

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

IHOP Restaurant
Daytona Beach, FL
Sunday, February 24, 2019

Call to order- the meeting was call to order by president Cheryl Miller.

Invocation- the Invocation was given by Bill Reid.

Pledge of Allegiance- the pledge was led by vice president Linda Tester.

Roll call- roll was called by secretary Terry Wetherby. There was a quorum in attendance.

Introductions Cheryl Miller.

Minutes of November 11, 2018- A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Bruce Morgan to accept and seconded by Cal Maki. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Cheryl Miller reported that we received confirmation from the USDA that our application and documentation was sent to the IRS for approval to be included in the USDA 501(c)3 Group Exemption status. When the IRS has approved our application, we will become a 501(c)3 Non-profit organization.

Budget - The 2019 proposed budget was read by Terry Wetherby. A motion was made by Brian McDonald to accept and was seconded by Ann Slocum. It was passed.

Financial Report: Terri Little

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BEGINNING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 11/5/2018			
Wells Fargo Convention			
Wells Fargo Business Checking			
Wells Fargo Savings			
Insurance			
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 2/23/2019			
Convention Checking Account ...2033			
	Beginning Balance		
	Receipts		
			None
			TOTAL RECEIPTS
	Disbursements		
	11/11/2018	67th FSDC	
	12/20/2018	Volusia County Ocean Center	
			TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
	Ending Balance		
Business Checking Account ...3154			
	Beginning Balance		
	Receipts		
	11/17/2018	Whirl & Twirl	
	11/30/2018	Interest	
	12/31/2018	Interest	
	1/7/2019	65th FSDC web services	
	1/31/2019	Interest	
			TOTAL RECEIPTS
	Disbursements		
	11/11/2018	Ck #1048 Elsa Huddleston (printing)	
	11/11/2018	Ck #1049 Elsa Huddleston (room for meeting)	
	12/22/2018	Ck #1050 Cheryl Miller (President gift)	
	2/23/2019	Ck #1051 Linda Tester (printing, gift cards)	
	2/23/2019	Ck #1052 Patty Ping (badges & bars)	
	2/23/2019	Ck #1053 Suzie Q Creations (Extra Mile badge)	
	2/23/2019	Ck #1054 Cheryl Miller (65th FSDC Chair clock)	
			TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
	Ending Balance		
Market Savings Account ...9599			
	Beginning Balance		
	Receipts		
	11/30/2018	Interest	
	12/31/2018	Interest	
	1/31/2019	Interest	
			TOTAL RECEIPTS
	Disbursements		
			None
			TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
	Ending Balance		
ENDING BALANCE - ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 2/23/2019			
Wells Fargo Convention			
Wells Fargo Business Checking			
Wells Fargo Savings			
Insurance (as of 1/31/2019 per Carol Poole)			
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 2/23/2019			

Parliamentarian Report- Cal & Ann Maki -

We have requested from all the Associations to fill the blank windows in the Showcase. We hope to receive some information from them at the State Convention. Each group has also been invited to update their picture books. Thank you to those who have responded.

We have started to update the boards for the Showcase at the National Convention. There are Florida maps, coins, oranges and a few gators left over from past conventions that we will use to put on the tables. We will ask our Committee for suggestions for handouts for the table to use this year.

We were also asking to see who is on the Showcase Committee so we will be able to meet with them at the State Convention. We have found that the Committee consists of delegates from each Association.

We also need a place to meet with our Committee members at the State Convention and if we have to order tables for the Showcase at the National Convention.

Sunshine Report – Cheryl Miller

Sympathy Cards to Fred & Shirley Cornett & Bruce & Colleen Morgan. Get Well Cards- to Ed Drexel, Whit Brown, Ernie Rollins, and Bob Poyner

Florida Callers Report- No Report

Round Dance Council of Florida- Susan Snider reported that the Round Dance Council had 100% attendance at the Convention.

Florida State Campers-Ken & Carolyn Shacter No report

Association Reports:

Southeast Association – February 24, 2019

It's hard to believe that in "dance time" we are four-fifths of the way through our 2018-2019 season. However, our fifth dance is particularly special as we will be celebrating Jack Lewis's 50th anniversary as a caller. It will be held in the Auditorium at Briny Breezes with early rounds starting at 1:30pm and squares at 2:00pm. With thanks to Ilene and Jack, admission will be free for this dance.

