attend the next meeting.

Linda noted the following corrections reported to her since the November State Meeting: 1) Page 58. New Area Secretary for the South Coast Area is Denise (Jim) Harris, 820 E 11th Street, Coquille, OR 97423, 541-396-2453; 2) Page 37. Telephone number for Kathy (Buzz) Buczkowski is 541-764-3443; 3) Page 29. Emerald Empire Council meeting third Saturday every month at 6:30 p.m.; and 4) Page 33. Wagon Wheelers Secretary is Gary (Betty) Willoughby, 28024 Cottage Grove/Lorane Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424, 541-942-7539. She asked everyone to make the above corrections in the directories. She thanked the OFN Editors for printing the directory corrections as reported at the November meeting and asked that they print the above corrections in the next issue of the OFN. There are still copies of the Directory for sale and you can see Linda if you are interested.

2001 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL REPORT. Noel (Tina) Cykler thanked both Linda Lambert and Barbi Ashwill for attending the 2001 Mid-Winter Festival Committee meetings. He said he was told by Dan Nordbye that the weather had been so nice for this Festival because the three national callers were all from Arizona. Although an accurate attendance count was not available, there were 179 RV's and the count looks real good, with a lot of ticket sales. Noel thanked the state officers for their good advice. The few problems that came up were mostly solved prior to the Festival. He asked to be excused at the break, to which Barbi responded, "absolutely".

2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL. Doug (LaDauna) Hartzell thanked the committee for a wonderful Mid-Winter Festival. 2001 Summer Festival plans are going well. A packet of information, with program books, contained in a plastic bag has been distributed to all the Delegates, with another packet for each club in the Council. Doug was pleased that there have been inquiries from Arizona. He thanked everyone for attending the 2001 Summer Festival Committee's after party, which had 16 squares. He thanked his committee for showing up to help with Mid-Winter Festival and showing off the 2001 Summer Festival outfits. He invited everyone to attend 2001 Summer Festival.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL. Lee (Barbi) Ashwill reported that contracts have been signed for Don Preedy as caller; Ray and Virginia Walz as cuers; the Capital 8's Square Dance Club for restaurant services; and Polk County Fairgrounds for facilities. Committees are working hard and the registration committee is in the process of designing the registration form and the ribbons, which will be available at the 2001 Oregon State Summer Festival in Central Oregon. He concluded by inviting everyone to come

and bring a friend to Polk County.

2002 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL. Larry (Carol) Reetz thanked Noel and Tina Cykler for a great Festival. He said "Life's a Dance" is the 2002 Mid-Winter Festival theme. The program is being planned. The committee is looking at ways to improve the new dancer facilities, but all other aspects of the Festival are on track. Pre-registration forms are available; there are already 62 pre-registrations. He said it would be an extra-special dance.

2004 SUMMER FESTIVAL. Kay (Jim) Rogers for Barbara Schaumburg (Larry) said 2004 Summer Festival is also on track. The committee had selected callers, but there are no contracts yet, and they are working on a cuer.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS. Dave (Jodene) Hughes said they have completed their second issue of the OFN. February issues are available if not already received. He asked everyone to take the time to read the issue and then pass it along to someone who doesn't subscribe. The OFN subscription list is a little low, with only 1,275 subscribers. He challenged everyone to increase the list to 1,500 subscribers by the May meeting. He said they plan to implement some new guidelines as encouragement to Area Editors submitting news items. He said the magazine is for the dancers and they have exciting plans for it. He asked for suggestions about the magazine and noted his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Federation.

Linda Lambert noted the POOFs are charged with the oversight of the OFN. As a result of the POOF meeting, Linda moved that \$5,000.00 be given as a grant from the Square Dance Enhancement Fund to the Oregon Federation News (OFN) Fund, seconded by Karel Morris. Linda explained the financial report shows the OFN to be in need of operating capital, which is why the motion is for a grant rather than a loan and the grant is from the Square Dance Enhancement Fund because the magazine does benefit square dancers. It's not certain that \$5,000.00 will be adequate and Linda wanted to reserve the ability to re-address the amount at a subsequent meeting if necessary. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Linda moved that the subscription rate for the OFN be increased to: \$15.00 per year (current rate \$12.00); \$40.00 for three years (\$32.00); and \$1.75 per issue (\$1.50) effective June 1, 2001, seconded by Karel Morris. Upon questioning by Rex Bounds, Linda explained waiting until June 1 will allow subscribers sufficient notice of the subscription increase in the magazine. Dave further explained the Practices & Procedures don't require notice be given of a rate increase, and that approximately 75% of subscribers would renew prior to the increase. He felt it was only fair to give the dancers three months notice. Floyd Bard, a member of the OFN Advisory Committee, said subscribers renewing or getting a new subscription before June would be helping the financial situation. Question was called for, motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Linda moved that the advertising rates for the OFN be increased to \$100.00 for full page (current rate \$90.00); \$70.00 for 3/4 page (\$65.00); \$55.50 for 1/2 page (\$50.00); \$35.00 for 1/4 page (\$30.00); \$17.50 for 1/8 page (\$16.00); and \$6.00 per column inch (\$5.00), seconded by Karel Morris. Linda clarified that the rates would be effective for the advertising run after June 1, 2001. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT. Second Vice President Kay Rogers passed along two good ideas she came across. The first was to make a traveling banner on the computer, using card stock with colored rope threaded through holes, with a colorful border. It could be laminated.

