

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Stay Inn & Suites

Bartow, Florida

Sunday, November 11, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Ray and Elsa Huddleston.
2. **Invocation** – The invocation was given by Don Slocum.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was led by Vice President Cheryl Miller
4. **Roll Call** – The roll was called by Secretary Linda Tester. There was a quorum in attendance.
5. **Introduction of Visitors and Guests** –
Cal and Ann Maki. Our new reps from the SE and our newest Federation Board members.
Chuck and Mary Giera NE Reps and President of N.E.F.S.A.R.D.A.
Gary and Diane Hicks new caller from WC
Dennis and Laura Ramsey Alt Rep from NE
Natalia, granddaughter of Bob and Flo Ormsbee
6. **Minutes of May 19, 2018 Meeting** – A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
7. **Correspondence** – A card is being sent to Penny Green and her family in the death of her granddaughter. Also, a card is being sent to Bruce Morgan as he broke a bone in his ankle.
8. **Financial Report** – Financial report was given by Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby.

May 17, 2018 to November 05, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS as of 5/17/18

Wells Fargo Convention	\$	
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$	
Insurance	\$	
TOTAL ALL Accounts as of 5/17/2018		\$

CONVENTION CHECKING ACCOUNT 2033

Beginning Balance	\$	
Receipts		

Receipts		\$	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$
Disbursements			
Disbursements		\$	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$
CONVENTION ENDING BALANCE			\$

FEDERATION BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT... 3154

Beginning Balance			\$
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Receipts

5/21/18	64th FSSRDC Profit	\$	
5/31/18	Interest	\$	
6/29/18	Interest	\$	
7/31/18	Interest	\$	
8/31/18	Interest	\$	
9/30/18	Interest	\$	
10/31/18	Interest	\$	
10/31/18	CFA Dues 2019	\$	
11/5/18	NW Dues 2019	\$	

TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$
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Disbursements

5/19/18	Ck 1039 L. Tester	\$	
5/19/18	Ck 1040 E. Huddleston	\$	
5/19/18	Ck 1041 Strawberry Sq	\$	
5/24/18	Ck 1042 Slocum Rack Cards-S	\$	
8/10/18	Ck 1043 Slocum Rack Cards-R	\$	
8/10/18	Ck 1044 Coins for National	\$255.00	
8/15/18	Ck 1045 Whirl & Twirl	\$	
8/15/18	Ck 1046 T. Wetherby Postage	\$	
9/07/18	Ck 1047 USDA Dues	\$	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$	
BUSINESS CHECKING ENDING BALANCE			\$
<u>BUSINESS MARKET RATE SAVINGS... 9599</u>			
Beginning Balance			\$
Receipts			
5/31/18 Interest	\$		
6/30/18 Interest	\$		
7/31/18 Interest	\$		
8/31/18 Interest	\$		
9/30/18 Interest	\$		
10/31/18 Interest	\$		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$
Disbursements			
NONE			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$	
MARKET SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE			\$
Ending Balance - All Accounts			
Convention Checking (as of 11/05/18)			\$
Wells Fargo Business Checking (as of 11/05/18)			\$
Business Market Savings			\$
Insurance (per C. Poole)			\$
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS			\$

9. Parliamentary Report – The parliamentary report was given by Terri Little.

Coins will be given out at the Showcase of Ideas at National. The coins have the Federation logo on one side and the State of Florida is on the other side. A onetime cost of \$195 was paid for the die lot and \$60 for 1,000 coins. From this time forward, we will only need to pay the price for the coins. The current Robert's Rules of Order we use was purchased in 2001 for about \$11.00. Since it is not up to date with the days procedures a suggestion was made to have the new Parliamentary purchase a new Robert's Rules of Order. Since this purchase would come out the Parliamentary's budget, no motion was needed.

10. Sunshine Report – A card is being passed around for Penny Green and her family in the loss of her great grandchild. Also, a card will be sent to Bruce Morgan as he broke a bone in his ankle.

11. Florida Caller's Association – No Report

12. Florida Round Dance Council – Report given by Susan Snider. The Round Dance Council is doing well. The election of new officers has been changed to the February meeting at the convention. More cuers are in attendance at this meeting than any other meeting. Terri Wilaby is planning the State Convention program.