It is an unfortunate fact of life that in many areas square dancing is on the decline. In the past year five Southeast clubs have darkened their doors: the Hollywood Squares, Hi-Cs and Jackpot Squares in Hollywood, as well as the M 'n Ms in Port St. Lucie and Happy Squares in Boynton Beach. However, our two newest clubs, the A-Jacks (Jack Lewis, caller) and the Scotty Dog Squares (Scotty Sharrer, caller), both in Boynton Beach, are thriving. Additionally, the Treasure Coast Squares moved from Vero Beach to Ft. Pierce where Mike Doughty is their new caller.

Regarding classes and workshops – Chris Phillips has a Beginner's class on Thursday nights in Wilton Manors and the Long Key Squares with caller Jackie McCorkle have Basic lessons and a Mainstream workshop Sunday afternoons. Due to personal circumstances, Scotty was not able

to hold his Beginner's class this year, but is working with the Scotty Dog Squares to bring them up to a full Plus level. He and Marlene are planning on starting a Beginner's class next January.

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, Southeast Association

Central Florida Association

The biggest thing CFA has to get out to all Associations is the change in the Party Weekend dates.

The Party Weekend will be held March 22-24, rather than March 29-31. All other details remain the same. This weekend will benefit the 2020 State Convention. The CFA will hold their 5th Saturday dance on Saturday afternoon during the Party Weekend. The rest of the Party Weekend schedule will be as it has been in years past: Bingo Friday night and Square Dance with rounds Saturday night; meals will include a Pot Luck on Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The callers for the afternoon dance will be from the Central Florida Caller's Association. The evening dance callers will be Bob Poyner and Charlie Pergrossi. Earle Collins will cue for both dances. Please join us if you can to help support the 2020 State Convention.

Terri Little
President, CFA

Northeast Florida Association

I am Mary Giera, the latest in a long line of active and innovative Presidents of square and round dancers in North East Florida. Nearly everyone in the Federation knows my immediate predecessors, Jack and Kathy McKinney. How could anyone hope to germinate when their shadow is cast so broadly? Still, my seeds are planted and we'll see what kind of a green thumb I have.

In October I set a goal of dancing with each of my "almost 14" clubs. We officially have 13 clubs, but our round dance club is almost reformed. We just need to gather them back into the fold. The other 13 are categorized like this:

7 clubs who dance Mainstream and Plus; 2 of which are camping clubs

1 club who dances Mainstream, Plus and Line;

3 clubs who dance Mainstream, Plus, and Round;

2 clubs who dance Advanced;

And 1 club who dances Mainstream, Plus, Rounds and Advanced

It took me three months, but I have danced with each club and enjoyed each very much.

I live in Jacksonville, so I regularly dance 3-4 nights a week. Our outlying clubs too often are overlooked, so like several of my predecessors, I'm trying to let them know how much we are

trying to include them. From my house it is 2 ½ hours to dance with Salty Bobbers who meets in Steinhatchee, Florida on the Gulf coast. Dancing with their club was well worth the drive. They are doing quite well, especially so since they are in their 1st year.

In November, though I had little to do with it, the North east held a successful and creative Fall Festival Dance that was also a Murder Mystery. I'm happy to report our corpse is once again alive and well. Kudos are deserved by the Fall Festival Committee and the actors who played their parts well.

Like most of you, our December was taken up with parties and dances, each with as much in common with the others as it was different. We supported several charities that bring toys, clothing and food to needy families.

January came and we were all back to planning for a new year's worth of fun and dancing. High praise goes to Susan Snider. She organized and put on another successful Circus Dance that raised \$7,200 dollars for Dreams Come True. The many callers and cuers donated their time and talent for this charity dance. We thank each of them for a grand party.

In February the Moose Promenaders brought the luster back to the Presidents' Ball where the North East honors each club president with a 'get-in-free' ticket. We had 7 squares on the floor and it was a great sight to see.

The following weekend our Dixie Dancers club in Lake City outdid themselves as hosts for the 36th annual Olustee Battle Festival weekend (formerly known as the Blue-Grey Festival).

The weekend after is this weekend. We're all here for the State Convention and Federation meeting. I'm sure there is at least the same amount of excitement in the next several months. I cannot wait to tell you of those up-and-coming dances.

Northwest Florida Association

We are happy to report from the Northwest region that recovery is on the way for Panama City and area that were hit by hurricane Michael. Grand Square hall is up and running and they started dances in November during the day. We had our Annual Sweetheart Swing there on February 9th with our club callers and cuers calling. Dancing started at 2pm to 6 pm and it was well attended with 7-8 squares!