Secondly, she noted the Buckeroos in Roseburg had 25 new members from their graduating class. A conversation with a Buckeroo explained that the Buckeroos had developed a system of having two lessons a week, and, when their caller went south each winter, the club took over by taking these

dancers to jamborees and mentoring them. What they discovered is that by having two lessons a week, they did not lose dancers.

Kay also had a copy of an ad used by a Longview club that emphasizes new dancers but not lessons, noting they had been very successful in recruiting new dancers each year.

Kay reported Barbara Schaumburg is getting better. She started a new chemotherapy treatment Friday because the first round didn't do what it was supposed to. She said if everyone would send positive thoughts, Barbara would be well very soon.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT. Nancy Cobb thanked the Mid-Winter Festival for a wonderful time. She distributed the sign-up sheet for being mailed written reports and/or e-mailed minutes and asked everyone to update information or make any changes. She apologized for not mailing the minutes out to Area Council Presidents after the first meeting as she didn't know she was supposed to, but indicated Presidents were mailed minutes after the last meeting and would be from now on.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT. Annadale Rooper read Marilyn Schmit's report, which noted she would be on her way to the USDA meeting. The following have been sent cards:

Sympathy: Marge Neely, Stanford - loss of husband; Bill Tipton, Sublimity - loss of mother; Howard Palmer, Salem - loss of mother; Lee Eggleston, Sherwood - loss of wife; Ed Phillips, Gold Beach - loss of mother; Jiggs Freeman, Salem - loss of son; Larry South family, The Dalles - loss of husband; Don Newburn, Lebanon - loss of mother; Marie Garvey, Oakland - loss of husband; and Bill Young, Milwaukie - loss of brother.

Get Well: Chris Saltel, California - attack at work; Tony Marks, The Dalles - surgery; Dennis McGirk, Tenmile - general health; Karen Horine, Salem - surgery; and Marge Pentecost, The Dalles - surgery.

Thinking of You: Barbara Schaumburg, Portland; and Buzz Battig, Salem - fell off a ladder.

Delegates were reminded to forward any changes in club secretaries to her so the ballots will be mailed to the correct person. Marilyn and Ron are the proud grandparents of McLean Donovan Schmit.

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION (USDA) REPORT. Annadale read Marilyn's report, highlighting that Marilyn's information packets for the Mid Year meeting have been assembled and sent to the various committee members. There are two people who have volunteered to attend the USDA Annual Meeting in June. Oregon has four votes, so two more people need to volunteer to attend the meeting on Wednesday afternoon of convention week. It was noted that this would be Marilyn's last term as USDA Secretary. She indicated she might see what other office is available before considering another position or wait a year and run for treasurer or Western Region Vice President.

One topic of discussion at USDA's winter meeting will be Handicapable Dancers and how we can assist them in whatever their needs may be. Marilyn had asked Bruce Lowther to respond to the committee's report, as he is a caller for the Silver Spinners in Salem and has first-hand knowledge of needs and requirements.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS REPORT. The entry forms for the Showcase of Ideas and Publications display have been returned to California. The letter for the Publications display has also been forwarded to Dave and Jodene so they can submit some OFN's for the judging and for the display. We will need approximately 200 OFN's to ship to Anaheim to give away to the browsers who wander through the displays.

We have received names from Karel Morris of dancers who have danced 40 years or more. All councils and clubs are encouraged to submit names for the informal Hall of Fame. Ron asked that the delegates please be sure and get the request for names and photos out to the clubs.

