

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**

**Comfort Inn & Suites**

**626 Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32801**

**Saturday, February 23, 2013 – 9 a.m.**

***Call to order:*** President, Jack Hoffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Meeting Room of the Comfort Inn & Suites.

***Invocation:*** Invocation was given by Dennis Taylor.

***Pledge of Allegiance:*** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paul Miller

***Roll Call:*** Roll call was performed by Secretary Anita Taylor. A quorum of Delegates was present.

***Introduction of Visitors & Guests:*** President, Barbara Hoffman, welcomed all Delegates and guests. New Delegates were: Fred & Sally Bond, Delores Browning – Central, Bill & Belinda Barker, and Julie Franciskato – Northeast.

***Minutes of October 28, 2012 Meeting:***

**Don Slocum, made the motion, seconded by Elsa Huddleston, to accept the minutes of October 28, 2012 with the following changes: Under #5. “President Maria Spencer” change to “President Maria Spence” Also under #22 C, Federation Nomination Committee Report, the following should be added by way of explanation “Val Newsome was unable to attend the meeting. She has sent the report to be read by Randy Poole. “ Motion carried.**

***Treasurer’s Report:*** (Report Attached)  
Penny Green gave the report. Report was filed for audit.

***Parliamentarian Report :***

**We have been becoming familiar with this position and its responsibilities. In preparation for this meeting we have been working on The Showcase of Ideas.**

**First, I want to report that the panels for the display have been reinforced with a PVC frame. Thanks to Jack Hoffman who came up with the idea on how to stabilize the panels, obtained the necessary material and provided the labor to accomplish this.. Thanks Jack!!**

**We have been in contact with the Showcase of Ideas committee for the National convention and requested three 8' tables including one for the campers.**

**We contacted the Florida DOT and requested 100 state maps to be put out on the table in front of the display. Also we have the buttons that were obtained previously and - thanks to Randy Poole - miniature orange crates for the table.**

**This weekend we plan on providing the panels and picture albums to a representative of each of the associations for them to update and return to us at the state convention in May, where we will assemble the Showcase and have it on display.**

**Then we will get it to the National Convention in June for display.**

**Dennis & Nancy Taylor**

***Sunshine Report:***

**Vice President's Correspondence & Sunshine Report**

**The USDA form requesting interest in the 501(c)(3) Exemption with all documentation was mailed in November (Treasurer has copy of Postal receipt).**

**The following cards were mailed out on behalf of the Federation to:**

**“Thinking of you” : Dave Nihart, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg, Sue Brown (follow-ups on their illness) & Paul McClain (late response to the loss of his Wife Marie)**

**Get Well” to: Val Newsome (after she returned home from her surgery), Jack McKinney, Knee Surgery; Dave Nihart (was hospitalized on January for Pneumonia).**

**Sympathy Card to: John Fay on the loss of his mother. The family of Dean Emery, National US Handicapable Caller. Kathy & Jack McKinney on the loss of her sister. Penny Green on the loss of her sister.**

***Correspondence:***

**One letter from Sandy Brasfield saying:**

**“Please accept my resignation as Co-Historian of the Florida Federation. I have enjoyed being part of the History committee since the 80's. But not**

**dancing makes it difficult to do my fair share. I appreciate the opportunity to serve in that position. Thank you.”**

**Sincerely,  
Sandy Brasfield**

***Florida Caller Liaison:***

**There are two items that the FCA might wish to consider: 1. Communication between the Federation and the FCA, and 2. Exploring an idea to combine the convention and the Winter Festival.**

**My impression is that there is disappointment, displeasure and some animosity on the way several past convention general chairs have been rebuked when offering suggestions on the scheduling and programming of the convention. I do not have personal experience, but I was given several examples from past chairs that past attempts to communicate suggestions and recommendations on the programming of the convention were met with statements from the FCA such as “it’s none of your business” or “we don’t want to hear it we program the convention.”**

**Whether or not this is an accurate representation of what might have transpired, it is the perception that counts and the perception is that the FCA doesn’t want to hear from anyone about programming the convention. Twice I have attempted to suggest that this attitude might not now be as strong as it has in the past. My effort has been to help ease the obvious friction between the two groups on this issue.**

**In addition to the poor communication I get the sense that the convention sales persons, organizers and planners would like to see that dancers might have some influence on programming choices in an effort to help increase convention attendance. I see no agreement on how dancer opinions might be gathered or how dancer opinion might be expressed and used. Perhaps this is something the two organizations might be able to use as a project to improve the perceived friction.**

