STATE MEETING MINUTES

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

HOSTED BY: Portland Area Council
Date September 20, 2026

General Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM .

CALL TO ORDER	President, Joyce (Mike) Welton Please turn off your cell phones Lisa Coen was appointed to fill the membership seat, approved by all members present.
ROLL CALL	Secretary, Lorri McIntosh Absent: Sue Harrel, Membership; Karyn Buchheit, Youth Coordinator; David Stutzman, Blue Mountains Council; Roger & Linda Putzler, Goodwill Ambassadors; Rikki Lobato, Goodwill Ambassador
INVOCATION	Immediate Past President, Pat (Cherie) Cox
FLAG SALUTE	1st Vice President, Robert Swee
MINUTES	Secretary, Lorri McIntosh **Motion:** Brooke Davison moved to accept the minutes as written, Cece Glidewell second the motion. Motion approved.

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

OFFICERS REPORT

PRESIDENT – Joyce (Mike) Welton
As my year as President comes to an end, I want to sincerely thank the Federation Board for your support, friendship, and all the time and effort you give to keep our

dancing community going. It has been a very rewarding year for me, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve.

I hope this year has encouraged all of us to **promote square and round dancing** and look for new ways to increase participation, especially at lessons. There are so many resources available to help us, and I hope the ideas I've shared along the way have been useful.

My theme was **"Get the Word Out."** I hope you did—and I hope you'll keep doing it!

Thank you for a wonderful year. It has been my pleasure to serve you and our dancing community.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Robert Swee
No report

2027 MIDWINTER FESTIVAL - Brooke Davison
Things are moving forward. We are looking at additional money saving activities such as moving dancers to the Holiday Inn and canceling the use of the Santiam Building. Decisions have not been finalized yet! But we are assessing various options. The Square and Round Dance Programs will be finalized in September, and we hope to publish tentative schedules in October or November. Visitation chairs are already out promoting the festival. They have ribbons! Encourage your clubs to purchase their ribbons early!!

2028 MIDWINTER FESTIVAL - Linda Reetz
As the Chairperson for the Mid-Winter 2028, I am happy to report that I have signed contracts for all three of my featured Cuers and Caller. They are Hunter Keller, Caller; Rey and Sherry Garza, Round Dance Cuers; and Darolyn Pchajek, Clogging Cuer. Their bios have been turned in for background checks. I am working on flyer and ribbon design. It is my hope to receive my $6,000.00 check (startup money) this weekend.

The theme for 2028 will be "Celebrate Dance' using red, white, and blue colors.

2027 SUMMER FESTIVAL - Rob & Andrea Schreiner
A request was made to have the Federation create a website for Summer Festival 2027. Tim Roberts will work on creating the website.

The Interstate Highlanders are busy working on the planning phase of the 2027 Summer Festival. There have been several visitations over the summer. More are planned for fall. The Glidewell's have distributed some flyers around the State and the Featured caller and cuer, David & Dawn Mee, have shared the flyer in the southern California area. We currently have nine pre-registrations from Oregon and two from California.

Below is the current financial information:

They have received 11 preregistrations as of this writing, which includes two RVs. Also, one vendor contract has been received. The ribbons and badges and flyers were purchased within the budget limits.

	2027 Summer Festival		
	Aug-26		
Revenue:	IHC	to open acct	$100.00
OFSRDC Loan			$3,000.00
Registrations	Jun-Aug 2026		$330.00
Vendors			$155.10
50/50			$0.00
RV Parking			$60.00
Raffle/Silent Auction			$0.00
Total			**$3,645.10**
Expenses:			
Rent			$0.00
Caller & Cuer			$0.00
Hotel for C&C			$0.00
Ribbons/Badges			$275.95
BMI/ASCAP/ SESAC			$0.00
Youth Fund			$0.00
Printing/Postage			
Misc Print Postage Reg Forms			$275.60
Total			$0.00
Advertising			$0.00
Misc			$0.00
Decorations			$0.00
Hospitality			$0.00
Total Expenses			**$551.55**
Net Profit			**$3,093.55**

The committee is looking forward to our promo party at Mid-Winter where they will give away two ribbons to some lucky dancers. The ribbons will be $5.00 off the registration price at the Mid-Winter promo.