13. Florida Square Dance Campers – The Florida Chapter of the NSDCA held our 43rd State Camporee in October in Eustis, FL; about 60 RV camping rigs were present and the Square Wheels chapter had the largest contingent of all Chapters. The Camporee spanned three wonderful nights of dancing, with a maximum of 10 squares gracing the floor. Our Thursday night after party was celebrated around the campfire with s'mores and toasted fruit pies. Our Friday and Saturday after-party variety shows featured excellent performances by several club members. Here's to a healthy and happy holiday season for all. Safe travels. Happy dancing!

Reported by Laura Ramsey; presented by Ken Shacter

14. Association Reports

A) Southeast

We held our Membership Dance and Ice Cream Social, along with the election of officers, on September 23rd. Next up is our Toy and Cookie dance to which dancers bring toys and gifts for ChildNet – an organization that provides support for abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Chris Phillips will be the host caller and Zail Greenbain the host cuer. This dance has been re-scheduled to December 16th so that members of our square dance community can attend a "Celebration of Life" – remembering cuer Phyllis Kent – that will be held at the First Christian Church of Wilton Manors at 1:00pm on Sunday, November 25th.

Our annual fund raiser, the Snowflake Frolic, Saturday evening, January 26th, will be supporting both the Southeast Association and the 2019 Convention. Jack Lewis and Scotty Sharrer will be the host callers; Zail Greenbain the host cuer.

We are planning two New Year's Eve celebrations in the Southeast. Jack & Ilene Lewis and the Briny Breezes Square Dance Club are sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance at Briny. Mike & Patty Doughty, Scotty & Marlene Sharrer, and Chuck & Mary Ryall will be celebrating New Year's Eve in Fort Pierce at the River Walk Center.

We are reaching a significant transition at this meeting. After five years on the Board, along with chairing the 2017 State Convention, Elsa & Ray Huddleston will be rotating off the Board. We congratulate and applaud them for their many years of service in support of square dancing in Florida. Ann & Cal Maki, currently Membership Chairmen for the Southeast, will be joining the Board.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the theme of the last Southeast dance of this season, which will be on March 24th in the Briny Auditorium. We will be celebrating Jack Lewis's 50 years of calling. With thanks to Ilene and Jack, admission will be free for this dance. And we'll also note that Sally has been dancing to Jack's calling for 50 years.

Finally, we would like to thank both the Briny Breezes club for hosting our dances, which are held in the Briny Auditorium, as well as the Briny Board of Directors for their continued support.

Sally Galik and Steve Adler
Presidents, SEA
November 11, 2019

- B) **Central** Report given by Terri Little. At our Sept. meeting we elected and installed our new board of officers. They are Terri Little, Pres., Richard and Carol Douget, VP., Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Tres., and Sheila Reid, Sec. Our December 5th Saturday Night dance is cancelled due to the Holidays. March 2019 5th Saturday Night dance will be held at the Party Weekend in Paisly Fl on 3/30/19, in the afternoon.

C. Northeast

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS
NEFSARDA REPORT
November 2018

Things are getting kinda exciting in the Northeast! - First of all, we have two new clubs! The Salty Bobbers of Steinhatchee (brand new dancers!) – Caller Charlie Pergrossi. And an advanced club in Gainesville, Mixed Nuts – Caller, Bill Chesnut (that explains the name LOL!

We have had our election of Officers and the new Officers are:

President – Mary Giera
VP – Erik & Robin Burton
Treasurer – Patrick & Joan Amarino
Corresponding Sec'y – Dave & Donna Smith
Recording Sec'y – Bill & Paula Dion
Past President – Jack & Kathy McKinney
Presidential Chauffeur – Chuck Giera

This brand-new position on the Board was specifically requested by Chuck Giera. However, he is waiting for permission from the President to purchase his new Limo! We are excited about the new Officers! They are all new with the exception of the Amarino's retaining their position as Treasurer one more year! We are excited about our new President! She is truly exceptional and will make the President of the last 3 years look bad! LOL

In September we had a 5th Saturday Dance. Callers were Jim Cosman and Mark Fetzner and Cues, Susan Snider. We had it in Gainesville. Being it was 100+ miles away for some of our Northeast Dancers, we had a Knothead Dance! We had 19 new Knotheads! They will be presented their Badges at our Fall Festival. We have high hopes that the other associations will pick up the old tradition of having Knothead Dances. Then perhaps one day we can have another Knothead Convention and have oodles of past Knotheads attend with the newer ones!

