

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**  
**Lake Parker Room #2, Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland, FL**  
**Sunday, May 25, 2013 – 9 a.m.**

- 1. *Call to order* :** President Jack Hoffman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland, FL
- 2. *Invocation*:** The Invocation was given by Dennis Taylor.
- 3. *Pledge of Allegiance*:** Paul Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. *Roll Call*:** The roll call was made by Anita Taylor. There was a quorum.
- 5. *Introduction of Visitors & Guests*:** Barbara Hoffman greeted all the visitors. Linda Tester of the Northeast was greeted as the only visitor.
- 6. *Minutes of February 23-24, 2013 Meeting*:** George Knapp made a motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed. Jim McConnaha seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**7. *Treasurer's Report*:**

**Penny Green**

**Report is at the end of the minutes.**

**8. *Parliamentarian Report*:**

**We have been working to update The Showcase of Ideas for display both here at the State Convention and then at the National Convention in Oklahoma City. Each panel has been updated and Barbie and Ken both have new state outfits, so they will be right in style for this year. The Showcase is now on display in the snack area. Be sure to stop by and see it. We will then take it to the National convention in June. We thank those who have helped update the panels and picture albums. As well as having the Showcase on display we have Florida state maps, buttons and small orange crates for the table at the National Convention.**

**Dennis & Nancy Taylor**

**9. *Sunshine Report*:**

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

**“Thinking of you” to: Dave Nihart on his recovery from prostate cancer. President Barbara Hoffman sent Ken & Sandy Brasfield a card for her recent hip surgery as well as the recent illness of their Brother & accident of their Son all happening on the same day as Sandy’s hip surgery.**

**“Get Well” to: Florida Cuer; Phyllis Williams, Florida Caller; Lon Ligon, recent Heart Surgery. President Barbara Hoffman sent Paul Miller a card for his recent motorcycle accident.**

**Sympathy Cards were sent to: Sue Brown on the loss of Ken Brown #2 (was past President of SEA); Florida Caller Ted & Nancy Kennedy on the loss of their son. Northwest Association Presidents Alec & Kay Schmidt, on the loss of their Mother. Secretary Anita Taylor sent Sympathy Card to the family of Past Federation President Don Bell.**

***10: Correspondence:* Letter was sent by Tony Oxendine on GSI and the Winterfest.**

***11. Florida Caller Liaison:*  
No report.**

***12. Florida Cuer Liaison:*  
No report.**

***13. Association Reports:***

**Northwest:**

**All is good in Northwest Florida. Capitol Squares in Tallahassee is still going great guns. Rivertown Squares in Bristol, Fl. our newest Club in the Northwest Association, recently started a new beginning SD class. The Sand Spurs in Ft Walton Beach graduated a class of 19 new dancers in May. TNT Rounds teaches new Round Dance Classes in Pensacola on a regular basis.**

**We have three new amateur callers in Northwest Florida that are really coming along. It is really exciting to see the progress they are making.**

**Bob Poyner & Berlon Graham, two of our NW Florida callers, celebrated 50 years of Square Dance Calling this year! Wow!!!. Thank you Bob and Berlon for all your contributions to our SD activities.**

**Thanks to Paul & Cheryl Miller, General Chairmen for this years State Convention, for all the hard word and tireless efforts you have contributed to Square Dancing in Florida. Y'all are awesome!**

**There are two really FUN DANCES coming up in the Panhandle in the month of June. The Billy Bowlegs Dance is going to be held on June 1st @ PASARDA Hall in Ft Walton Beach. On June 8th @ Ragon Hall in Pensacola, The Fiesta of Five Flags Dances will go down. There are other fun dances coming up in July & August. The NW Association & NW Callers & Cuers are holding a joint venture dance @ PASARDA Hall in Ft Walton Beach on August 3rd. Seaside Squares will hold their 50th Anniversary Dance on August 17th @ Ragon Hall in Pensacola. The Northwest Association Roundup is scheduled for the last weekend in October. This years Roundup will be held @ Addie R. Lewis Middle School.**

**As usual, one or more of the Northwest Clubs dances every night of the week and there are fun dances almost every Friday night at Ragon Hall in Pensacola and other sites in our area. No matter where you are this month, get out and dance!!!! If you are in the Panhandle, come see us. You can also join us on Facebook @( Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association) if you like.**

**Alec & Kay Schmidt, President  
Northwest Association**

**West Coast :**

**As another dance season comes to a close we feel it was a good year in spite of the fact we lost one club. Many clubs held classes and the class members are joining the clubs. Our Fall Fun Fest was successful and we look forward to the next one Nov 8 & 9 with Jack Pladdys and Sam Dunn on Squares and Jimmie and Carol Griffin on Rounds.**