Barbi noted that Ralph and Linda Lambert had volunteered to attend the USDA Annual Meeting in June and asked for volunteers so Oregon is represented fully. Larry and Carol Reetz volunteered.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Don Reed said he had distributed a financial report to the Delegates and Officers and would be glad to answer any questions. He noted the checking account had a balance of \$658.00 and part of the reason was the OFN financial state. He noted the expense vouchers submitted at this meeting would be paid in the next two and half weeks, but if anyone needed payment sooner, they should let him know. Upon questioning, Don said the audit is being done by Mick McKinney and the results would be reported at the next meeting. The corporate tax returns have been filed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. Clara Kilbourne said she had a wonderful time this weekend. She stated all the Council Delegates had been given packets with information regarding membership for each Club and Council to the Oregon Federation. The packets contained a letter to the Council Delegate about their need to receive and edit all information from the clubs; a letter to each Club with the requirements needing completion along with monies and dates to have them back to meet the May 6, State meeting dates; a letter to each Club Secretary and/or President with self-addressed envelope to return the Annual Renewal of their Corporation papers now (noting they still should keep a copy to send with the Directory Membership form if possible); and a reminder that Area State Delegates have the necessary form in the Practices and Procedures manual if a club needs one. She hoped these tools would help clubs meet the State requirements with completion of the Directory Membership information. She will report in April to each Delegate about any Corporation papers still needed at that time. She expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Delegates for helping the clubs in securing this information.

Clara moved to admit the Silver Stars from Washington State into the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, seconded by Bill Rooper. Clara noted they have submitted paperwork, which is in order, and would belong to the Portland Area Council. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

INSURANCE REPORT. Jim Rogers noted he had distributed the 2001 Insurance Certificates to the Delegates and asked that they be distributed to the clubs. He asked the Delegates to remind the clubs that if they change nights, places or times, a Notice of Event form must be submitted to the insurance company.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Larry Reetz announced there would be a State Federation Benefit Dance for H.O.R.S.E.S. on Sunday, April 1, 2001 at the Salem Square Dance Center. He encouraged attendance because for the last four to five years attendance at Benefit Dances has been low. He asked if attendance was not possible that perhaps donations could be given for the charity. He said he and Carol had been busy with Mid-Winter. Barbi also encouraged as many dancers who could attend to do so.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT. Tim Roberts said he had 15 more copies of the P&P's printed this month in order to deliver a copy to each Council President. He suggested the Federation might want to reconsider the P&P policy of providing the P&P's to each Council President. In order to meet the P&P guidelines, 50 copies of the document have to be printed to give to Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, Delegates and Council Presidents. Based on the rate just paid for printing, that would cost more than \$500 and, although he doesn't mind doing it, he questioned if it was a wise use of Federation money. He asked for suggestions. Cathy Pochatko suggested Area Delegates could have their copy reproduced or perhaps the Councils could pay for any additional copies of the P&P's.

PUBLICITY REPORT. Ed Warmoth reported he had supplied a packet of flyers about all special events during the next year and those events would be published in the OFN. He noted an excellent article in the Oregonian from the Tualatin Valley Council about new dancers. Ed said there is still about \$4,300 available for Councils to use in Cooperative Advertising Funds. The guidelines for use of those funds have been changed so the application for funds can be made directly to the Area Council. He reported about "On to Anaheim" noting it was nice to have the General Chairman and the Publicity Chairman of the 50th National Square Dance Convention take the time to attend this Mid-Winter Festival. He said they were expecting 600 people from Oregon to attend the 50th National Convention in June; at this count, there are 300 dancers pre-registered. He noted Gary Willoughby would make available to all clubs for insertion into their newsletters, the short articles about "On to Anaheim" that have been appearing in the OFN. However, Gary will only deliver the articles by e-mail and Ed asked that Gary's e-mail address be given to the clubs so they could contact Gary for the articles. Ed also reported that the Anaheim National Convention now has an RV park available with a bus connection to the Convention Center. The hotel information has been turned over to the Convention Center and those attending should be getting confirmations. Carolyn Bosch noted that the Oregonian article mentioned had netted the club 52 square dancers.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT. Gary Willoughby thanked Ed for including the information about the articles in his report. He said he had provided a reminder to the Delegates to be sure clubs are aware that they may feel free to contact him if they have questions or problems relating to Corporation papers, tax forms or filing information. He can be reached as follows: Gary Willoughby, State Financial Advisor, 28024 C.G./Lorane Rd., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. E-mail: wiloban@juno.com. Phone or fax: 541-942-7539.