2028 SUMMER FESTIVAL - Lorri McIntosh/Rikki Lobato

We are still working on flyers, ribbons, contracts and committee members.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS - Tim (Kathy) Roberts
Down another club this period. We do seem to maintain a pretty good level of advertising. My mailing list hovers right around 840 "subscribers".

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Julia Buchheit
Directories are in, price this year is $5.25 each.

SECRETARY - Lorri McIntosh
Get well card to Zola Jones and Sarge Glidewell

TREASURER – Lane Clem
Attached are the Federation's Financial Reports as of August 31, 2026:

1. Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison – You will see movement of funds to correctly reflect the status of various accounts:
    a. The OFN account balance has been moved to General Fund since there is virtually no activity in this fund except advertising income.
    b. Charity Fund, Youth Scholarship Fund and Accounts Receivable Summer Festival have been taken out of overdraft status with transfer of funds from General Fund.
    c. Washington Federal Certificate of Deposit has been moved to Key Bank to get a reasonable interest rate.
    d. Funds have been transferred out of the Key Bank Savings and the Oregon State Credit Union Savings to cover the overdraft in General Fund.
    e. Accounts Receivable – Midwinter and Summer Festival have been adjusted to coordinate correctly with the Midwinter and Summer Festival loan funds accounts.
    f. Office Equipment fixed asset account has been depreciated to $0.00.
2. Profit and Loss YTD Comparison – this compares the total income and expenses for our current year-to-date to the total for the previous year-to-date. This comparison shows that we took in a little more this year than we did last year, but we spent a little more than we did last year.
3. Profit and Loss Actual Vs Budget – This report is only a tool to help us keep on track with the income and expenses we forecast at the beginning of the year. The bottom line is that we ended the year with a little bit smaller loss than we predicted.

"The Rest of the Story"
I have now reached the end of one fiscal year as treasurer and I <u>think</u> I am beginning to get the hang of this treasurer's job.

Over the course of this year I have learned a few things:
1. I learned a little bit of Python programming, trying to program reports that GnuCash does not provide.
2. I learned that I did not have the patience to learn enough Python in a week in order to use it to get the reports finished.
3. I learned that I could still program the reports I needed using the knowledge of Visual Basic that has lain dormant in my brain for many years.

Despite my whining (and there has been a lot of that as some of you will attest), I do appreciate the trust you have placed in me as your treasurer. Thank you.

The Federation has donated money to the youth scholarship fund with the USDA. Lane Clem informed the members present that the Federation has donated $1000.00 in the past to the USDA Youth scholarship fund. There is insufficient funds in the fund we usually use to donate to the USDA Youth program. After discussion between the members present it was agreed to take money from the general fund and donate the same amount as last year, $1000.00 to the youth scholarship fund with USDA.
Motion: Cece Glidewell moved that we include $100 from the General Fund for the USDA Youth Fund. Motion seconded by Tom Klug. Lorri McIntosh: they gave 4 scholarships this yar. Oregon has benefited several times. Most of the organizations give $500-$1000. Marilyn Schmit: NEC gave 1, $2,500 scholarship while USDA gave 3 scholarships. Kathy Roberts: how much have we given in the past? $1000. Joyce Welton: Currently the motion is $100. Do we want to amend that?
Amended Motion: Betty Chipps moved to amend the donation to $1,000. Pat Cox seconded the motion.
The motion as amended passed.

Tim Roberts – Lane said something yesterday that is important to know. The 990N form dollar amount has been changed from $600 to $2,500. Pat Cox: is that for all of the callers and cuers or a separate 99N for each one? Lane Clem: any one personal who receives $2,500 needs a form.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN – Lisa Coen substituting for Sue Harrel
Most membership dues for the 2026/27 year have been received, with the exception of the payment from the Blue Mountains Council, which is expected soon.