**As to the item about combining the convention and the Winter Festival this is an idea in ONLY EXPLORATORY phase with no idea of how it might be accomplished or if it would be beneficial to the convention. The Federation seems willing to gather a small group of callers, cuers, dancers and possible others to explore the possible advantages and disadvantages of such a combination. Grand Squares International has informally agreed to at least**

**discuss the possibility that might have benefits for both groups. It is another effort to find possibilities for cutting convention costs and increasing attendance. Certainly it would require some careful consideration by thoughtful persons who might be open to consideration of “out of the box” ideas.**

**Keith Stevens,  
Florida Caller Liaison**

***Florida Cuer Liaison:*  
No report**

***Association Reports:***

**Northwest**

**We are very excited about the success many of the Clubs in NW FL are having in recruiting & teaching new dancers. Capital Twirlers (Elmer Sheffield Caller), Rivertown Squares (Jack White Caller), Swinging Squares (Chris Burchfield Caller) & Sand Spurs (Chris Burchfield Caller) have graduated classes. Many of the new graduates have joined their respective Clubs and dance regularly with them. This is an exciting time for Square Dancing in the Panhandle right now. Woo Hoo!!**

**We are really looking forward to this years State Convention and hope to bring more dancers from NW FL this year. Life's a Beach in 2013 should be just that!**

**Our 39th Annual Roundup will be held on October 25 & 26 at Addie R. Lewis Middle School in Valparaiso, FL. Tom Miller is our featured caller, Larry Belcher will also be calling and Bryan & Sharon Gerdes will be our cuers. You can see our Flyer for the event on the Federation website or on the NW Association Facebook site. Our thanks go to Chris Burchfield for designing this year's flyer.**

**We really appreciate the Florida Federation website, [WWW.floridasquaredance.com](http://WWW.floridasquaredance.com). Kudos to the Webmaster, Bruce Morgan. This website has many useful links including a link to the Northwest Association home page. We invite you to go there to find a calendar of events and join us on Facebook, if you like.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Alec & Kay Schmidt, President, NWFSRDA**

### **West Coast**

**We have been very active in the West Coast Association.**

**We started November with a Dance to benefit the Hope Children's Home in Tampa. There was about \$1800.00 raised at the dance plus donations and used clothing sale. Dancers also brought supplies which had been listed as the Hope Children's Home needs, such as non-perishable food, soap, paper products etc..**

**We had a successful Fall Fun Fest in November with Jack Lewis and Red Bates providing the calling and Charlie and Leona Loveless the cuing. During the Sat. lunch break we had a Flash Mob Square Dance in Downtown Bartow, there were about 100 dancers that took part. There were a lot of spectators because it was in the middle of a Crafts Fair, we had a blast doing it.**

**We have had the following Association Dances:**

**December-Bonita Springs**

**January - Zephyrhills**

**February-Bartow**

**There will be an Association Dance March 10th in Arcadia**

**There are several Beginner classes ongoing and the new class attendees are starting to come to our dances and mostly they can dance during the Mainstream tips with a little help. The Caller's Assoc. will be doing a Beginners Ball at Strawberry Sq. for everyone on March 3.**

**On February 13th there was Square Dancing at the State Fair in Tampa with 299 Dancers, 12 Callers and 3 Cuers all enjoying Dancing and teaching spectators/new Dancers a few calls. This has been ongoing for many years and we are hoping that it has encouraged some of the spectators to get involved in Sq. & Rd. dancing.**

**Penny & Jenny Green co-Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee 2014 FSSRDC will be giving their report and we are happy to help them whenever we can.**

**Another one of our clubs, Spinning Wheels after 43 yrs., has folded. What we have heard, the cause was because of lack of leadership, the persons that had kept the club going were worn out and no one else wanted to take on the responsibility.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Don & Ann Slocum, WCSRDA Presidents**

### **Central**

**CFA's big dance is being held in a couple of weeks. On March 15-16, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Swing will take place in The Villages. Jack Pladdys and Don Hanhurst will be calling and Loretta Hanhurst will be cuing with assistance from Mike Hanhurst. Randy & Carol Poole and Jack & Barbara Hoffman are co-chairmen. Typically, we have 15+ squares attending with casual dancing and workshops on Saturday. This is our fundraiser for the state conventions...join us if you can. Next year's Shamrock Swing is being chaired by Ailene Picheco.**