EDUCATION ADVISOR'S REPORT. Lola Robello indicated plans for Square Dance Week are proceeding. They have talked with people in the offices of Governor Kitzhaber and Mayor Katz and will be sending them information for a Proclamation. A notebook with a press release form, and some suggestions will be distributed at the May meeting. We would love to hear from anyone who has suggestions that can make this Square Dance Week more enjoyable and easier. A blitz date of Saturday, August 18th, has been set so dancers all across Oregon and some in Washington will be dancing at the same time. She reminded Delegates that at the November state meeting, they were asked to have the Clubs, Council, or both, appoint a person to chair a committee to make plans for this event. If no one is appointed, she intends to have the Area Delegate be the chair of this committee. Some funds will be available for materials, signs, whatever is needed (within reason) to make the week a big success. There will be more on this later. She noted her e-mail address is lolalrob@aol.com and their back-up e-mail address would be Neil and Norma Harrington: norma1217@juno.com.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT. Don Morris reported the mini banners sent to him have been attached to the three large banners and have been on display in the front lobby during this Mid-Winter Festival. The state picture albums and scrapbooks from 1997 through the end of 2000 are on the tables in front of the banners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BMI/ASCAP REPORT. Ralph Lambert said he had requested a check from the Treasurer to pay BMI's annual \$186.00 payment. He noted the Festivals reimburse the funds to the Federation based upon their attendance figures. He had provided memos to both the 2001 Mid-Winter Festival and 2001 Summer Festival for their amounts. For ASCAP, everything is current.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT. Anne Skoe thanked Dave and Barbie Cooper for a successful teen dance following the Style Show at Mid-Winter. Upon questioning, Barbie Cooper said the person who paid for the pizza party would be reimbursed.

STATE FAIR COORDINATOR'S REPORT. Fran Bunch reported that State Fair begins August 23, 2001, and ends on September 3, 2001. Her State Fair contact has indicated there is a budget crunch so they are looking at what they want to do with square dancing. One suggestion is that there be dancing only in the afternoons and on the Plaza Fountain Stage, with no evening dancing, or possibly only evening dancing on the Gazebo. She asked for feedback as to what the Federation would like her to propose to the Fair. She reminded everyone that clubs must be signed up before June 1 to have the club name in the program schedule published by the State Fair. Fran can be reached at 503-393-3405; e-mail at rayb@ncn.com; or write her at 7452 2nd Avenue N, Keizer, OR 97303. Lola Robello said it was wonderful that State Fair would be at the same time as National Square Dance Week. Fran mentioned that dancing at the State Fair was the best way to advertise our square dancing activity.

STATE FAIR TRAILER REPORT. Jim Kinkaid said the trailers were used 14 times by 13 clubs in 2000 and Central Oregon may have used them several times while they were there, but he had no record of that usage. Both trailers are in good condition and he had no plans to refinish the floors. He asked permission to purchase an electrical adapter for light hook-ups that cost about \$16.00 and for a \$60.00 check for the trailer licenses.

ORDTA REPORT. Dennis Smith reported ORDTA had its annual meeting yesterday, with new officers being elected, and five new members were welcomed into the organization. The "So You Want to be Cuer" event yesterday afternoon went well and nine prospective cuers attended.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING. Dennis read Barbara Schaumburg's report, which thanked everyone for all the cards, e-mails, flowers and phone calls she had received since she's been ill. The Round of the Month for April, 2001: "My Country Gal" written by Shigeyuki Yamashita, chosen by Mid-Willamette. The Round of the Month for May, 2001: "Twistin' the Night Away" written by Tami & Bill Helms, chosen by Portland Area. E-mail notifications and certificates have been sent out.

CALLER ADVISER'S REPORT. Roger Putzler. No report.

DELEGATE MEETING REPORT. Angie Barta noted most of the information covered in yesterday's Delegate meeting had been reported on, for instance the status of the OFN. She asked about the extension for the Cooperative Advertising and Ed Warmoth responded the plan is to continue funding requests in the same manner with the current cutoff of July 1. The situation will be reviewed again at the May meeting with the possibility of the funds being replenished. Angie noted the Delegates approved changing the Federation's Charity to H.O.R.S.E.S. only.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

BREAK. 10:40 to 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS.