Additionally, ReVuNQ has requested to become a Traveling Club, and Braids & Braves has informed the Federation that they will dissolve effective August 28, 2026.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN – Vicki Pounds
Preparation for the 2027 enrollment has been started. The paperwork needed for each club has been organized and will be emailed to each club's preparer in September. I sent out a preliminary email to each club preparer spelling out the protocol. I have received a few emails letting me know who the club replacement insurance person will

be. One club will be mailed their paperwork because she does not have an email. As always, 95% of the work will go well, the rest will need some fine tuning.

The revising of the P&Ps is in the works. I will likely wait for 2027 to present the revision to the board. With council delegates relieved from the distribution an collection of paperwork, I am looking for a way for the council delegates to stay involved with the insurance process. One idea I had was to have each delegate responsible for making sure their club classes and subsequent addition of members are reported to the insurance chair. Something to think about.

Stats:
June 2026
Total club membership: 1,697
Total members: 1,325

August 2026
Total club membership: 1,719
Total members: 1,402

For those of you who would like a spreadsheet of membership by club, I will have paper copies available.

There have been 6 accident reports, 1 accident with a caller-run club (not covered by USDA)

PAST PRESIDENT – Patrick (Cherie) Cox
Thomas Buchheit sent his review of the Penticton Caller School he attended in July.

Hello Oregon Federation Grant Committee,

I hope this email finds you well. Attached is the receipt I was given for the Penticton Caller School that I attended in July 2026. I would like to again thank the committee and the Federation for the grant and the opportunity that was given with the grant.

There were three levels of experience at the school: 0-2 years, 3-5 years, 10+ years. With the number of years I have been calling, I was placed into the most experienced group. Topics talked about included sight resolution, modules, singing call timing, equivalents, and much more. A lot of what was discussed I have experience with already, but not to the extent that was discussed. I believe what I got the most out of the school was the networking with other callers out my area (since most of the attendees were from Canada) and one of them gave me an open invitation to call with his group if I make it to Vancouver Island. Each attendee was given a thumb drive that contained all of the information discussed at the school and then extra material. I am thankful for this opportunity and look forward to utilizing what I can in my calling.

Best,

Thomas Buchheit

APPOINTED OFFICERS

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Tim (Kathy) Roberts
Lane's modifications to the Treasurer's job description are now included in the online Practices and Procedures.

EDUCATION/PUBLICITY - Kathy (Tim) Roberts
Our annual Delegate and Officer Training was yesterday. There were about 25 people in attendance. Thank you to Joyce Welton, Robert Swee, Tim Roberts, Lorri McIntosh, Lane Clem, and Vicki Pounds for your contributions. We were unable to finish the seminar due to time restraints. If your council is hosting the September meeting in the future, please remember to schedule 1½ hours on Saturday for our Training. Everyone received a Thumb Drive with the Training Manual, documents such as the Randal Award Nomination Form, Officer Nomination Forms and Insurance Claims. I also included a couple classes on how to create and administer Facebook, how to post flyers to the OFN and Facebook, how to create .pdfs and .jpgs, and more. If you did not receive your Thumb Drive, please let me know. If you have any questions about the material provided, please contact me.

Our Education Seminar during Mid-Winter will focus on how to keep your club and its corporate status healthy. Tim Roberts, Lane Clem, and Lisa Coen will be leading the seminar. I'll be posting the flyer for the seminar soon with additional information. Please encourage club leadership to attend the seminar.

If your clubs are struggling to figure out how to update the Federation website with your club information or on how to post flyers to the OFN, please contact me. I can either help individual clubs or schedule a workshop in your area.

I would like to encourage everyone to use the OFN and see how many clubs were using the free advertising in the OFN and Facebook to publicize your dances and lessons. These tools are free and flyers that are posted are viewed worldwide.