Also in September the Officers of the Northeast Association requested and received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Jacksonville. We went downtown and took an Underground Tour of Jacksonville led by General Jackson ending at City Hall where he presented us with the Proclamation! LOTS OF FUN!

The Northeast has several clubs beginning classes. I do not have the specific amounts right now, but I do know the Rollaways have 4 adults along with 4 more Upsilon – Rollaways. Upsilon is our Youth group within our club. These are ages 7-11. The Upsilon are growing under the leadership of Jane Dando. They have their own officers and participate in collecting bottle caps for wheelchairs and loose change to help feed the homeless. They also had a silent auction and raised a whopping \$500 to feed homeless during the holidays. Jane has been amazing with them. Mark deserves a medal for the patience of teaching kids along with adults at the same time....guess which is harder???

As Fall approaches, we are SO EXCITED for our Fall Festival, "Murder in Maui A Luau To Die For"! This is going to be a very unique Fall Festival that you definitely do NOT want to miss!!! Someone is going to get KILLED! You will be the murder solvers. As you dance throughout the weekend... you will be dancing with several suspects! Ask questions, be aware of the answers and your surroundings. Joan Amarino and Sherry Boatman-Burris have sleuths everywhere and a cast of characters from all over the state! There will be a "Luau" type dinner on Saturday at the dance hall. You will have a true Hawaiian experience, so drag out your leis and be ready for a really FUN-FILLED weekend! Bobby Poyner, National Caller from Chicago and son of our own FL caller, Bob Poyner of the NW is the Fall Festival Caller. The cues are Doug & Cheryl Byrd of Chattanooga Tennessee, highly recommended by Susan Snider. This staff is really going to make this weekend amazing! Buy ribbons now!

Many of us are geared up to going to the State Convention and the National Convention in Atlanta! HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE!

D. Northwest

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION FEDERATION REPORT NOVEMBER 11TH, 2018

First I am sorry we do not have all our representatives present because of conflicts. Second I would like to thank the Federation for your prayers and concerns for our associations members in the Panama City area after hurricane Michael. The pictures are every bit as devastating as how it looks. The good news is that Grand Square Hall had minimal damage and no leaks. We are not sure when they will have electricity and water. Many of the businesses we went to have major repairs, no power or water. The power is slowly coming back on and it will be a long recover process for many. There will be a benefit dance for them in the future so pray for their recovery. Many of our dancers in Tallahassee went without power because of the wind blowing down trees. Ragon Hall graciously donated their hall for our 44th Annual roundup on October 26-27th. We had 7 squares dancing to Ted Kennedy and Sandy Sturgis. We missed those who could not come because of the storm damage.

Our association had a busy spring with two couples getting married- Dave and Diana Anderson and Glenn and Betty Smith. April 22^{ed} a water spout came ashore and damaged cars at PASARDA and blew out the window. No one was hurt and we got things cleaned up pretty quickly. We went right back to dancing two days later. The Dancing Dolphins started a class in June. June 16th was a celebration of the life of David Sturgis. We had about 9 squares and what a way to honor Sandy's husband. Sand Spurs had the annual Billy Bow Legs dance June 30th and we had 3 plus squares. We also had a graduation ceremony for those graduating from Ballroom Two Step, Waltz, Rumba, Mainstream and A1 dance. Capital Twirlers had a graduation in July and are continuing with plus classes. Ragon Hall had their annual July Jamboree and Seaside Squares celebrated their 55th Anniversary in August! Fall classes started with the Foxtrot for TNT Rounds. Agape Squares had 20 club members go the the TN state convention in August and Florida had over a 100 dancers there. They started a new beginner class the end of August. September 14-16, the RDCF Fall Weekend of rounds at Grand Square Hall was a great success.

We have had many exciting things going on up here in the Northwest but we are still going on with a dance December 7th- Toys for Tots at Ragon Hall; Capital Twirlers Dinner Dance December 10th; January Shine at Ragon Hall on the 10th and our scheduled Sweetheart Swing February 9th with the place to be determined.

See you all at the State convention!