**CFA's next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance will be held in Geneva at Brendon Squares on March 30. Central Florida Caller's Association provides us with multiple callers and Dick Nordine will be cuing. Our June 30<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance is still in the planning stages.**

**We have lost 2 clubs this year, Starlight Promenaders and Sunshine Promenaders.**

**Terri Little**

### **Northeast**

**I am Pat McMillan. My husband Lamar and I are the new Presidents of the Northeast Square and Round Dance Association.**

**The Northeast has approximately 325 square dancers, 12 individual clubs, 2 camping clubs, and 1 advanced level club.**

#### **Some of the highlights for our area in no particular order:**

**\*The "Hello Hollywood" Fall Festival was very successful. It reported netting over \$3000.00 with at least 200 dancers both nights.**

**\*Square Wheels and Gypsy Squares hosted the Oleno Hoedown, in Oleno State Park. They had another successful weekend.**

**\*Silver Fox promotes Dreams Come True, an organization that their mission is to enrich the lives of seriously, chronically or terminally ill children. Mary Starling, NEFSARDA 2012 past president, worked tirelessly for this very worthy cause. This year they raised \$6,300.00.**

**\*Dixie Dancers sponsored the annual Blue/Grey Dance.**

**\*Mandarin Marauders is sponsoring a trip to Branson, MO.**

**\*Moose Promenaders had a Presidents Dance, Feb.21<sup>st</sup> with national caller Tim Marriner and cruising to the East Caribbean, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*Seabreeze Singles collects socks and holds a yearly fund raiser dance for the City Rescue Mission. A very worthy cause.**

**\*Anita and Bud Taylor hosted a “Chili on the Beach” fund-raiser for the 2013 convention. They raised approximately \$700.00.**

**\*We have added a new cuer Susan Snider, and a new caller Jeff Kleyla to our association. We are very fortunate to have such talent.**

**\*Grand Squares out of Gainesville, caller Lon Ligon, has been very successful with his approach to enlisting new dancers. Each Tuesday, this past fall, his club has held an introduction to Square Dancing hour at no charge for new dancers. In June 2013 he will graduate 12=14 new dancers. Congratulations to him and his club.**

**\*We have a new Grapevine Magazine editor, Bill Morgan. He is also NEFSARDA Treasurer. He has come in and is doing a super job.**

**\*April 6, 2013, Northeast will hold a “free” fish fry for all Northeast club members. Three dancers of the Moose Promenaders are furnishing the fish and cooking for us. We hope to continue to foster the line of communication among the clubs.**

**\*Northeast, like all associations, are very engaged in their community as well for their particular clubs. Lamar and I are very proud to be a small part of such a warm, loving and enthusiastic group of dancers.**

**Thank you.**

**Lamar and Patricia McMillan, NEFSARDA Presidents**

### **Southeast**

**DECEMBER’S DANCE WAS HELD IN HOLLYWOOD.WE HAD 7 NEW DANCERS JOIN “SEA” AT THE DANCE. THIS WAS OUR TOY DANCE AND WE RECEIVED A WONDERFUL LETTER AND CERTIFICATE OF THANKS, FOR OUR DONATION OF TOYS TO THE UNDERPRIVALAGED CHILDREN IN BROWARD COUNTY.**

**WE DID A SQUARE & ROUND DANCE MOB AT THE CARNIVAL FLEA MARKET IN JAN. WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT WITH 3 SQUARES DANCING, & MANY DANCERS PASSING OUT FLYERS, & PROMOTING SQUARE DANCE DURING THE DEMO. WE HELD THIS DANCE ONE WEEK BEFORE SCOTTY SHARRER CLASSES STARTED. WE WERE INVITED BACK TO DANCE THERE AGAIN. SCOTTY’S DANCE CLASSES ARE FOLLOWED BY A NEW CLUB CALLED “HAPPY SQUARES”. THE ANGELS GET TO DANCE AT THE CLUB FOLLOWING THE CLASS, AND THE NEW DANCERS CAN STAY TO WATCH THE EXPERIENCED DANCERS.**

**OUR FEBRUARY CHINESE NEW YEAR DANCE WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED IN BOYNTON BEACH. WE HAD 4 ADDITONAL DANCERS JOIN.**

**MARCH 16 IS OUR SNOWFLAKE FROLIC. IT IS THE MAJOR FUNDRAISER USUALLY HELD IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. I REGRET TO REPORT THAT IT**