I continue to monitor the Federation Facebook page. I continue to post flyers from other Square Dance pages to the Federations' page, monitoring activities, offer assistance when needed, and remove spammers. Please remember if any of clubs need help creating flyers or help posting, please contact me. I am here to help.

HISTORIAN - Marilyn (Ron) Schmit
There has been no activity since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

LICENSING – Brooke Davison

SESAC yearly fees have been paid. Will be filing report in October adjusting the number of events for 2026-2027 (since we didn't hold a Summer Festival this year). I am hoping that will provide a credit to our account.

YOUTH ADVISOR - Julia Buchheit for Karyn Buchheit
No report.

ORDTA - Tami Helms (Tim Keck)
ORDTA held their first all-round dance weekend "Hot August Rounds", August 21 & 22, 2026 at the Emerald Empire Square Dance Center. On Friday night we danced together in the main hall with mixed levels phase 2 thru phase 5. Saturday had teaches and workshops offered for phases 2-5 with and evening dance to finish the weekend. Our cuer membership participated by teaching and cuing as well as helping to plan, set up and breakdown to make the weekend a success.

We had low overhead as the rental fee was very reasonable and few other expenses. We are happy to report we made a profit. Will we have another next year? That's what we will be talking about at our next meeting in October.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING - Tami Helms (Tim Keck)
South Coast Council has selected "GOOD TO GO" September OROM
Choreo: Yuka Hayami
Music: "Good To Go"by LÒNIS & Daphne Willis
Source: iTunes or Amazon download
Total time: 2:46
Rhythm: Two Step
Phase II

Tualatin Valley Council has selected October 2026 OROM
"Together Hand in Hand"
Choreo: Shigeyuki & Miwae Yamashita
Music: Hand In Hand Album: 25 Top Waltz trk 17
Casa Musica 2:20 Speed as Download
Waltz Phase II + 1 Interrupted Box

CALLER LIAISON - Terry Halley (Betty Chipps)
The new list from CALLERLAB takes effect in September. It will take a while for people to learn the new calls have been moved around.

WEBMASTER - Tim (Kathy) Roberts
Nothing to report.

STATE FAIR - Marilyn (Ron) Schmit
I asked for and received dance dates for September 1, 3, and 5. The mid-afternoon times turned out to be 1-2 each of the three days. I did not receive any volunteer cuer so mainstream was done all three days. George Hermann called to 25

dancers, Bruce Lowther called to 16 dancers and Thomas Buchheit called to 49 dancers. Pictures were posted on Facebook and to my fair contact person. Lots of positive comments on Facebook for being there. We got rained on and quit early on Thursday and my fair contact congratulated us for trying and being there anyway. I received 150 gate passes and returned 61 unused ones.

I gave out information for lessons for a few people but not as much as usual. 2027 dance dates are August 31, September 2 and 4.

USDA- Marilyn (Ron) Schmit.
There were 3032 dancers in Waco. The 2029 convention will be hosted by Overland Park, Kansas with a theme of Explore Our Heartland. The mascot is a Prairie Dog.

USDA celebrated 45 years with 57 Affiliates and 149 delegates who were able to represent 25 of 57 Affiliates in the meeting. We gave away four Youth Scholarships, one of which was sponsored by the National Executive Committee in the amount of $2500.

USDA gave out three Youth Educational Scholarships in the amount of $2500, $1500, and $1000. Three young ladies and one gentleman were the lucky recipients.

USDA honored Alitia Becker and her late husband John with Life Memberships for a long time of service to USDA and the Handicapable Committee. President Scott Ebright surprised founding member Jim Maczko with a Meritorious Service Award in his name. Jim has been with the board for 45 years, most of which has been in the role of Parliamentarian.

There is a new source of funds available for youth to use for needs that are dance related. A form was emailed to Salem Swingin' Stars to apply for funds to help with passport expenses for May 2027 competition in Canada.

The winter meeting is in Springfield, MO the same weekend as Mid-Winter. The meetings will be all day Friday and about half a day on Saturday. I have plans to fly home on Saturday late afternoon so I can attend the Sunday morning meeting of the Federation. One of the dinners is at Lambert's, home of the Throwed Rolls. Great fun. The Saturday dance is in the afternoon.