Brian and Barbara McDonald President's NWFSRDA

E. West Coast

West Coast Square and Round Dance Association

Well here it is November, We survived the election!! We can go to our mailbox and not return with a handful of junk mail flyers. Having survived the Florida heat and the politicians, it's time to Square Dance!!

Many clubs throughout the West Coast are prepping for the fall. The fall means Square Dance lessons... New dancer, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Rounds . Everyone's ready to go. Suncoast Squares in St. Pete, Strawberry Square in Plant City, Buttons and Bows in Lakeland, Shufflin Squares, everyone is ready to welcome new dancers. Yes the Fall is the start of Square and Round dancing throughout the region. Sadly, Strawberry Square will continue their popular social dance program on the second and fourth Saturdays. The way we change that is to attend dances the 1st and 3rd Saturday. Even in spite of the social dancing, square dancing and Rounds will occupy the bulk of the Strawberry schedule. The challenge throughout the region is to get people to the class. Once there, they'll have a great time but our challenge is to get them interested enough to try it. If you have friend who has thought square dancing looked like fun, take them to a class near you!!

November is Fall Fun Fest month. We thank everyone that attended and we know you had a great time. Even getting displaced from our venue 2 weeks before the event could not deter us from putting on a fun dance. We thank Ted, Ron and Susan for a great dance. We hope everyone in attendance already has their ribbons for next year. With Jerry Biggerstaff, Scotty Sharer and Judy and Dwayne Barnhill, next year will be another dance you don't want to miss. Be there and be square!!!

The West Coast held our Association elections and our slate of officers looks very similar to that of last year. Terry Wetherby moves up to serve as a co-President. We thank Flo Ormsbee for her service as Association Secretary.

These are trying times for square dancing. Attendance is down, Clubs that would draw 8 - 10 squares now draw 2 - 3. This decrease means we have to work harder to keep our activity alive. We need to do everything we can to attract new dancers, but most importantly we need to ensure that when people come to a dance, they have fun!! If we do that, everything else will work out. Yes and when it comes to fun, there's only one region to head for. Remember for Square Dancing in Florida, you've got to go West!!!

Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby, President, WCSRDA

15. Publication Reports

A. Web Site

Web Site Report

Federation Meeting

November 11. 2018

Stay Inn & Suites

1035 N. Broadway Avenue

Bartow, FL

The web site is up and running just fine. But the main problem is that hardly anybody is supporting it. I am only getting updates on Club addresses from Ailene Picheco and only getting flyers from Steve Adler and Terry Wilaby. I haven't received anything from anybody else. That includes the clubs, callers and other cuers. If you want me to keep the web site up-to-date you must send me the information. I am not going to try to glean it out of the Bow & Swing and the Association publications.

I just want to reinforce the fact that you have just one year to find someone to take over the maintenance of the Federation Web Site. Effective with the November Federation Meeting of 2019 I am giving it up. You MUST find a new person to do the updates. I will agree to stay on to assist the new person until he/she gets up to speed. But I stress the fact that I will only stay on to assist where needed, not a daily update person. Colleen & I are going to start traveling a lot more and I will not have the time to continue this job. We have put off traveling and now that we are ready to travel, we will be gone from home on a regular basis. Plus I will not be taking my laptop computer with me on our vacations.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Morgan
Federation Web Master

- B. **Bow & Swing** No Report
- C. **Grapevine** (NE) No Report
- D. **Keepin'** Posted (C)

Keepin Posted Report 2018 11 11

The next edition of Keepin Posted is scheduled for

publication on January 1, 2019

The October issue –

Printed copies were mailed to

23 central Florida Clubs (so they can display it for their club members)

and to 36 Members who do not have email or prefer a printed copy.

(Many of these copies were passed out at the Space Trackers and I did not need postage.) It would be nice to have more clubs involved.

There were about 22 copies emailed to Members.

Copies are also Emailed to the Florida Association Presidents, the Federation Board,

and to various publications and other organizations.

I would like to receive more club articles, pictures and other information from the clubs throughout the Central Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene Picheco, Editor/Publisher

- E. **Panhandle Press** (NW) N No Reporto Report
- F. **West Coast Dancer** (WC)

16. Convention Reports

A. 2019

65th FSSDC REPORT (aka 2019 State Convention)

Here we are, the morning after the Fall Fun Fest. OMG, it's November.. 3 more months. Wow !!!