**IS IN MARCH THIS YEAR, BUT IT'S PROBABLY SNOWING SOMEWHERE. IT WAS THE FIRST DATE THAT I COULD CO-ORDINATE THE HALL AND THE CALLERS. THE CALLERS WILL BE JACK LEWIS & SCOTTY SHARRER. I WILL BE CUEING. I HAVE SOME SURPRISES PLANNED.**

**FEBRUARY 20, WAS BRINY BREEZE 65 ANNIVERSARY. THEY HAD A POT LUCK DINNER DANCE, AND A NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER SHOWED UP.**

**CASTOFFS IS PLANNING THERE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SOON.**

**HOLLYWOOD SQUARES WON THE PRIZE FOR THE MOST DANCERS AT THE FLORIDA WINTER FESTIVAL. THEY ARE PLANNING A BIG DINNER DANCE WITH THE MONEY.**

**ZAIL GREENBAIN, Pres of SEFSR**

**Florida Singles (FASSRD)**

**It is early in the year but FASSRD is already busy advertising our 34th Annual Party-Rama Dance being held, as usual, at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, FL. The dates this year are October 24th & 25th. In case you have forgotten, we are having Randy Dougherty and Red Bates as our callers with Joanne & Ken Helton cueing again this year.**

**The format will be the same. Mainstream/Plus with Rounds in one hall (Plantation Hall) and Advance dancing with Star tips in the second hall (Cabaret Hall). Square and round dance workshops on Saturday morning and afternoon. Chef Mac is providing another fine lunch at noontime on Saturday for an additional charge of \$10.00 per person.**

**It was a fun dance last October with Tim Marriner and Jack Lewis. Lots of toe tapping and swinging and laughing. I'm sure some future dance will have this duo back as they have been requested for a return engagement already.**

**At the last meeting in October, I ran out of flyers which meant a lot of you did not receive any to take back to your area – well, not or worry. There are plenty here now, so help yourself. This is our “once-a-year” dance, please help us advertise it. Let everyone know you had a great time. Remember this is an OPEN dance for everyone – married or single. Our “money maker” dance, so to speak. Price this year is straight across the board, \$25.00 per person. Less confusing all the way around.**

**Last year, in September, before the Fall Federation meeting, FASSRD extended a written invitation to the “soon-to-be” Presidents, Jack & Barbara Hoffman, to again hold the Fall Federation (2013) meeting with us at the**



**Kenilworth Lodge, with, again, a “Comp” meeting room provided by FASSRD - with donuts, of course. If our invitation is accepted, we will offer a \$2.00 discount on your entrance ribbons this week-end, \$23.00 per person. And get your reservations at the Kenilworth Lodge soon as there is a golf tournament that week-end with many of the golfing faithfuls staying there.**

**There will be a Singles/Youth Hall at the Florida State Convention this year, being manned by Jenny Green. She has chaired the Singles Hall in the past so she has this is well under control. Jenny always has a bright sunny smile as she greets dancers at the door inviting them into the room for dancing.**

**The Seabreeze Singles Club in Jacksonville remains Florida’s only active Singles Club. Jim Cosman is their ever faithful caller but they now have new cuer, Susan Snider. She is cueing and teaching round dancing since Lisa Wall moved to Arizona.**

**Judy Anderson  
FASSRD President**

***Publication Reports:***

**The Grapevine (NE)  
No report**

**Keepin’ Posted (C)  
No report**

**Panhandle Press (NW)  
No report**

**West Coast Dancer (WC)**

**To the Florida Square & Round dance Assoc.  
Good Morning:**

**Last week we received the Presidents' message from our association President, Don & Ann Slocum, and it began by saying there wasn't anything new to write about. But thankfully they filled the entire page.**

**Among their comments was the concern about the obvious decline in square dance attendance. The WC Dancer has been impacted by this also. We have fewer paid Ads, and reduced the number of printed copies and have reduced the number of issues per year from 6 to 5. □□**

**Ginny and I have been talking about what may be contributing to this besides the usual things like the aging of the dancer population or the influence of TV, numerous activities available etc.**

**We hear and read that square dancing is fun. It is but we notice many of the dances seem to be rather routine and devoid of little things that added to the fun. Remember 'Progressive squares', 'Tea cup chain" starting from the sides. How about Square the Barge, or go Red Hot , Ice Cold and Grand Colonel Spin. All variations on what is commonly taught. Remember when Promenading Home, some couple would leave the square to join another. You got to dance with a lot of other people. And all those calls are mainstream or plus.**

**Perhaps what we have said is irrelevant but we had to express our view.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Henning, Editor**