Pre-Convention for 2028 will be in Daytona Beach, FL the weekend before Mid-Winter at the Hard Rock Hotel. I am still debating on attending. I would fly on Thursday and fly home on Sunday.

BACKGROUND CHECK- Tim (Kathy) Roberts.
We are now caught up through Summer Festival 2027. I'll need to get a form to Larry so we're ready for next year.

DELEGATE MEETING REPORT – Betty Chipps
We had 7 councils at the meeting. We talked about the insurance that had been mailed out. Discussed directories and to always update your club info. Talke a lot about lessons and how to promote them. Facebook, yard signs, flyers, personal contact, videos. Good meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. May/Spring meeting in the P&P's
   Motion: Robert Swee moved to change the wording of the May meeting to "April/May" in the P&P''s in a couple locations. Seconded by Cece Glidewell. Tim Roberts, all we are doing is changing the name of the month.
   Motion passed with 1 opposition.

RECESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Installation of new officers:
   President Robert Swee and his board were installed as the 2026-2027 OFRSDC Officers by Tom Klug, Central Oregon Delegate
B. Budget for 2026-2027
   Motion: Brooke moved to accept the budget as presented by Robert. Lisa Coen seconded the motion.
   The proposed budget versus the actual budget was worked on in June. There were a couple changes made to the budget. We eliminated the state fair for $50 and the showcase for the National Convention. The states are no longer invited to participate in the showcase. Joyce Welton: the budget shows no income from Summer Festival. Robert Swee: the festival budget is based on last year's festival. Tim Roberts: the budget for year end is based on the Festival and Midwinter – what actually happened.
   Motion passed.

DELEGATE REPORTS

BLUE MOUNTAINS COUNCIL - David (Sally) Stutzman
Nothing to report.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL – Tom Klug
<u>High Desert Dancers: Don Bramhall</u>

- The Luau dance was a great success with 4-5 squares.
- Club will sponsor a booth at the Bend Munch and Music Festival.
- (4) New Dancer Dances scheduled on Monday Nights.
- The regular dances are better attended this year.
- Club dues increased to $25.00 per year.

<u>Red Rocks:</u>

- Completed Mainstream Square Dance lessons on April 15, graduating (3) students.
    - Discussed starting lessons in February, 2027.
    - The first Double Down/Triple Up dance was well attended in May. The next one is in May with the Red Rocks Hosting the workshop.
    - The former Sundown RidgeRiders considering becoming a round dance club associated with our club. The tentative name for the club is the "Red Rock Rounds". Bill Randle and Mike Butler are heading this group.

Sagebrush Brush Shufflers: Gary Chee

- New officers Elected
    - President: Renea Sedlacek
    - Vice President: Dan Nipper
    - Secretary: Vicky Mangum
    - Treasurer: Robin Doglio
- The April Birthday Dance was a big hit with (4) squares. root beer floats and Cupcakes were served.
- The Mother's Day Dance celebrated on May 9th with corsages and door prizes.
- Scheduled to have a square dance float at the Fourth of July Parade.
- Dances will be at the Ochoco Gym.

Sundown Ridge Riders:

No report. The club is disbanded. They are working with the Red Rocks to find a time and location to meet.

EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL - Linda (Larry) Neuschwander-Reetz

All of the Clubs in our Area are back to dancing, (except Misty Valley Cloggers): 'Sweet Home Squarenaders'; dance 2nd Saturdays, at Foster Elementary School, in Sweet Home.

The following clubs all dance at the Emerald Square Dance Center, in Springfield.

'Cast A Shadow', advance & challenge, dance every other Sunday, please see website link.

'Spin Cycle Squares' dance every Sunday afternoon. 'Cascade Callers & Cuers' dance 5th Saturdays.

'Emerald Valley Dancers' dance every 3rd Saturday, 2nd or 3rd Fridays, and every 4th Friday.