Yes, time flies when you are having fun!! Merchandise sales are good and ribbon sales are progressing slowly. According to the 'Man with the money', we've surpassed the \$20,000 hurdle. It's really odd. Our merchandise sales are up. The hotel rooms are

getting booked. Randy is looking at over flow capacity, yet our ribbon sales are moving along like a turtle heading to Navarre.

Last week we went to Arcadia. Two hours each way. Set up a table and maybe 2 - 3 people even came by and looked. We had \$0 sales until about 5 mins before we closed. We sold \$5 raffle tickets. Ok, \$10 admission, gas, 4 hours commute for \$5. We both felt we should have put \$20 in the kitty and saved our Saturday. This surpassed Ormond Beach as our new low. Ah, the trials and tribulations.

As Convention chair, you get a lot of memories. Our memorable moment without question has been the NW 2019 Convention Benefit dance. Cheryl said expect 10 - 14 squares. We got 2. They were a good 2, though. 478 miles from home, 2 squares, and our car would not accept gasoline to get home. Not a good situation! Terry and I immensely appreciate Cheryl's help and her gas can!

The message we see across the board is people aren't interested. They are old, and just want their night out. Their local club is dancing that weekend. Why bother with Daytona, the travel, the cost, and the time. Yes, these are trying times.

Since our last meeting, we have finalized our Trail End dance location. It will be at the Goldstar Ballroom. This is an absolutely great facility. All wood floors, excellent sound, great location. The dance will be Thursday evening with Early Rounds, MS/Plus/Rounds alternating, followed by a half hour of Advanced. A little something for everyone. We also need to report that for personal reasons, Lance and Rita Baxter have resigned as Vendor Chair. Terry and I want to thank Larry Zuckerman for stepping up so we didn't miss a beat!

Terry and I recently attended the FCA scheduling meeting. The caller scheduling is progressing well with a few hiccups of course. Everyone wants the prime slots...

Terri Wilaby is handling the Round dance side of the event. This year not only will we have easy and advanced rounds, but we are introducing 2 hours each afternoon of Rounds By Request. Susan suggested this and we all feel this gives added flexibility and is something different for the Round Dancers.

This year we intend to borrow from our Tennessee experience and will introduce Intro to Hex, Rubber Band dance, No Hands, dance, etc. To quote Tony Manero from Saturday Night Fever, "I saw it on TV and then I made it up".

All of this is great, but we need dancers. Now that people are returning we ask your help in pushing ribbons. I have talked to at least 5 couples that have all booked their rooms, but have no interest in ribbons yet. I hope that's the norm.

Terry and I ask everyone for their help. We have tried to create momentum and now that we're underway, it's important that we keep it going. Please do everything you can to push ribbon sales.

One thing for sure the 65th FSSDC in February 2019 will be the PLACE TO BE!!! It's gonna be huge! Mark your calendars now!!

Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby, 2019 General Chairman

B. 2020 Report by Terri Little

We will be meeting next week in Jacksonville to go over the kickoff with Bob Poyner. We will need 35 additional dancers for the kickoff. No special outfit is required. Our Trail End dance will also be held in the Goldstar Ballroom. The dates on all the merchandise is incorrect. The correct dates are 2/21-22/2020. The dates on the ribbons will be correct! Due to health concerns Dennis and Nancy Taylor have had to resign as registration chairman. So a new Registration Chairman is need as we will start selling ribbons in February.

C. 2021 Report by Carol Douget.

Florida Federation Meeting

November 11, 2018

67th FSDC

Lighting the way to Friendship & Fun in "21

Richard & Carol Douget As we reported in May, we still do not know the location or dates yet. Our theme for the 2021 Convention is "Lighting the way to Friendship and Fun in

Twenty-One". The décor will be lighthouses and the colors red & white. We have submitted a request for funding. We have recruited some committee members but are in need of more volunteers. Our current committee consists of:

Carol & Richard Douget – Chair
Mary & Bob Gibson – Secretary
Dennis & Nancy Taylor – Treasurer
Ailene Picheco – Program Book & Advertising
Earle & Carol Collins – Cuer Coordinator
Susan Snider – Asst. Cuer Coordinator
Bob & Florence Ormsbe – Caller Coordinator
Bill Chestnut – Asst. Caller Coordinator
Bruce & Colleen Morgan – Web Master
Randy & Carole Poole – Housing
Keith & Angie Olds – Décor
Linda & Bill Reid – Registration
Jenny Green – Asst. Registration
Judy Anderson – Dangle Dances
Jack & Barb Hoffman – 50/50

We have some raffles planned – a lighthouse quilt by Terri Little and two lighthouse structures by Richard Douget and Tom Leaf. The two lighthouses will be used as part of the décor and raffled off the last night of the convention. We plan to ask each association to donate a basket to be raffled at our benefit dance next May.