**Bow & Swing  
No report**

***State Convention Reports:***

***2013***

**We are pleased with the pace our Convention is moving along. So far, only small problems; one we really anticipated when we decided to cut our cost and move the Vendors to the center of the Sikes Hall, we are working diligently on this problem and hope that it will come together without loss of income or loss of dance space. Our Assistant Caller Chairman Sam Dunn had to resign due to matters not disclosed and Keith Stevens has stepped in to fill his position. We have touched base with our entire committees and feel we'll be ready in 90 days! Our Convention Committee Chairman are suited up and waiting for the "Party Wave" as they make this Convention an epic one for the dancers.**

**The planning of this Convention has been exciting, our Caller Chairman Bob Poyner accommodated our awesome dance schedule planning; we will have Saturday morning workshop on every level of Squares, Judy Anderson & Jenny Green, have some "primo" Dangle Dances planned**

**for Saturday & Sunday afternoon. Country Line dancing for both Saturday & Sunday has been scheduled. Plan on participating in our “Last Square Standing” marathon dance on Saturday afternoon (this will replace the Competition Squares). And the most heartfelt planning was the “Handicapable Hall” on Saturday afternoon. We are honored to be giving complimentary ribbons to the “Yellow Rockers” from Central Association & the Miami Ocean Waves, from Southeast who will be attending our Convention this year. Please consider bringing a square or stopping in their hall on Saturday to dance with them.**

**Our “Dance Schedule” will be posted at the Convention website on April 15<sup>th</sup> as well as printed in the May edition of the Bow & Swing. If anyone needs to have a meeting and has not already told me, please get with us so that we can work you into the schedule.**

**We are working on the Program Book. I would like to “thank” Ailene Picheco for taking on the most time consuming committee our Convention has. Please get all your ads for the Program Book to Ailene ASAP, the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>! We need everyone to do their best to get ads as they are a large part of the funding for the Convention.**

**Our Hospitality Chairman, Val & Charlie Newsome, are asking for volunteers to hand out program books and greet dancers as they enter the Convention Hall. They will need four people, two at the parking area entrance and two by the exhibition hall throughout the weekend. If you can help work on Hospitality for an hour or two, please sign up this weekend so they can get the work schedule completed.**

**Randy Poole will be our Grand March coordinator on Saturday night at the Convention. He is here to give you the instructions to take back to your Association clubs.**

**Registration Chairman Carol Poole: We are starting to gather our workers for the registration booth. If you are interested in donating an hour of your dance time, we are now accepting resumes.**

**Currently we have 188 ribbons sold, with (3) refunds. Compared to the 58<sup>th</sup> State Convention we are up by 10 ribbons at this time.**

**We have distributed 140 ribbons to the associations for selling. It is not necessary to mail the money every time you sell one. We will accept money at the Shamrock Swing. All ribbons and money must be returned by the trail end dance.**

**George Garich is coordinating the 50/50 sales. He will have the tickets and the bags in the VIP Room opposite the Caller/Cuer Room. He will need people to donate an hour or so during the evening dancing to sell tickets. I have a signup sheet for anyone that can help with 50/50 sales.**

**After Party Chairman Terri Little, is coordinating the After Party at the Host Hotel on Saturday night. She has your invitation to our "late night Beach Party". Please assist her with getting your delegates their invitations.**

**The Decoration Chairman has asked "helpers" to be on hand at 8:30 AM on Friday to help decorate the halls. Many hands make everybody's work lighter.**

**We have a new item added to our Ways & Means. We received a donation of twenty-five (25) umbrellas with a printed logo that reads "Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music". The umbrellas will sell for \$12.00 each. These are really nice umbrellas and I think everyone should have one. Paul & I purchased one on our way here as the rain would not let up and it kept me dry! Our current fundraiser, for the "\$500.00" Cash Raffle sales are moving slow at this time.**

**Join us at our Trail In Dance on Thursday, May 23 at Strawberry Square in Plant City. Wear your beach (casual attire) please no swimsuits, unless you are a Lifeguard or a Bikini Lady! Believe me you can't compete with these Dudes & Dudettes. This dance will be our last fundraiser for our Convention. For a "Donation" at the door you will get to meet our Florida Boys; as you square up with Bob Poyner, Ernie Rollen, Bobby Keefe & Lon Ligon. Rounds between tips will be provided by Beach Bunny Terri Wilaby. I have flyers, so please pick some up and take them back to your Associations.**