**The big news is we are moving into the world of technology with our "West Coast Dancer" magazine, we will henceforth be a electronic magazine only. We have just published the last printed issue and this issue will also be on our web site as well as all the subsequent issues. The Sept. issue will be on our web site at [www.flwestcoastdancer.com](http://www.flwestcoastdancer.com) . Of course as with any big change there is and will be resistance and we will be making some changes**

**as we learn how to make it better but we feel it is the right way to go to get the word out. We did have a vote among the engaged members of the West Coast members and got an overwhelmingly vote of support for this change. We feel that some printing will still need to be done, like a printed sheet for our annual schedule of dances and meetings and some flyers, all containing our web site address for further information.**

**Just like everyone the West Coast is having problems getting members to run for office and it is uncertain as to what is going to happen when it comes time for a the vote in Sept..**

**Thank you and when you get a chance please visit our web site.**

**Don & Ann Slocum, W.C. presidents**

**Central:**

**The Shamrock Swing was a success again this year. CFA was able to provide a check in the amount of \$500 to the 60<sup>th</sup> FSDC (2014). The 2014 Shamrock Swing is being chaired by Ailene Picheco and will be held on March 21-22, 2014 at The Villages. The callers will be Tony Oxendine and Chris Phillips and the cuer will be Joanne Helton.**

**CFA is once again considering reinstating the Party Weekend. Look for more details in the near future.**

**Our Election of Officers and President's Ball will take place at the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance in August at Granada Squares in Ormond Beach. The changes will take effect October 1, 2013.**

**Canaveral Squares have moved their dance location and dance night. They are now dancing at the Cocoa Elks Lodge on Friday evenings.**

**Callers John Saunders & John Barrett have an advance square class in Port Orange. They dance Saturday evenings and are getting 2-3 squares of dancers.**

**The Wranglers in Barberville are doing well with Rod Barngrover calling. This is a fairly new club with a fairly new caller. Good to see some new clubs forming rather than old clubs folding!**

**Brendon Squares now has a once-a-month Saturday Round Dance Party at 7:30 at the Heritage Center in Geneva. This is held the first Saturday of each month.**

**Orange Blossom Squares goes every 2 weeks to 2 nursing homes to dance.**

**Terri Little**

**Northeast:**

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

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

**Summer has arrived and our clubs are jumping into action. All are working hard to reach new dancers. Several of our clubs, with their callers support, will be decreasing the time frame for new dancers and will have two dance classes per year instead of the one. One of our clubs, The Dixie Dancers of Lake City, started a February/March 2013 class with eight new dancers. Their tentative graduation date is July 2013. Also, several clubs have agreed to reduce the money donation per new student dancer. Our clubs are trying very hard to encourage new dancer participation.**

**NEFSARDA is putting together a new dancer/retention campaign. It should be ready by the end of June. We have a goal of having 100 new student dancers graduating during September 2013 through July 2014. Yes, it is an ambitious but reachable goal with all the clubs helping. I sincerely hope you will share with me any tips your Associations are using or thinking about using to grow and maintain your membership. We are all ears.**

**We held a "Free" Fish Fry, April 6, 2013. It was well attended with approximately 82 dancers. Many brought delicious covered dishes. We overate, played games (bingo, ladder ball, cards, etc.), laughed and held conversations. It was a much needed social time to bring our Association closer and to reestablish friendships. I have been asked many times "When is the next get together?" I always assure them it will be soon, very soon. The month of July comes to mind and somewhere in Lake City, Florida.**

**Don Seay, reported 62 club visitations in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.**

**Seabreeze Singles held their annual City Rescue Mission Dance. They had great dancer support. It was a fun evening and very successful.**

**As I mentioned before, summer is here and with it comes lots of traveling. Have a wonderful and safe summer.**

**Respectfully,**

**Pat McMillan**

**Southeast:**

**Our Snowflake Frolic was a big success, even though it was in March. This is historically our biggest dance of the year. We had over 10 squares. Scotty Sharrer and Jack Lewis did Musical Rag together, and did a great job in harmonizing. We had an area set up with vendors, and a portion of profits were donated to our association.**

**Our May dance was held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, so the theme was “Cinco de Mayo”. The dancers dressed Mexican, and we did the Mexican Hat Dance around a Sombrero.**

**Most of our members are happy that we have been alternating Dances between the North and South portion of our district, even though the North area still gets a bigger crowd. Our membership is steadily growing; we are up to 95 members.**

**We have been holding Round dance classes at the Carnival Flea Market, since February. This is an open area, which gives all the shoppers, exposure to our activity. May 19, we did a Demonstration in full dance attire. We did 2 tips of squares, and a variety of round dance rhythms. The spectators were able to see our activity, and pick up flyers for new classes.**