New Dancer lessons, also at Emerald Square Dance Center, with caller, Thomas Buchheit, start on Thursday, September 17, at 7:15 p.m.

Our next Area Council meeting is Monday, September 20, 7:15 p.m., at Emerald Square Dance Center, Hall 'B', where we will be appointing a new Secretary and a new Treasurer.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS - Cece (Sarge) Glidewell
The Klamath Country Squares Fall lessons began on September 1 for rounds and September 3 for squares at the Knights of Columbus building. As of the writing of this report, it appears they will have several new round and square dance couples. An updated report of numbers will be given verbally at this meeting. Please note there is no Potato Festival this year due to unfortunate circumstances.

The council is hosting the 2027 Summer Festival the 5th weekend of July in Salem at the Blanchet Catholic School. Please see the Summer Festival report for more details.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL – Brooke Davison
Unfortunately, we were notified at our last meeting that Braids and Braves, a club that has been in existence for 65 years, has decided to disband. They cited recent deaths and illness has taken a toll to their roster. They held a final dance in August. In other news, MWA clubs are planning fall lessons and new dancer dances. Our annual Fall Festival will be on Halloween at the Salem Square Dance Center. Willamette Squares and Cherry City Cloggers will celebrate their birthdays in October, 32 years and 37 years, respectively. Silver City Squares is still auditioning cuers. We will install new delegates and a new treasurer at our September meeting.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL - Betty Chipps (Terry Halley)
PAC appreciates so very much the Bachelor and Bachelorettes (BnB) Club for hosting the Oregon Federation Officer and Delegates meetings and Harvest Moon dance yesterday, Sept. 19th. The Taco Bar dinner meal was delicious with so many choices - gluten free options included and 'yummy. Desserts. The Abernethy Grange was so full - the Country Cut-ups added to our dancers and we truly enjoyed the callers: Dan Preedy and Randy Dibble; the cuers: Tami Helms and Julie Stiers' and the open food bar downstairs! Thank you BnBs and PAC members for your hard work.

The PAC Board will meet tomorrow, 9/21/26 at the Oak Grove Community Center. Next PAC Meeting will be January 18, 2027.

PAC current Officers are: Tami Helms - V.P.& Alt. State Delegate, Jeff Knapp, Secretary,
Vicki Pounds -Treasurer, Betty Chipps – PAC State Delegate. A PAC <u>President is still needed</u>.

All the PAC clubs continue to dance and promote square dancing through weekly lessons, new-dancer dances and community events that offer a free introduction-to-square-dance. Round dances lessons are offered as well as Line Dance instruction.

Please join us at the next PAC Meeting on January 18, 2027 at the Oak Grove Community Center beginning 7:30pm.

ROGUE SIS-Q – Blake Smith
Next Council meeting is October 6th at 4:30pm. Our next council dance will be October 30th at Josephine County Fairgrounds from 6:30-10pm, with Chuck Simpkins calling and Elaine Funk cueing.

CHARLIE BROWN SQUARES
We had a busy summer with the Boatnik Square Dance Festival. We also had a Drive Away cancer dance in June with Roger Putzler. We put on a Masters in Plus class/workshop and Masters in mainstream Class/workshop. We also had root beer floats with our Float the Boat dance this summer.

We will start our new Beginner class on Sept. 10 and Plus on Sept. 15. Saturday, Sept 19 will be a community dance and is open to non-dancers to come and have fun with us. J Domis is calling and Elaine Funk will be cueing.

Upcoming dances are our Halloween dance on Oct. 17 with Chuck Simpkins calling. The Toys for Tots will be on November 7 with Wayne Weaver calling and Sarge Glidewell cueing. Our 59th Birthday Dance will be on December 5th with Lawrence Johnstone calling and Rikki Lobato cueing. And lastly, January will be Amateur night on January 16. This will be the Snow Boots & Dancing Shoes dance.