**We hope you are as excited as we are and if you haven't purchased your ribbon, you need to jump on your longboard and get them now, at the low..low.. price of \$35.00 per person. The door price at the Convention will be \$40.00 per person.**

**Our Convention host hotel will be the "Ramada Hotel & Conference Center of Lakeland" located at 3260 US Hwy 98N, Lakeland, FL 33805, (863) 688-8080. The hotel rate will be the special "Square Dancer" rate of \$65.00 + tax per night. Price includes two free breakfasts each morning, so book now! If you are campers, Lakeland RV is offering Full Hookups for the Convention at \$19/night. Whether you book at the hotel or the campground you need to tell them you are with the Square Dancers to get the special rates.**

**I left the most information for the end of my report (I knew if you heard it first you would have been too excited to hear anything else). Please give our Treasurer Dave Henn a round of applause... With great effort, he wrote the checks that have now paid The Lakeland Center our rental fee in full! I have delivered the final checks to Don Slocum to give to the Lakeland Center. With this expense paid in full, we have \$2,882.11 in our checking account and are only \$617.89 short in meeting our obligation to the Federation for the \$3,500.00 loan. You are welcome to attend the Breakout Committee Convention Procedures meeting to see how we accomplished this task. A special "Thank you" to our (5) Associations for their continued support in**

**fundraising to help us meet our expenses. We are in such “awe” to the Associations Callers/Cuers for their support to our Convention; West Coast Association Caller Sam Dunn held a Convention Benefit Dance in December at Plant City, this dance raised \$420.00. The Northeast Association had an overwhelming turnout of (7) Northeast Association Callers & (2) Cuers for their Association Benefit “Chili on the Beach”. Northwest Callers Association allowed Northwest Ways & Means to hold a “Silent Auction” during their Sweetheart Swing this past weekend and raised \$80.00 for the Convention. It is important that when you are at any Benefit dance where the Caller/Cuer donate their talents to the dance; that your dancers attending the dance remember to “thank” that Caller/Cuer personally for their contribution to the Benefit dance. Without their support, our fundraising would be in severe jeopardy.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller, General Chairman**

#### ***2014***

**First to start with the bad news, we lost both our caller chairman and hospitality chairman (in the last month). However, we have a new caller chairman, Keith Stevens from the West Coast Association. This change has been approved by the Florida Callers Association. Mike Doughty will still be our Assistant Caller Chairman.**

**The convention benefit dance will be tonight here at the hotel with early rounds starting at 7:00pm and squares at 7:30pm. Whit Brown will be calling and Dick Nordine will be cueing.**

**Polo Shirts and buttons have been received. These items will be sold at the convention benefit dance tonight. Ribbons have also been received and we have started the tedious process of numbering them.**

**Keith has been talking with Sam Dunn to see what he was planning for our kick-off and has come up with a nice combination of their two ideas. We will need about 32 participants. If anyone is interested in participating in the kick off, please sign up with me. Our practice will be Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 7am.**

**We have made arrangements with the Georgia Federation to trade ads in our respective program books.**

**Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 9am in I believe the Lake Parker Room #2 at the Lakeland Center. At this meeting we will discuss our next fundraiser and disburse polo shirts, buttons and ribbons and registrations.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Jenny Green  
Penny Green**

***2015***

**It was announced that the Chairman for 2015 will be Jack and Barbara Hoffman. A rousing hand of applause was heard.**

***Facilities:***

**As the contract with The Lakeland Center is set through 2015 the only activity has been the floor layout for the Vendor area. There has been a lot of back and forth on the layouts as the Fire Marshall Code has very specific requirements for exit lanes that must be kept clear. After many tries we have a layout that we will have to somehow get the vendors within. This will be further discussed with the Millers this week-end. (More discussion by Don on the room ensued.)**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Don & Ann Slocum**

***Hall of Fame:***

**Penny Green reported, No nominations received for the Hall of Fame as of this date.**

***Historian Records:***

**I have the camera and have been taking pictures at events I have been at. I welcome pictures from others who have the opportunity to attend functions from all over the state. I go where I can, but I miss a lot of major functions. I'm not looking for pictures of board meetings or the other monotonous details of running an organization of this size. If you have a picture or 2 of special association dances or events or special functions (awards, milestone birthdays, etc.), please forward them to me WITH ALL THE DETAILS...who,**

what, when, where, etc. I will then make sure they get to Bruce Morgan for posting on the Federation pictures gallery.