**Scotty and Marlene’s new class is still going on, although the snow birds have left, without finishing their course. In the past, he held class 2 days per week. This was not possible in the new location. The new club they formed for new dancers has proven to be a great success. New dancers like to stick together, and not be subjected to the ridicule from “experienced dancers”. These people may have quit dancing if they did not have a club of new dancers to belong to.**

**Our next dance on September 22 is our membership dance, with a Country theme.**

**We usually get new graduates to join, and by having a country theme, they don't have to worry about not having square dance attire. Our host caller is Scotty Sharrer, and host cuer is Jack Lewis.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Zail Greenbain**

***Florida Singles (FASSRD):***

**So many of our dancers and FASSRD Board members have been involved in the Florida State Convention that we haven't had much extra time to give to our PARTY-RAMA DANCE coming this October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. But now we are ready and very gung-ho in promoting our great dance. There are several more flyers available here at this meeting, please help yourself, take them back to your area and distribute them to your local clubs. We rely on your help to promote this dance to the fullest.**

**Randy Dougherty, brother of Dee Dee, will be our featured National caller with locally renown Red Bates signed on as our Florida caller extraordinaire. A great calling duo you will agree. And for everyone's round dancing pleasure we once again have Joanne and Ken Hilton. You'll not find a better week-end dance program anywhere.**

**The Historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring is once again the site of our dance. We have used this grand place for many years and once you stay there you will know why we keep coming back year after year. It has a huge veranda style porch lined with many big old rocking chairs with a picturesque view of a lovely lake. You can almost taste the mint juleps and see the southern gentlemen roaming around in their white "Big Daddy" type suits. Immediately inside you will see a grand staircase, the site of many weddings and photos, then walking down the hallway you will come to the dance hall with its great wooden floor. So easy to dance on.**

**The Kenilworth offers a free continental breakfast and this year we are once again having a catered luncheon. Entrance ribbons for this week-end of fun are only \$25.00 each, that's for everybody. There will be mainstream and plus dancing in one hall with advance dancing in another hall with a few C1 star tips also. The round dance levels will be from Phase II thru IV with V's upon request.**

**Looking forward to seeing you at our PARTY-RAMA DANCE week-end this October.**

**Judy Anderson  
President**

***14. Publication Reports:***

**The Grapevine (NE):**

**The Grapevine is subscriber supported magazine that is published quarterly. Our subscriber base is approximately 250. Its mission is to keep readers and dancers informed about all the activities and events going on in Northeast Florida as well as at the state and national level.**

**Wow, it has been very busy here at The Grapevine.. We have a new editor, a new printer, and new processes. Let us start with the new editor. The editor's name is Bill Morgan, he lives and dances in Northeast Florida, specifically in Jacksonville. His home club is the Silver Fox Squares. He and his wife Angela are relatively new to square dancing only having danced for two years. He also serves as the treasurer for NEFSARDA as well. Bill has committed to strive to try and maintain the high standards that the Pergrossi's have established over the past six years. The new printer has enabled us to improve the quality of the paper used for the cover. We are examining other options to see if there other improvements that can be made as well.**

**We hope to continue all of our communications with the various associations and their publications. If you know of where I have dropped the ball in providing them with the proper communications please let me know. Please remember that if you have any agreements with the past editors of The Grapevine, I will do my best to honor them, but if I don't know about them I cannot honor them. So please contact me and we can resolve any issues.**

**We here at The Grapevine welcome your comments and suggestions.  
Sincerely,  
Bill Morgan, Editor of the Grapevine**

**Keepin' Posted (C):  
No report**

**Jess & Fay Baker**

**Panhandle Press (NW):  
No report**

**Tim & Terri Wilaby**

**West Coast Dancer (WC):**

**Good Morning:**

**As I write this I felt sure I'd be pre-empted in announcing the new WC Dancer website to you so I'll just mention a few items regarding the change. The Dancer has always been on the Federation Website but now may be accessed by going to the West Coast site: [www.flwestcoastdancer.com](http://www.flwestcoastdancer.com) Future issues of the Dancer will not be printed.**

**There will be links to the Federation, all Florida Clubs and all the other sites that are presently available. The Dancer will be published quarterly (and any corrections that we are notified about can be done as they are received) and the regular first edition on our website will be the Fall edition covering the last three months of 2013. Plans are for flyers to be available at our clubs, dance halls etc. which will list the Association Dances and any other special events. County and club reps will also have them.**

**We hope you will check out our website to see what changes are being made to it and take a look at the West Coast Dancer publication.**