Larry Reetz, as chair of the Nominations Committee, entered the following nominations into the record. Linda Lambert, Mid-Willamette Council, will ascend to the presidency. He announced the nomination of Kay Rogers, Tualatin Valley Council, as First Vice President and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Barbi Ashwill closed the nominations for First Vice President. Larry announced the nominations of Dave Cooper, Carolyn Bosch and Larry Reetz for Second Vice President and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Barbi Ashwill closed the nominations for Second Vice President. Larry announced the nomination of Nancy Cobb for Recording Secretary and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Barbi Ashwill closed the nominations for Recording Secretary.

Larry announced the nomination of Marilyn Schmit and Sharon Greenman for Corresponding Secretary and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Barbi Ashwill closed the nominations for Corresponding Secretary. Larry announced the nomination of Clara Kilbourne and Fred Muir for Membership Chairman and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Barbi Ashwill closed the nominations for Membership Chairman.

Dave Hughes presented a bid for the 2003 Summer Festival to be hosted by the Lincoln Tillamook Council at the Pendleton Convention Center. Tentative contracts have been made with Joe Saltel. Pat Kennedy from the Pendleton Convention Center spoke in support of the bid, reminding everyone of their air conditioning. He noted some improvements were made since the last Summer Festival held there, however, the price would be the same with tables and chairs included. Dave said they are proposing one square dance floor and one round dance floor, with Oregon callers. Upon questioning, Dave said there would be a wood floor in the round dance hall. Ralph Lambert noted that the Lincoln Tillamook Council would be hosting this event, which would occur in Pendleton, quite some distance from the area, and asked where the workers would come from and if the distance would present any difficulties. Buzz Buczkowski responded his Area is in close contact with the Pendleton Convention Center and there are six couples taking responsibility, so distance should present no problems. Linda Lambert moved to accept the proposal for the 2003 Summer Festival as presented, seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Larry Reetz moved that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs change the distribution of funds derived from the benefit dance and license plate sales to allocate these funds to H.O.R.S.E.S. (an adaptive riding institute), on an annual basis, eliminating the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a Federation charitable organization. This distribution to remain in effect until such time as the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs selects a different charitable organization to be the recipient of these funds. Karel Morris seconded, motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Larry Reetz moved that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs support the establishment of an Oregon Square Dance, Round Dance, Clogging, Contra and related activities museum, seconded by Linda Lambert. Larry deferred his first right to speak to Jay and Bonnie Stimler, Round Dance Coordinators for the Mid-Willamette Area Council. Jay spoke in support of the motion outlining a museum should be established as a place to show the changes in the activity over the years. It would be a great legacy for dancers coming after this generation. The museum would put dancing on public view and could be used to request authority to get a better school program. Different aspects of dancing could be presented in different areas of the museum, such as a section for callers and cuers. The museum could house a multipurpose room and administrative offices. A possibility for a building would be an older structure that could be renovated. Jay proposed that the museum function as a non-profit organization with a five member board including the following Federation Officers: Historian, First or Second Vice President, Publicity Chairman, membership Chairman and Education Chairman. He felt it would cost \$500,000 to purchase and renovate a building and another \$500,000 to set up an endowment fund to operate the facility. The money to accomplish this project could come from grants. Jay noted he knew of many grants available for projects like this. He noted square dancing is Oregon's State Dance and the legislature needs to be reminded of that. He hoped the museum could be open by 2005 for the National Convention in Oregon. Lee Ashwill thanked Jay and Bonnie for their time and effort. He spoke in support of the motion. In response to Lee, Jay said he and Bonnie would chair a committee for this project. Linda Lambert moved that this project be deferred to committee, seconded by Karel Morris. Ed Warmoth said this was a beautiful idea. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously. Tim Roberts and Harriet Livingston volunteered to be on the committee.

DELEGATE REPORTS

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL. Bonnie Berry (was to be mailed).

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL. In the absence of Virginia Meyers, Dave Cooper reported for the Central Oregon Council, noting a report had been submitted (attached to minutes). Highlights of her report included activities of the Redrock Squares, including beginning square dance lessons and participation in the Redmond Christmas parade, The Highlake Swingers will co-sponsor the Fort Rock Hoedown again in 2001 and are planning a Valentine Dance. The Bachelor Beauts held a successful Teddy Bear Dance and participated in both the Sisters Christmas parade and the Bend Christmas parade. Dave and Barbie Cooper graduated 31 new round dancers on December 28th and started beginning waltz lessons on January 9th. The "Casino Night" dance on January 6th was a success with 10-1/2 squares. Beginning square dance lessons started with 18 new dancers. The Sagebrush Shufflers will be going dark again in the months of July and August. On November 25th the club bid a fond "Farewell" to Marc Chambers as the in-house club caller. Graduation for beginning square dancers was held on December 17th for 18 new dancers. Waltz lessons, as well as plus lessons, are now being held on Sunday afternoons. The Swinging Mountaineers Plus Club collected non-perishable food for the Central Oregon Community Action Network (COCAAN) at the December dances. The Club also contributed to the LaPine Middle School with a donation to their Athletic Uniform Fund. Classes for new plus dancers are in progress.