Terri Little

***USDA Report:***

**We have just returned from Kansas City, Missouri where we attended the USDA Winter meeting of the USDA Executive Committee. A major accomplishment was the updating of all the USDA educational materials. At the meeting, we were asked to run for a third term as Vice President of the Central Region of USDA. To that end, we respectfully request the Florida Federation to nominate us for this our third and final term. According to the USDA by-laws, we can only serve in this capacity for three years.**

**At the winter meeting, we discussed the response from affiliates across the United States in regard to the USDA affiliate members participating in the USDA managed IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Program. Of the 53 affiliates, only 17 responded, and of those responding, only 6 (Florida being one) indicated an interest in participating. USDA will continue to seek a response from the other 36 affiliates, and re-evaluate as to whether or not USDA will proceed with this project.**

**Plans have been firmed up for the 62nd National Square Dance Convention in Oklahoma City. The USDA annual meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 26th at the Sheraton Hotel, 1 N. Broadway, in Oklahoma City. In addition, USDA will host panels for Handicapable Dancers, USDA Insurance, and Youth Dancers. USDA will also host an after party on Friday night in the Mainstream hall with the Ghost Riders Band providing live music, and a Youth after party on Saturday night.**

**Donna and I will be representing USDA at the Caller Lab convention in Raleigh, NC on March 25-27, 2013. In addition, we will be attending the Ohio State Convention in May as we begin our trip to Oklahoma City as well as the Colorado State Convention in June. In addition, on this trip we will be dancing in 11 more states to add to the 16 we now have, giving us a total of 27 states in the USA Traveler "Second Time Around" program.**

**Once again, we thank the Florida Federation for your confidence in us to represent Florida on the National Executive Committee of USDA**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry and Donna Robey  
USDA Vice Presidents for the Central Region**



***USDA Insurance:***

All but three of the insured clubs have renewed this year. Central Association had two clubs fold. FASSARD is in the process of renewing. Most of their members are members of an insured club so we hold them until last.

We have had one accident report for January and we ended the year with two accidents in December. No claims were filed.

The Certificates of Insurance are now received by Email. This method has helped us receive the Certificates of Insurance much sooner than in the past. The USDA Insurance Director is very efficient. I don't know if she has any help but she gets the job done rather quickly.

The Association Chairmen are not perfect but they have done a good job this year. We are very thankful for them; especially, for keeping the job. It always takes a couple of years to get everything down.

One thing we all have to work on is not abbreviating the association name. We all do it but the insurance company wants us to spell out the association name completely. Also, the complete Federation and Association name must be on every piece of paper we send in. We are gaining on this but not perfect yet!!

**Randy & Carol Poole  
Federation Insurance Chairman**

***ASCAP/BMI:***

The BMI bill has been forwarded to Dave Henn, Treasurer for the 59th FL State Square Dance Convention. (\$150.00)

The ASCAP bill will be due immediately following the Convention in May, 2013.

Squarely yours,

**Bob & Maria Spence  
ASCAP/BMI Chairs  
Florida Federation of Square Dancers  
(352)382-0336 or flspence@earthlink.net**

***ARTS:***

The [you2candance.com](http://you2candance.com) website continues to grow and get the message out to the world.

Be sure to look up your club information on the website and make sure it is correct.

**For other programs, visit their website     ARTS-dance.org**

**Next ARTS Meeting.**

**Will be at 9:00 AM - Sunday, June 30, 2013 Immediately Following  
the 62nd NSDC in Oklahoma City, OK**

**All Dancer and Dance Leaders Welcome to attend.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ailene Picheco**

***Old business:***

**Extra Mile Award: President, Jack Hoffman stated that there were no nominations for the extra mile award this year. Question was asked if a Caller or Cuer could receive the extra mile award posthumously? President Jack Hoffman said he did not see why not. A statement was made that the Callers and Cuers do an excellent job for us, and many go above and beyond. There have got to be Callers and Cuers that are deserving of this award that nobody nominated this year. The deadline date is February 1<sup>st</sup>, but we have a whole year to think of nominees. The form to make a nomination is on the Federation website. A list of previous recipients is also on the website. The website is [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com). There is a link to the Federation and everything else.**

**Other old business: There was no other old business.**

***New Business:***

**Nomination of USDA Delegate: A letter of intent was sent in by Jerry & Donna Robey. The letter was read by Anita Taylor:**