**Again it is: [www.flwestcoastdancer.com](http://www.flwestcoastdancer.com)**

**Thank you, Ed Henning, Editor**

**Bow & Swing:**

**Bow & Swing is alive and well. We are having a lot of fun publishing your letters and especially your pictures. I have noticed a definitive trend of captions being sent with the photos. Our circulation is still hovering about one thousand paid subscribers. These numbers, while good, are slightly down from the last few years. Whirl and Twirl and several callers are working with me to hold a subscription dance on Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. If any other area would like to have a subscription dance, let me know and we can see if we can schedule the dance.**

**Once again I have to mention that all of your charity dances will be advertised free of charge. Your annual Association dances will also be advertised for free. Please send us the information in time for dancers to register.**

**Our where to dance section in the back remains priced at \$15.00 per year. This is the same rate as it has been for the last 15 years. This is for anyone visiting Florida, and looking for a local place to dance. That makes the \$15.00 worthwhile.**

**This report is short as I need to sneak out and go to another meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Boyd**

### ***15. State Convention Reports:***

#### **2013 Convention:**

**I would like to start off by thanking everyone for the overwhelming support from everyone with this year's Convention. With Paul's injury, I was 1-man down. But I received lots of help with unloading the trailer and our decorating committee had many, many hands to help with decorating the halls.**

**In addition, I would like to thank everyone that helped ferry Paul to or from the Convention. Or simply kept an eye on him and reminded him to stop running around on his scooter and get his leg elevated.**

**The 59<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance convention is well underway. Many thanks have been given to us. However, Paul & I cannot express enough our appreciation to your Association's dancers who are in attendance. Without them there would be no weekend. We began our "Trail In Dance" on Thursday at Strawberry Square raising \$ 592.00 in donations at the door. We're on the home stretch, two days down with one to go. So far we've encountered only one problem: There was a theft from the Jewelry Vendor; the Convention Staff are reviewing surveillance tapes to see if they can identify the suspect. The Convention Staff were very prompt in taking action on this matter.**

**The Handicapable dancers had a wonderful time and were joined by many of our dancers. They all had a great time. The Handicapable dancers received a Convention Dangle and earned a 'thong' dangle during their dancing. Our "Last Square Standing" Mainstream Dance was exciting, the dancers held up as they danced in the Marathon. It took 24 minutes to declare the winner.**

**The Saturday Dangle dances had everyone laughing and having a great time. We started with (2) squares and ended with (5) squares, their laughter brought interest to the hall. Join us this afternoon for "Beach Blanket Bingo, Dance with Sharks and Surfin' Safari.**

**Our registrations are as follows: As of Friday morning we had 571 total registrations with 24 refunds, we sold 51 registrations on Friday & Saturday. As we approach over 600 attendees we are very excited that we had 28 "First Timers" attending our State Convention. At least seven of our First Timers had just graduated from classes.**

**Three of our "Traveling Artifacts" made it to the Convention this weekend. We collect \$239.23 in donations. This will help offset the cost of our artifacts. We ask that the (2) traveling artifacts that did not travel to the Convention to be please turned over to your Association and either put it into your associations treasury or send the money to the next upcoming State Convention.**

**As of 5/20/2013 our Treasurer reported we had \$9487.87 in the Convention Checking Account. Dave Henn would like to present the Florida Federation with a check for \$3500.00 to pay back the \$2500.00 seed monies and \$1000.00 Lakeland Center deposit.**

**Paul and I would like to thank the Florida Federation for the wonderful clock we received Saturday Night during the opening Ceremonies. It thrills me to actually have time on my hands!**

**Many of our Federation Delegates were able to make it to the Saturday evening After Party. Terri Little and Barbara Hoffman put on a real great "After Party". There were skits and Paul and I presented our Committee Chairmen with a token of appreciation for a job well done.**

**We will need lots of help tonight with un-decorating all the halls and reloading our trailer for the trip home. If we have lots of hands to help, it will go very fast. Most of the decorations are "up for sale" at garage sale prices. If you would like to purchase a memento please see us.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller**

## **2014 Convention:**

**We held our update meeting yesterday in the Lake Parker Room.**

**The convention theme is “Diamond Jubilee” as this will be our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The colors will be lavender/purple and white.**

**Updates were given on changes to the committee as follows:**

- **Sam Dunn resigned as caller chairman and Keith Stevens has taken his place**
- **Mike Doughty resigned as assistant caller chairman and Bill Chesnut agreed yesterday to be his replacement**
- **The Brasfields resigned as Hospitality Chairman and Shirley White has agreed to replace them.**
- **Val Newsome resigned as the Vice President Ways and Means for the Northeast Association and Kathy McKinney has agreed to take her place.**
- **Susan Snider from Jacksonville has been named assistant cuer chairman**