If anyone has suggestions to help make this convention a success, do not hesitate to tell us. Please consider volunteering for a committee position.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard & Carol Douget, Chairmen

D. **2022** No Report. No chairman.

E. Facilities

The Ocean Center Convention Center in Daytona Beach is set for the 2019 Fl. St. Sq. & Rd. Dance Convention, except for giving them a final room layout, which will be done soon.

The Goldstar Ballroom is contracted for the Feb. 21, 2019 trail-in dance, this is a nice place about 4 miles away from the Ocean Center with nice hardwood floors and adequate, no-charge, parking.

The contract at the Ocean Center for 2020 is in place with the deposit made.

The contract for 2021 is written but waiting for the Daytona 500 race dates to be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,
Don & Ann Slocum
November 11, 2018

17. Florida Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame 2018 11 11

We have not received any nominations for the Hall of Fame.

They can be sent in any time and will be presented at the next convention coming up. The criteria is listed on the website. The more information submitted in the nominations, the better.

Our Suntrust Savings Balance is maintained at \$1500. Any bills are credited to the current Convention at the time, for reimbursement.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Ailene Picheco, Advisor

18. History Report by Terri Little

Nothing new to report. Pictures are being sent to Bruce Morgan to put on the website as I get them. Pictures can be sent to me at islandmom74@att.net or directly to Bruce at brucemorgan@embarqmail.com

19. USDA Report

We have a new volunteer for the USDA – Flo Ormsbee. We don't know about Bob yet. We are checking to see if he can as he is a caller.

20. USDA Insurance

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT
November 11, 2018

Beginning Balance	April 30, 2018		\$
Income			
Central		\$	
Northeast		\$	
Northwest		\$	
Southeast		\$	
West Coast		\$	
Total Income		\$	\$

Expenses			
USDA Insurance		\$	
Total Expense		\$	
Ending Balance	September 30, 2018		\$
As of October 22, 2018		Association/Clubs	Dancers
Central		12	488
Northeast		10	294
Northwest		1 & 8	187
Southeast		1	72
West Coast		7	240
Total	2 Associations	37 Clubs	1281

There have been five reported accidents and three claims filed.

Randy & Carol Poole
Federation Insurance Chairman

Insurance Written Report
November 11, 2018

The rate remains the same for 2019 at \$ per dancer. Each club and association will receive new USDA numbers. The club or association will get a new number each year. When a club enrolls the certificate receives the next number to be issued. All certificates for a club or association issued later in the year should have the same USDA number. We were glad to add a new club to the insurance program during this period. The Northeast Association's club the Salty Bobbers in Trenton.

To insure the Federation Board and Delegates and the Convention Board I need the most current and correct roster. I also need to know if the Ocean Center and the Gold Star Ballroom's contracts are in the Federation's name or the Convention's name. To all future convention chairman remember to ask about the insurance and to give me the information. The convention was in Lakeland for so many years I just typed up the forms. Only once did we have a change when Lakeland added the "The" to their name. Some major changes are coming to the insurance program. The USDA square dancers insurance has been administered and underwritten by Markel Specialty Commercial. They have decided to outsource this program. The outsourcing company (I don't have a name) wants us to do more online. The program is not up and running currently. They are still testing the program. The plan is to give us a link. They want each club to go to this link to renew/enroll. The club will type in the names of the dancers and the dance facility. To make it easier the company has already put in the names from 2018. New names would be typed in and some names deleted if they are no longer a member of the club. The company would then email the certificate to the USDA Insurance Director

(Pat). When she gets the money, she will email me the certificate. That is how it is supposed to work.

If a club does not have a computer, they can enroll the old way and the association chairman can enter them on the computer. If the association chairman does not want to do that, they will forward on to me. Pat said, "If I did not want to type in the names, she would have to do it!"