Dave added that Central Oregon clubs had between seven and 30 new dancers at lessons. Also there are two successful round dance classes being conducted. They have been advertising and using the State trailers for demonstrations. He said those techniques are working and dancing is coming alive in Central Oregon again. He noted the Meyers' absence was because Hal had been ill and was thought to have pancreatic cancer, but instead had diverticulitis.

EASTERN OREGON AREA COUNCIL. Lorene Griffith (written report submitted) said the Hermiston Square Knots are dancing the second and fourth Saturdays at the ARC building on Orchard Avenue in Hermiston. They have advertised for lessons to begin this month in January. Lone Grand Squares are dancing on Sunday p.m. during January and February and will begin dancing the second and fourth Saturdays in March. Be sure to check in the OFN's When & Where if you are planning to visit.

EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL. Angie Barta (written report submitted) said there will be a benefit dance the fifth Saturday in March (the 30th) with proceeds going to the Eugene Mission Women's & Children's Division. There will be an OFN Subscription dance on Friday, August 31st. The Florence Fun Bunch will be dancing the second and fourth Fridays at the Senior Booster Center for the months of January, February and March.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS. Cathy Pochatko (written report submitted) reported The Tule Twirlers have extended an invitation to the Federation to come to the Hoedown in April. K.C. Squares have beginner classes in progress. New officers were installed at the January 20th Dance. Happy Huggers started class for beginners on January 7th with 17 new dancers including five children! The February dance was canceled to travel to Lakeview. There will be a Quarter dance February 11th, with a Chili feed. The Tall Town Travelers will have a February dance and are holding workshops. The Interstate Highlanders put on a New Year's Eve Dance.

LINCOLN TILLAMOOK COUNCIL. Buzz Buczkowski said they had 18 couples attend Mid-Winter. He reported (written report submitted) the Coast Swingers had a successful class of 10 students, including 4 teenagers, who all wish to join their club. They will have their new dancer dance on February 24th and graduation on March 6th. They are going to try starting another class this Spring in hopes of building up their membership. Visitations to other area clubs is a priority for them. The Sea Twirlers had a great Christmas dance and a fun Pajama Dance in January. February 9th will be their Valentine Dance. Level 2 Waltz round dance lessons will begin at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. before every Sea Twirler dance beginning February 9th. A Hobo Dance is scheduled for April. The Toledo 49ers are starting another Introduction to Modern Square Dancing class on Sunday, February 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Newport Senior Center with Charlotte Jeskey teaching. All members are working hard to recruit

new dancers using personal contact and different types of advertising. RV parking is available at Toledo High School if you come to visit us and need to stay overnight. The club is busy working on the Loyalty Days Weekend on May 4th and 5th. Friday night will be a casual dance with guest callers and cuers. The dances will be held at the Newport Middle School and RV parking will be available in the Middle School parking lot or at the nearby fairgrounds. Waldport Sunset Squares remain dark until June. The coast area clubs truly appreciate any visitations you can make to their dances.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL. Harriet Livingston reported the new dancer dances in the area have been well attended. The Swinging Stars will be starting new lessons in February that will be open to everyone in the area.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL: Bill Rooper said Portland Area Council clubs have been holding new dancer dances and jamborees since early December and flyers have been prepared with dates of coming jamborees. The annual PAC-TVC Christmas dinner on December 18 and the 5th Friday Dance on December 29 were both well attended. Plans are being laid for upcoming Rose Festival events and the Council is trying to find a location for a Rose Festival Dance. The Starlite Parade float and the International Showcase are set to go.

The Silver Stars from Vancouver, Washington, were accepted as members of the PAC, subject to State Federation approval.

Some clubs are starting new dancer classes this month and some are graduating their new dancers. The North Willamette Callers and Cuers are trying to set up a cooperative lesson arrangement, where the various callers take turns teaching a lesson.

The PAC split a profit of nearly \$400 with the various clubs that sold entertainment books.