**Our kick-off will be tonight at 7:10 as part of the evening entertainment.**

**Keith Stevens has requested that any comments about callers being programmed be forwarded to him.**

**I had asked Tim Wilaby on Friday night how the cuers are selected for programming. The Florida Callers Association has a caller profile that needs to be completed and submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> and they have to be a member of the association. Tim decided to explain the whole process to the committee. The cuers have to be a member of the Round Dance Council of Florida and if they wish to be programmed, they need to submit a list of the dances they want to cue and the workshops they want to conduct and submit the information to the president of the Council by December 31.**

**Bill and Carolyn Dees, our camper representatives, announced Lakeland RV will be the host campground for the weekend.**

**Comp ribbons were given out to the committee members.**

**Ken and Sue Brown still need a lot more bubble wrap for the decorations.**

**The clothing E-bay sale has and continues to be a very successful fundraiser, having received over \$2,000 so far and there is still a large inventory at Lorraine's that we haven't received a check for.**

**As you know the vendors are located in a different area this year and it seems to be a good decision. Some suggested changes are to have the vendors set up in the middle of the hall leaving the area around the walls open for dancers to get from one hall to another without causing congestion between the vendor displays. There were some favorable comments from the callers that they like this set-up; it put the dance halls in closer proximity and they don't have to walk so much going from one hall to another.**

**Our ribbon prices will be \$25 for the blue-light sale, \$27 for the advance price, and \$30 at the door.**

**When you get home, our website will be up and running.**

**Our benefit dance in Orlando during the Working Weekend raised approximately \$800.**

**Our first ways and means item is a hand-made quilt that was donated to us by a square dancer. The drawing for this item will be tonight. The next item will be a cash card or certificate from Jarrod's. The idea is that since the theme is "Diamond Jubilee", we need to have some sort of item having to do with diamonds so we decided on a cash card from a major jewelry chain in Florida so they can pick out what they want and at a store in their area. The drawing for this item will be held at the West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest in November 2013. We will have one more item after that which will be given away at the convention.**

**We started selling shirts, buttons, and ribbons yesterday afternoon. Elsa Huddleston has been so kind to donate some handmade quilted bags and purses from which we will receive a portion of the sale proceeds.**

**The host hotel will be the Ramada – same rates and the party rooms are scheduled.**

**Each association is asked to pick up registration flyers and a bag of ribbons which should be paid for in advance.**

**Our next meeting will be held the Saturday of the Fall Fun Fest; location to be announced.**

**Penny Green  
Co-Chairman**

**2015 Convention:**

**First off let us tell you what our theme is for the 2015 State Convention. It's "The Hollywood Scene in 2015".**

**We are running a little behind schedule as we got a late start. We have asked the Federation for our funding and have received it this weekend. We have most of our Chairman in place and are very pleased with everyone and their willingness to help. Although most of our Chairman have been selected we are going to be needing many helpers, so we hope you are all willing to jump in and help as needed. Our main concern right now is finding a co-chair which means they would take the Chairmanship of the 2016. If anyone would like this job or know someone who might be willing please let us know.**

**We have not come up with an outfit yet, but hope to in the near future. Our first meeting is this afternoon in Lake Parker room #2 at 2:00. Anyone that would like to join us is more than welcome. Plus any ideas you have please throw them our way, as you never know what might inspire us.**

**Jack & Barbara 2015 Chairman**

**2016 Convention:**

**A team of Chairman were announced for 2016. The team of Linda Tester, Kathy McKinney, Walt and Diane Syphard was announced as Co-Chairman.**

**16. Facilities:**

**This being the year of major changes to the halls we have had some things to work out. The main problem was getting the Vendors in the space we had, after many attempts we think we had a workable solution. As this report is being written before the convention there will probably be some verbal additions.**

**We have contracts for the 2014 & 2015 State Conventions with the Lakeland Center. Hopefully we will have the entire floor layout problems solved this year. If a Convention Chairman thinks they want to spend**

**more money, it is possible to add more floor space to the contracts - depending on space availability, meaning that if it isn't already rented. A reminder to future Chairmen. We need a final floor layout 30 days before the Convention**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Don & Ann Slocum**

***17. Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame:***

**The Hall of Fame Committee held their annual meeting on Saturday, May 25, 2013 in the VIP Room. Those in attendance were Bill and Mary Chesnut, Ailene Picheco, and me. Those not in attendance were Donna and Dewey Hendricks, Bev Landwehr, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg, and Jerry and Donna Robey.**