I don't know how we will catch duplicates. I find a lot of mistakes that I correct before sending it on to the USDA Director. Dancers Insured Through Another Club will be forwarded directly to me for processing.

Additional Enrollments will have to go to the link.

Thursday night Pat emailed the clubs would be keeping the USDA number assigned in 2018. She asked we be patient with the changes. She is learning also. That is how I understand what is happening and it is subject to change. If you have questions, please write them down and I will get with Pat to get the correct answer.

I was asked to hold off sending in renewals. The ones I've received I will practice with them when the system is ready. I will send Pat the money and we should get the certificate right away.

Randy & Carol Poole

21. ASCP/BMI

BMI/ASCAP

November 11,2018

We had a question about using recorded square dances for demos. This is not allowed unless the club has their own BMI/ASCAP licenses.

Although most people buy digital audio files, CDs, or games like Guitar Hero thinking they are now their property, there is a distinction in the law between owning a copy of the music and owning the actual songs that are played. When you buy an audio file, software, or CD, even those specifically marketed for business purposes, the purchase price covers only your private listening use, regardless of how they are labeled. Once you decide to play any copyrighted music publicly, you need permission from the copyright owners.

A "public performance" of music is defined in the U.S. copyright law to include any music played outside a normal circle of friends and family. Songwriters, composers, and music publishers have the exclusive right to play their music publicly and to authorize others to do so under the copyright law. This is known as the "Performing Right". This right was designed to enable and encourage music creators to continue to create music.

When you see the words "All Rights Reserved" on a movie that you've rented or purchased, you know that playing that movie before a public audience is prohibited. The same restrictions apply to music that is purchased, broadcast, or live musicians that are hired to play in a public setting. Every business or organization must receive permission from the copyright owners of the music they are playing before playing it publicly.

22. ARTS

ARTS Report 2018 11 11

The ARTS Re-Image project is continuing. We are still selling "Live Lively" products including license plate frames, window stickers, and others. The goal is to "spread the word" not only on our effort to Re-Image square dancing, but to also inform dancers of the organization.

We are looking into updating the You2CanDance web site. The Video project has hit a snag, but we hope to restart that project.

We work closely with CALLERLAB to publicize and promote the CALLERLAB Square Dance Marketing Manual. The manual provides a wealth of information and how to tips to help clubs and organizations learn about and implement marketing ideas.

Please remind everyone that ALL dancers are invited to attend the annual ARTS meeting. the next meeting is scheduled for 9:00AM on Sunday, June 30, 2019 in Atlanta immediately following the 68th NSDC. I will send anyone who is interested a copy of the agenda. If anyone has any ideas or input for the meeting, they can submit an email to Jerry Reed at: DirectorARTS@aol.com

Respectfully submitted

By Ailene Picheco for Jerry Reed, Executive Director ARTS

23. Old Business

A. Federation Document Revisions

At the last Federation Meeting we finalized all pending items. There will probably be more that will be required depending on the finalization of the Federation calendar with the State Convention being moved to February, Whirl & Twirl being closed and the status of the 501(c)3 committee.

Submitted by Bruce Morgan

B. USDA Tax Status Report given by Cheryl Miller

USDA contacted Cheryl Miller by email stating they were moving ahead with the group exception the Florida Federation was/is interested in. We had to submit a letter to Jim Masco reiterating we are still interested. Hopefully in June we should have all our documents filed by the USDA to the IRA. We must also request to change the end of our fiscal year from 11/30 to calendar year end 12/31, which has been done. This is the final guideline to be met in order to achieve 501(c)3 status

C. Flooring Committee Report given by Ed Drexel

- Our charter was to look at flooring options to be used at the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.
- Terry and I have attended the Tennessee State Square Dance Convention and have been in touch with the powers that be in Tennessee.
- We have talked to the Chairman of Tennessee as well as their tape supplier in NC.
- Based on the information we have received, it is slightly cheaper to buy flooring as opposed to rent it from Bob Bahrs.
- It has been our opinion that each Convention should purchase a portion of flooring (1 or 2

rooms) each year until we have enough to floor the entire event. This approach allows you to learn, grow an inventory and save money.