ROGUE SIS-Q AREA COUNCIL: Rex Bounds said the Council was ready for the state meeting on May 5 and 6 at the Rogue Valley Square Dance Center. Dancing in the area is progressing slowly. Four clubs have good sized classes for lessons. There was a good turn-out for the Mid-Way Dance in September. Plans are being developed for more activities for the new year.

SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL: Karel Morris said her report had been submitted. She noted the South Coast Area was making plans for the November state meeting to be held in Coquille. They also decided that all Council dances would be OFN subscription dances.

Highlights from Karel's report included that the Beachcombers are making plans for their birthday dance on June 29, 30 and July 1 at the Beachcombers Cove and the 2nd Battle Rock Festival on Labor Day weekend. Beginner lessons were to start this month and a beginner Christmas dance was held in December.

The Saints-N-Aints have been busy cleaning and refurbishing the Tioga Ballroom. They have canceled Friday night Plus Workshops for now. They were the hosts for the New Year's Eve dance in the South Coast Area. A 50's/60's dance is in the works as well as plans for their Labor Day weekend event to be called Coastal Fanta-Sea.

Lessons and Plus lessons continue with Sets in Order.

Skyloft Squares members are enjoying dancing - although in limited numbers - and retirement. A catered Christmas dinner party was held in December.

No report from Jefferson State Squares.

SUNSET EMPIRE AREA COUNCIL: Mac Wilcox reported the Area Council Meeting was held on January 21, with all officers present, plus visitors Larry and Barbara Schaumburg and Kay Rogers. The Hayshakers have done some community service projects, such as dancing at the extended care facility at Seaside Hospital, and at the Astoria Senior Center, which were both well received and lots of fun for the club. They have been invited to do this again. They start lessons on February 7 at Warrenton Grade School. Amateur caller and cuer night will be February 17. The Seaside Sashay, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for October 2001.

The Clam Diggers Stomp will be March 17, Craig Abercrombie calling, Lonnie Sycks cueing and lots of good clam chowder.

Clatskanie Promenaders have been on an intensive recruiting effort, making large signs, printing 300 flyers for putting in grocery bags at the stores in Clatskanie and Rainier, getting on the Internet at Clatskanie.com, and having a phone program to try to find out why people stopped dancing. They had 185 hits on the Internet, but not one e-mail or phone call in response. However, the results of the recruiting efforts aren't in yet. They provided three large boxes of food and two boxes of clothing and bedding for Turning Point, the local aid agency.

Barbara gave a small report on 2004 Summer Festival, noting inquiries have gone out for callers and cuers and that there will be need for a full fledged committee fairly soon. Kay Rogers noted that if the 2005 National is awarded favorably, she would be asking (begging) for some assistance with the committee that she is chairing. The present slate of officers of this council has agreed to serve once again for next year, barring any overly enthusiastic volunteer barging in to take an office. Maybe there's something to that, for wisdom doesn't always come with age -----sometimes age comes all by itself.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL REPORT: Carolyn Bosch (written report submitted) commented that the TVC and PAC had their annual Dinner Meeting together in December, which is a get-together with the neighboring council that they work so closely with. Their New Years Eve dance was a huge success with lots of dancers from all over. The Charity dance was small in numbers, however, donations were generous. They turned over \$400.00 to H.O.R.S.E.S. (Adaptive Riding Institute) for this year. The Council is gearing up for the TVC/PAC Youth Dance to be held at Winona Grange in Tualatin on Saturday, February 17th. She asked everyone to please bring your youth and attend the dance. The TVC is beginning plans for the September State Meeting at the Kinton Grange and are working on RV parking and hotel accommodations. More information will follow in the coming months.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL REPORT: John Hernandez reported the Boots and Calicos had a wonderful Pajama dance and had a wonderful Holiday Season among friends square dancing.

The Buckeroo Square and Round Dance Club had their Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve dances each with about 9 squares, with students invited to both. The club is holding Round dance lessons on Monday nights with one hour of beginner and an hour of intermediate. Cheryl Muir has been doing a workshop on Thursdays in January. The annual Christmas wreath sale was a huge success. A large group of dancers went to the Boots and Calico's for a beginner Dance and to the New Dancer Jamboree in Springfield.

Dancing Friends Round Dance Club - No Report.

Pioneers 'n' Petticoats Square and Round Dance Club had a really nice Christmas dance. Students, from both the Buckeroos and Pioneers 'n' Petticoats, were invited and had a great time. They also participated in the lighted truck parade in costume the next night and took first place in their category.

Rainbow Clogger's - No written report.