**Donna and Dewey Hendricks will now become the chairman of the committee and I will become an ex-officio member with Ailene joining the committee to replace me. We were going to ask the Robeys to become secretaries, but they aren't here this weekend to ask them. They will be contacted later this week. Bill and Mary Chesnut, the caller representatives, will be going off the committee this year and Dave Muller has agreed to be their replacement after a little "arm twisting". His first reason was that he doesn't live in Florida to which, we responded that he is a member of the Florida Callers Association. Then it was that he lives 400 miles away, to which we explained that we only meet once a year and that it is at the state convention which he attends every year. He finally agreed to become a member.**

**We did not receive any nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame this year. Even though we did not have a presentation to make at the dance last night, we thought it would be a good idea for the Committee to explain to the dancers what the Hall of Fame is and the criteria for nomination. We also put some copies of the flyer on the flyer table. I then recognized all of the Hall of Fame inductees in the hall by having them stand. I must have done a good job of explaining because immediately after the Grand March, someone came up to me to talk about making a nomination. I gave her a copy of the flyer and the website address.**

**At our meeting last year, we did some major updating of the flyer and those changes were completed and copies given to everyone in attendance. It will**

**have to be updated again to include the new chairman's name and address, and to add the name of the new committee member. As soon as these changes are made, a copy will be sent to Bruce Morgan to add to the Committee website.**

**The Hall of Fame website can be found at [floridasquaredance.com](http://floridasquaredance.com) and it was current up until the meeting yesterday. Bruce will be notified this week of the updates that need to be made.**

**We encourage you, as leaders in the square and round dance community, to familiarize your dancers with the Hall of Fame and encourage them to make nominations by January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**It was mentioned that we need to do more advertising of the due date for nominations even though I emailed an article to my 800+ distribution list and the editors of the other state and regional publications asking them to forward the email on to their respective distribution list.**

**Penny Green  
Ex-officio Member**

***18. Historian Records:***

**I have been taking pictures this weekend and will send some to Bruce to be posted on the website.**

**I have received no pictures from any of the associations or clubs for posting to the website.**

**Terri Little**

***19. USDA Report:* (Jerry and Donna Robey were unable to attend this date. Anita Taylor read their report).**

**We're sorry that we can't be with you at the Florida Convention and the Federation meeting. We left home in late April so we could attend the Ohio State Square Dance Convention in Columbus, OH. They held their convention in the Alladin Shrine Conference Center with 850 registered dancers. A nice feature of that location was the large 650 car parking lot with free parking for both cars and RV's. We were able to Dry Camp right outside the facility**

along with four other camping rigs. For the opening on Friday night, they presented an exhibition by the "Happy Dancers", a handicapped Square Dance Club from Chillicothe, OH. On Saturday night they had a banquet with an entertainer, Mike Albert, as Elvis. They did their "kick off" for the 2014 Convention Saturday evening in their Opening Ceremony from 7-8 PM. We had our USDA material on display throughout the weekend. We really miss being with you at the "Beach Party" in Lakeland.

Congratulations to Paul and Cheryl and their committees for what we know was a super convention. We would have been with you except for the fact we have two graduations and one wedding to attend in Rockford, IL during the month of May. It will be a busy month for us.

When we leave Rockford in early June, we'll be on our way to Oklahoma City for the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention. Along the way we will be dancing in WI, IL, IA, MN, NE, SD, ND, WY, CO (at their state convention), NM, and TX. Yes, we're working on dancing in all 50 states once again for the "Second Time Around" as a part of the USDA - USA Traveler Program.

We did attend the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Caller Lab Convention in Raleigh, NC in March, representing USDA. That was a great experience to spend three full days with some of the great National Callers. We learned so much from the many panels and seminars that we attended.

Thanks again for your confidence in us to represent Florida on the National Level through the United Square Dancers of America. We will look forward to seeing the Florida Delegates at the USDA annual meeting on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Century Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel at 1 N. Broadway, across the street from the Convention Center. All dancers are welcome to attend the annual meeting; however, voting is restricted to the registered delegates. We hope to see a large contingent from Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

***20. USDA Insurance:***

**Report is at the end of the minutes. All clubs should be reminded to provide a list of students while they are in class. When the students graduate and join a club they will have to pay for insurance. At all demos**

**and special events, sponsored by a club or Association, you will need to request a certificate of insurance in order for the dancers to be covered. (A special event is defined as a dance held at a different location, or on a different night). A discussion was held concerning the Cuers and Callers insurance. The insurance they carry is only a liability insurance for their equipment causing an accident, not an insurance on the dancers. Social events are not covered, you must be dancing. You are covered from the time you step out of the car at the dance until you return to your car to go home. Other examples of situations were also discussed.**