**Dear Jack & Barbara,**

**As you know, Donna and I were elected as the Central Region Vice President of USDA at Detroit in 2011. This year, we were re-elected for our second term in Spokane. According to the USDA By-Laws, we can serve in this capacity for 3 years, but we must be re-elected each year. Therefore, it is necessary for the Florida Federation to nominate us each year. To that end, we respectfully request that you consider our request at the Working Weekend and nominate us once again for the Central Region Vice President of USDA.**

**Nomination was made by Anita Taylor and seconded by Carole McKenzie, that Jerry and Donna Robey be nominated for a third term as Regional Vice President to USDA. Motion carried.**

**It was announced that President Jack Hoffman was appointing Jack & Kathy McKinney, and Dennis & Nancy Taylor, as delegates to the USDA, with Don & Ann Slocum as alternates.**

**Southeast has made a request to be reinstated to the Board of the Florida Federation, (Round of applause). President Jack Hoffman said he was not sure what that procedure is, but we will initiate it. We would like to get them reinstated in the rotation of this year. It was decided to research it today and bring it up tomorrow and take whatever action is needed.**

**Ann Slocum announced that Keith Stevens & Tony Oxedine had a conversation, during Winterfest, about the possibility of joining the Winterfest and Florida State Convention. This presents problems, but it would be asked that people keep an open mind. The Winterfest draws a lot of people that don't normally come to our State Convention. This is just a thought. Jack Hoffman stated that this may be something that the State Convention committee might want to discuss today. Keith Stevens clarified that the only thing that was agreed to do was "talk about it." Nothing was proposed by anyone and there was no agreement that anything should go forward. He was just looking for things that might make a positive change in our Convention, and he was merely asking a question. He did stress that something needed to be done soon.**

**Committee Assignments (Time/Room #) were announced and adjusted by Jack Hoffman.**

**Next meeting will be held in this room tomorrow morning, Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.**

***Motion to Adjourn:* Meeting adjourned at 11:00.**

**REASURERS REPORT**  
**October 25, 2012 – February 20, 2013**

**BEGINNING BALANCE – ALL ACCOUNTS (10/25/2012)**

Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$
Insurance	\$
Wells Fargo CD 1 (as of 10/25/2012)	\$
Wells Fargo CD 2 (as of 10/25/2012)	\$ _____

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 10/25/12** **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**WELLS FARGO CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**RECEIPTS**

Interest (October - January)	\$
2012 Convention Proceeds	\$ _____

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Supplies for Treasurer, Anita Taylor (Check #1527)	\$
Badges by Patty (Check #1528)	\$
Outgoing President's Gift – Barbara Hoffman (Check #1529)	\$
Outgoing President's Gift – Barbara Hoffman (Check #1530)	\$
Copies – Robert Spence (Check #1531)	\$
Postage – Cheryl Miller (Check #1532)	\$
Fall Meeting Refreshments – Judy Anderson (Check #1533)	\$
Delegate Badges – Badges by Patty (Check #1534)	\$

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**WELLS FARGO CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE** **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**WELLS FARGO CD**

Interest CD 1	\$
Interest CD 2	\$ _____
	\$

**WELLS FARGO CD 1 AS OF 2/20/2013** **\$**  
**WELLS FARGO CD 2 AS OF 10/25/2012** **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ENDING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS 2/20/2013**

Wells Fargo checking Account (as of 2/20/2013)

\$

Insurance (as of 1/31/2013)

\$

Wells Fargo CD 1 (as of 2/20/2013)

\$

Wells Fargo CD 2 (as of 10/25/2012)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS 2/20/2013**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny T. Green, Federation Treasurer, 2013

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
INSURANCE  
31-Jan-13**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>September 30, 2012</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	<b>Central</b>		<b>\$</b>	
	<b>FASSARD</b>			<b>\$</b>
	<b>Northeast</b>		<b>\$</b>	
	<b>Northwest</b>		<b>\$</b>	
	<b>Southeast</b>			<b>\$</b>
	<b>West Coast</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	<b>USDA Insurance</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>			<b>\$</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>January 31, 2013</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>As February 7, 2013</b>		<b>CLUBS</b>		<b>DANCERS</b>
	<b>Central</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>644</b>
	<b>FASSARD</b>			
	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>336</b>
	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>1&amp;9</b>		<b>246</b>
	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>1&amp;1</b>		<b>113</b>
	<b>West Coast</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>279</b>
<b>Total for 2013</b>	<b>2 Associations</b>	<b>47 Clubs</b>		<b>1618</b>

**Submitted by Randy & Carol Poole  
Federation Insurance Chairman**