Timber 8's Square and Round Dance Club - No written report.

ACTIVE GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORTS

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - TIM AND KATHY ROBERTS: (Written report submitted) Tim reported attending the PAC/TVC joint board meeting and Christmas party in December. The PAC did a nice job of hosting, with more than 40 people in attendance. They also attended the pre-New Year's Eve dances for both the PAC and TVC. Both dances were well-attended, and there was a great deal of crossover between the two councils. The TVC costume ball was one of the biggest TVC dances in a long, long time - more than 15 squares. They attended a dance at the Fireballs in Scappoose and had a great time.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - DICK AND MARGE PENTECOST: Barbi Ashwill said Marge Pentecost had started chemotherapy treatments after surgery and maintains a very positive attitude. The Pentecosts' written report was read into the record. Highlights included that they have attended Portland Area Council monthly meetings; the lone Grand Squares' annual Christmas dance, with more than four squares in attendance. They have also attended other club dances and conducted Sunday round dance sessions as the weather allowed, as well as dances with the WyEast Whirlers in Hood River, the Country Cutups New Year's Eve dance, the Columbia Gorge Plus dances; the Hermiston Square Knots where they roasted wieners at their annual Roast and the Swap and Swing Square Dance Club regular dances and angeled at several square dance lessons.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - RAY AND BETTY JONES: Annadale Rooper read Ray and Betty Jones' written report, highlighting that they're in a rut, taking square and round dance lessons, going to dances. Besides dancing, Betty quilts and goes to quilting meetings and Ray tries to golf, all of which eats up the time and keeps them entertained. They think of the Federation members often and miss the fun of the State Meetings. They are working on the Yuma Square Dance Festival which occurs the 9th, 10th and 11th of February. Betty is the Registration Chair- person and passes out the flyers. They will be heading home sometime in early April and hope to see all of you at the spring State Meeting. Until then, keep smiling and definitely keep dancing!

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - DON AND KAREL MORRIS: (Written report submitted) Karel said they managed to get through the holidays by gaining a few more pounds, having a really great laid-back family Christmas and getting ready to join the other snowbirds in Arizona soon. They danced with the Sweet Home Squarenaders for their Turkey Dance in November and also with the Spinning Antlers in Corvallis. Other dancing was in the local South Coast Area, where they managed to stay awake until after midnight on New Year's Eve, dancing with other Area dancers at the Tioga Ballroom with Saints-N-Aints.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - BENJAMIN AND PENNY BROWN. Benjamin said they enjoy receiving the minutes and the OFN. They will be taking flyers and spreading the word about Oregon. He also said this was a fantastic weekend. Penny added a thank you to whoever nominated them for the Randall Award, noting it was an honor. She was pleased that Otis and Lila received the award.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Anne Skoe thanked all of those who purchased the blue button for the youth and added buttons were still available. They benefit youth attending the Northwest Teen Dance in British Columbia.

Lee Ashwill thanked Benjamin and Penny for being Goodwill Ambassadors. Advance Registrations for the 54th National Square Dance Convention have been printed and are being offered to Oregon dancers first at \$30.00 per dancer.

Don Bramhill indicated the 2001 Summer Festival Visitation Schedule had been updated and he invited all who could to come and join them.

Doug Hartzell said the 2001 Summer Festival committee hoped to offset costs of coming over. Those are people we need over here. Secondly, never look a gift horse in the mouth. Take the penny out of the plastic packet and use it! They are planning fun activities and a special flyer will outline them.

Floyd Bard pointed out the Eugene Register-Guard had done an excellent job of covering the Mid-Winter Festival with a nice photo of young dancers. If anyone wants to write a letter commending them, it can be mailed to the Local News Editor, Register-Guard, PO Box 10188, Eugene, OR 97440.

Lee Ashwill said the 54th National Bid Committee still has 10 dress kits for sale at a cost of \$15.50 each.

Kathy Roberts offered another invitation to the teen dance on February 17 and encouraged as many people as possible to attend to support our youth.

Linda Putzler said she still had not gotten the rope off the block of wood (puzzle given by the Sunset Empire Council at the last State Meeting)! Mac offered encouraging words.

Barbi Ashwill asked for the return of the missing State Banner, noting it was last seen in the hands of Dave Cooper. Dave denied having the banner. Barbi noted that although some things start in good fun, this one could be expensive. If it is not recovered, the replacement cost of the banner would be \$350, so we hope it will be returned safe and sound by the May meeting.

ADJOURN. 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cobb
Recording Secretary