**21. ASCAP/BMI: (Bob and Maria Spence were unable to attend the Sunday meeting. Report was given by Anita Taylor.)**

**The ASCAP fees will be paid, immediately following the 59<sup>th</sup> Convention, as we need to report the number of attendees and the number of exhibitors. The usual fee is the minimum of \$90.00 for "Mechanical Music".**

**The BMI bill of \$150.00 has been paid by Dave Henn, Treasurer for the 59<sup>th</sup> State Sq. Dance Convention.**

**BMI = \$150.00 - 2013 annual fee  
ASCAP = \$90.00 - 2013 annual fee.**

**Squarely yours,**

**Bob & Maria Spence  
ASCAP/BMI Chairs for the  
Florida Federation of Square Dancers**

**22. ARTS:**

**At the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Square and Round Dance Convention in Oklahoma City, the ARTS will exhibit their high quality information Tri-Fold and copies will be in the convention packages.**

**The ARTS FACT SHEET, previously known as the DANCING BACKGROUNDER, will be available in the Showcase of Ideas.**

**The FACT SHEET details basic facts explaining physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity.**

**It provides representatives of the media useful and ACCURATE facts to incorporate into their article or news report when they cover a dancing event.**

**This FACT SHEET may be customized to include information to identify local contacts.**

**The FACT SHEET can be downloaded from the ARTS website.**

**The ARTS will also present two Educational Seminars: You2candance.com - Promoting Dancing on the web and - Potential & Perspective - the Future of Our Activity**

**One of the goals of the ARTS is to promote and publicize the history of our activity. ARTS has provided a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help the Square Dance History Project.**

**This website - [www.squaredancehistory.org](http://www.squaredancehistory.org) - continues to include examples of modern squares along with traditional squares from all parts of North America.**

**For example, recent additions have included two dances from Kentucky (a four-couple square and a big set), filmed in the early 1960s, and additional big set footage from 1991.**

**ARTS has also made a special effort to collect examples of singing squares; the collection now hosts 150 examples, half of them video footage and the other half audio only, many of those from live recordings.**

**Other items that might be of interest include:**

**[Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous](#), called by Benjamin Lovett, with music by the Henry Ford Orchestra (audio) and [Women Callers in Modern Square Dance](#) (an exhibit with text and audio)**

**The ARTS has established an electronic system to help disseminate information directly to all dancers in the USA.**

**Email tree representatives for over 30 states have agreed to serve as contact points for the ARTS Email Tree.**

**If you would like to help, please contact the Executive Director, Jerry Reed at: [ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org)**

**We welcome and value your comments.**

**The 2013 ARTS meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 30, 2013 immediately following the 62nd NSDC in Oklahoma City, OK.**

**All dancers are invited to attend.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Ailene Picheco**

***23.Old business:***

***Special Committee Report:***

Meeting at 3:00 PM in the McConnahas room at the Shamrock Swing on Saturday 3-16-13.

The GSI/Convention Committee appointed by the Federation President, Jack & Barbara Hoffman consisted of: Chairman, Jim & Jan McConnaha, Don & Ann Slocum, Bob & Maria Spence, and Bud & Anita Taylor who could not attend but sent in their report.

This mission of this committee was to investigate the combining of the Florida State Convention and GSI. Our mission was to come back to the Federation Board with a recommendation to investigate the possibility of a merger or do nothing at this time.

Jim talked to Tony Oxendine of GSI and his reaction was that he does not want anything to do with it. Tony said that it would not benefit them or our Convention. Jim also said that he had talked with some Florida callers and they indicated that there would not be any Florida callers participating in the Convention should this come about and a merger was instituted.

Jim was also told by a caller, that if we should merge, we could not call it the Florida State Square Dance Convention as it was copy righted several years ago, therefore we could not use the Florida State Square Dance Convention name.

Jim inquired of this committee if anyone was interested in pursuing this possibility any further. After some discussion, *Ann Slocum made a motion to dissolve this committee and present to the Federation that GSI is not interested in a merger therefore there is no reason to investigate this any further, seconded by Don Slocum, motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned 3:20 PM.