- This approach would stockpile flooring and in 3 to 4 years you would own enough to floor the entire event.
- It is our view that this approach is cost effective. Each room of purchase is cheaper than renting it. Even if you disposed of the floor after the event. It would be cheaper.
- Tennessee does not store the floor in climate controlled storage. It is stored in a barn.

- The idea of purchasing flooring has been 'lightening rod' for many.
- Who is going to put it down?
- Who is going to take it up?
- How do you transport it?
- "We're too old for this".
- Where are you going to store it?

- Square dancing is dying.
- Clubs all over the state are experiencing a sharp decrease in attendance,
- Attendance is down at special events.
- The dancer population is getting older by the day.

- Considering the state of square dancing in the state, and the overwhelming concerns that people have expressed, we will continue 'status quo' for the 65thFSSRDC.
- We will rent flooring from Bob Bahrs, even considering the falls we had last year.
- We will utilize the available Ocean Center flooring.
- We recommend reevaluating this for 2020.

D. Email Tree

Florida Federation Meeting
Sunday, November 11, 2018

Florida Email Tree Report

The Florida Email Tree has been in operation since May 2018

There is a contact for each of the five regional associations in Florida. If anyone has something they wanted communicated to the state, they should send it to me, as the coordinator, to start the distribution. This is so that a "level" in the tree isn't skipped. I then create the email with a "canned" opening/introduction, the message is added, and forwarded to the Email Tree Contacts. All the contacts have to do is forward the email to their distribution list, with the same instructions for it to be forwarded to the next set of distribution lists. Hopefully, this saturates

the state with the communications. I have requested that my email address be added to each of the contacts' distribution lists so that I know the emails are being forwarded. There is one association that either isn't forwarding them or they haven't added my name to their list. I also include the information in the DANCERgram.

The types of information we have been sending via the Tree are state and national convention information, association festival information, health updates and the passing of well-known callers and cuers i.e. Marshall Flippo and Lee Kopman. Even though this Tree was established at the request of the USDA, we have not received any communications from them to forward to the state.

Penny Green
Florida Email Tree Coordinator

It was suggested that the explanation of what the Email Tree is be moved to the bottom of the email/announcement/information. Ginny Green will take this information back to her mother.

E. Other Old Business

Future National Convention

At our last meeting it was voted down to look into making a bid for a National Convention. Kathy McKinney ask if we could bring this up again. It was stated that if someone was interested in pursuing a National Convention for Florida, we could vote on it again. Cheryl Miller did talk to the NEC and they did say with the changing of the times they MAY accept 2 single females(or others) in the future as General Chairman.

Cheryl Miller received a letter from Mobile Alabama Square Dance Association asking our support for their bid for the National Convention in 2023.A motion was made, voted on and carried to send a letter of support to the Alabama Square Dance Association.

24. New Business

A. Nomination Committee Report Presented by Kathy McKinney.

All current officers did agree to step up to the next position on the board. A letter was received from the SE president nominating Cal and Ann Maki as Parliamentarian for the Florida Federation. Kathy called for nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made, voted and carried to close the nominations from the floor. A motion was made, voted and carried to accept the current nominations.

B. Installation

The nominees were installed and the new officers were presented. Cheryl Miller, Pres. Linda Tester, VP. Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby, Sec. Terri Little, Tres. And Cal and Ann Maki, Parli.

C. Whirl & Twirl Club

Our new president advised a committee should be compiled to address the guidelines and procedures to help a Square Dance organization in the future (i.e. Whirl & Twirl). This committee should be comprised from the committee of Preservation of Square Dancing. This will be addressed at the Working Weekend in May. As former VP, it was Cheryl's responsibility to find a location for the benefit dance during the Working Weekend. Since the Whirl & Tiril building is no longer available Randy Poole helped find a facility. The Port Orange Community Centered where the Spin Drifters dance is where we will have our Benefit Dance for the 2021 State Convention. Our Working Weekend will be held at a new hotel...Home2 Suites.

D. Extra Mile Award

Guidelines for the Extra Mile Award were given to each Association President or Reprehensive. Due to the change in our Convention time, the deadline for nominations has been extended to 12/15/2019.

E. Carol Poole and Jenny Green will audit the Treasurer's books as soon as meeting is adjourned.

25. Announcements

Our next meeting will be at the Working Weekend 5/18-19/2019.

26. Adjourn