STAR PROMENADERS
Star Promenaders Host Mainstream/Plus Dances on the 2nd (with rounds) and 4th (with Advance) Saturdays of each month, at the Rogue Valley Square Dance Center 3377 Table Rock Rd, Medford, OR.
Diamond Lake Festival is held on the 4th weekend of July each year. 2027 will be their 54th Anniversary, 7/21-24/2027 with Phil Ramey and Michael & Heather Haworth as guest caller and cuer.
Check out our website at: www.starpromenaders.org
Also on Facebook & Squaredance101.com

SOUTH COAST COUNCIL – Cherie (Patrick) Cox
No report

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL – Marie (Lane) Clem
The TVC annual Picnic and "Dance in the Park" was held on August 29th at Harleman Park, with caller George Hermann and cuer Julie Stiers.

Coming up: the annual Seaside Sashay at the Seaside Convention Center, with callers Hunter Keller and Steve Noseck, and cuer Tami Helms. October 23 and 24. Craft fair, dancing at the turnaround, many door prizes, and seaside outlets. $30 for the weekend. Registration forms are at the OFN website. $35 at the door, so register early.

New Year's Eve dance will be at the Aloha Grange with caller Scott Zinser and cuer Connie Clark. The flyer is at the OFN website.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL – Doris (Neil) Koozer
Things are picking up again at the Buckeroo Barn, after the summer slowdown. Many dancers have journeyed around the state to various festivals, or dance weekends. The UAC ended the summer on August 30th, with their 3rd annual BBQ/picnic. A Community Dance was held after the picnic, and a regular dance followed.

Square dance lessons began on September 10th and will be held on Thursday and Sunday for the next two months. Jim and Jan Steele are instructing as entrepreneurs rather than the Buckeroo's sponsoring the class. They plan to graduate the class at the end of October. The Timber 8s will continue to do joint dances with the Buckeroos on special occasions. The Buckeroos dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

The Dancing Friend will be confining their class to Tuesday evening, with portions of the class geared to advanced, intermediate, or beginners. The Beginner's rhythm will be Waltz. Rhythms for the other two levels will vary, we will be developing skills in the rhythms we have recently taught. They will have at least one Party Dance per month.

For the next UAC dance, we will have Randy Dibble and Neil Koozer on October 31 for a Masquerade Square Dance. On November 11, the UAC plans to have a float in the annual Roseburg Veterans' Day Parade, one of the largest in the state.

You are invited to view our new Facebook page, Roseburg Square Dance.

ACTIVE GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Rikki Lobato
I am sorry to miss the meeting - I am up in Bremerton, WA cueing a festival.
In June, I attended Buckeroo RoundUp in Roseburg and my first RoundALab and National Conventions in Waco, TX. Waco was a wonderful experience and I learned a lot! In July, I stepped in to cue Diamond Lake Festival because the Preskitts could not attend. I had a great time- and the 3rd time was the charm to finally cue that weekend. August was pretty busy with attending Central OR Roundup in Sisters and cueing Life's A Dance in Springfield, The Salmon BBQ Festival in Spokane.and cueing Silver City Squares in Silverton.

September started quietly with a relaxing Labor Day weekend at my besties and a week off from any dancing or cueing - other than the classes I am teaching.
Everywhere I go I proudly wear my badge and let dancers know about the wonderful events happening in Oregon.

If you have any flyers you would like me to share - please let me know and I would be happy to take them with me. Between now and Midwinter, I will be cueing and/or

dancing in Bremerton, WA, Salem, OR, Yuba City, CA, Milwaukie, OR, Bend, OR, San Diego, CA and of course Grants Pass.
I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of their year and we will see you somewhere on the dance floor.

Roger & Linda Putzler
No report received

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lorri McIntosh gave her new email to the Federation: nursylady@gmail.com

Marilyn Schmit - we will be having a dance at the Oregon Bounty/Rotunda on October 3 from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm with George Hermann calling.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
Sunday, January 31, 2027 at 9:00am
Emerald Empire Council
Linn County Fairground
Albany, Oregon

MOTION TO ADJOURN