Jim & Jan McConnaha, Chairman  
GSI/Convention Committee

**Jim McConnaha made a motion, that this committee be dissolved. Don Slocum seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

***Tri Fold Report:***

**I talked to the people at the Welcome Station office and received some rate information.**

**To place a 4"x 9" brochure for one year is \$180.29 per station or \$811.30 for all 5 stations. The year is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and is pro-rated for partial years.**

**We must have our copy approved by them and upon approval they will tell us where to send the brochures and a suggested amount of brochures.**

**I obtained an estimate for a four color brochure, double sided: 1,000/\$186.76, 5,000/\$342.00.**

**The five locations are:**

- 1: I-10 in the Pensacola area**
- 2: US231 near Camp Bellton, FL**
- 3: Capitol Welcome Center, Tallahassee**
- 4: I-75 near the Georgia Border**
- 5: I-95 near the Georgia Border**

**We would need someone to design the brochure for us.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Don Slocum**

**A discussion was held on whether it was pertinent to do a paper card or not in the electronic age. Don Slocum made a motion, seconded by Val Newsome that we pursue the idea of doing a paper Tri-fold for one year. Tri-fold to be placed in all 5 locations. Question was called. Motion passed. Paul miller amended the motion that we go ahead and proceed with designing, printing the paper Tri-fold with an upper limit of \$1500.00. Motion seconded by Jim McConnaha. Motion passed.**

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

## ***24. New Business:***

### **Federation Nominating Committee:**

**Val and Charlie Newsome were appointed Chairman and will appoint their own committee.**

### **GSI Tickets and Check:**

**Each year the Federation Board has been given tickets for the Winterfest. The Board must work for GSI during the Winterfest and in return The Federation has been receiving 10% of the profits after all expenses. In 2013 \$200.00 was earned. It was decided that the President of the Federation will ask each Board member if they wish to attend and work for their Association. If the Board member is unable to attend, another person in their respective Association will be asked if they would like to come to the Winterfest and work. They will then be given the ticket to attend the Winterfest. This is the new method of how the tickets will be distributed.**

**Several suggestions were made on how to spend the \$200.00 that was earned from the Winterfest. One suggestion was to pay for the Tri Fold that is going to be printed. The condition put on the money earned is that it must be used to promote square dancing to new dancers, not for travelers. Therefore the money cannot be used for this. It was also suggested that it be used to pay for a room at the Convention Hall to introduce new people to square dancing at next year's convention. It was explained that it would only help the West Coast as people from other areas of Florida would not want to come and pay for a hotel room. The money must be used to promote square dancing to new dancers in all the Associations.**

### **Installation of 2013 Officers in November:**

**Barbara Hoffman has asked Jack and Kathy McKinney to be in charge of the Installation of 2013 officers. They accepted**

***Any other new business:* There was no other new business.**

## ***25. Announcements:***

**Next meeting Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2013, at 9 a.m. Hampton Inn, Jacksonville Beach following the NEFSARDA Fall Festival Dance. Tickets are available.**

**Randy Poole also made an announcement that the Host Hotel for 2014 will be the same hotel as the 2013 convention. Please make your reservations.**

**26. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.**

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**February 20, 2013 – May 24, 2013**

**BEGINNING BALANCE – ALL ACCOUNTS (2/20/2013)**

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 2/20/2013** **\$**

**WELLS FARGO CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**RECEIPTS**

Void Check #1534	\$
2013 Internet Reimbursement	\$
Interest (February – April 2013)	\$

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

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Showcase Supplies - B. Hoffman (Check #1535)	\$
Florida Dept. State Annual Report (Check #1536)	\$
Delegate Binders, Cheryl Miller (Check #1537)	\$
Copies of Treasurer's Report, J. Green (Check #1538)	\$
Patty Ping – replacing Check #1534 (Check #1539)	\$
61th FSDC Seed Money (Check #1540)	\$
Paul Miller Reimbursement for delegate bars (Ck#1541)	\$

**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** **\$**

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**ENDING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS 5/24/2013**

Wells Fargo checking Account (as of 5/24/2013) \$  
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 5/24/2013** **\$**

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

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**  
**30-Apr-13**

**Beginning Balance** **January 31, 2013**

**Income**

Central  
 FASSARD  
 Northeast  
 Northwest  
 Southeast  
 West Coast

**Total Income**

**Expenses**

USDA Insurance  
 Northwest Association  
 West Coast Association  
 Carol Poole, Postage

**Total Expense**

**Ending Balance** **April 30, 2013**

<b>As of April 30, 2013</b>	<b>CLUBS</b>	<b>DANCERS</b>
Central	17	674
FASSARD		0
Northeast	13	336
Northwest	1&11	279
Southeast	1&1	120
West Coast	8	302
<b>Total for 2013</b>	<b>2 Associations 50 Clubs</b>	<b>1711</b>

Please remind your clubs they need to send in new club members as they join their club. They are not automatically insured. The West Coast Clubs are doing the best. We will be on the road from mid June to mid July.

The USDA Insurance Director will be in OK the last week in June. Get all your requests in early. In case of an accident or other emergency email us at [rpoole19@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rpoole19@cfl.rr.com). Randy will check every once in a while.

Submitted by Randy & Carol Poole  
 Federation Insurance Chairman