January Shine was at Ragon Hall on the 19th. We had enough people to make 3 squares; did an Advanced and Rounds workshop in the afternoon. For those who stayed we had soup and chili. Ted Kennedy called and Terri and Tim Wilaby cued.

Classes are ongoing for Agape squares, Dancing Dolphins, Grand Square hall, Capital Twirlers and Sand Spurs. Classes are small and we encourage club members to tell their friends and anyone they meet how much fun we have dancing!

March we are dancing Rumba Heat at Ragon Hall -Rounds on the 30th and 31st so we hope there is a good crowd there. April 6th will have the Blue and White Ball in Panama City so be sure and come to that annual dance. Darryl McMillan is the caller and Sandy Sturgis the Cuer. May is an Armed forces Celebration at Ragon Hall with Tell Kennedy and Terri and Tim Wilaby cueing.

There is the Annual Billy Bowlegs Dance June 7th and 8th at PASARDA Hall in Ft. Walton Beach so look for the times and flier. July Jamboree is the 20th at Ragon Hall with caller Willis Simmons and cuer Terri & Tim Wilaby.

We have had a good time dancing at the State convention and some of our Mainstream students have attended.. Hope you all have a great Spring and lots of dancing.

Brian and Barbara McDonald, Presidents, NWFSRDA

West Coast Association

Well here it is February in Florida. Mid 80's, Daytona 500, snow-birds, State Convention, Spring training and Square Dance classes. Yes, life in Florida!!!

Winter has been tough but we made it. Yes, the year began at Strawberry Square with Curt Braffet and Bob Asp. In addition to a great dance, we had the Flowing Figures from Lake Ashton doing a synchronized Hex Squares demo. It was an impressive routine. If you missed it, it's on YouTube. With the New Year in full swing, the West Coast hosted Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys. The weekend began with a Trail End dance at Lake Ashton, followed by the annual Winter Fiesta this year at Strawberry Square. It was good to see the floor packed with dancers. Everyone in attendance had a great time. As Tony and Jack cruised off into the sunset, the West Coast hosted a membership dance on Sunday, again at Strawberry Square. Mike Cox and Tom Bunn gave the dancers another fun day!!

Last weekend Sam Dunn and Dave Muller on Squares, Judy and Dwayne Barnhill for Rounds and Dianne and Jeff Hissong all volunteered their time for a Benefit dance in Avon Park with proceeds going to the 65th FSSRDC. Terry and I thank them immensely for their support.

This past weekend, Suncoast Squares in St. Pete hosted their annual Fly-in. Once again dancers got to experience great dancing in the West Coast!!

At our February West Coast membership meeting, we voted to make the DANCERgram the official publication of the West Coast. We look forward to Penny Green and Cliff Reiss putting out the official publication of the West Coast to keep everyone informed.

Yes, there's always a lot going on in the West Coast. One thing is for sure. For Square or Round dancing in the State of Florida, you gotta go West!!

Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby, Presidents, WCSRDA

PUBLICATIONS-

Website – Bruce Morgan

Reported that our website is in need of renewal. We now have 3 domain names. For a 3-year renewal of the domain names, it will be \$293.00, for 5 years it will be \$329.89. After much discussion, the motion was made by Kathy McKinney to continue to use the 3 domain names for one year, two will be just directing them to our main site, and our main website for 5 years. Bruce Morgan seconded the motion and it carried. We are in need of a new webmaster. Our website will be in the Federation's

name after July. It has been in Bruce's name and will be moved to the Federation's name with the renewal.

The prices listed above is just for the Domain Names. The hosting site also needs to be renewed it is approximately \$310.00 per year or \$930.00 for 3 years. It was decided that we would wait until the May Meeting and decide what to do at that time.

Bow & Swing – Bill Boyd

We are alive and well. Dates are still the same.

The Grapevine- no report

Keepin' Posted – Ailene Picheco

The next edition of *Keepin' Posted* is scheduled for publication on April 1, 2019.

The January issue was mailed to 24 Central Florida Clubs (so they can display it for their club members) and to several 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. Copies are also Emailed to the Florida Association Presidents, the Federation Board, and to various publications and other organizations. 15 copies were placed on the flyer tables, and they were all picked up.

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

Panhandle Press – No report

DANCERgram- Penny Green

The *West Coast Dancer* has been the official publication of the West Coast Association since October 1968. Over the years, it has evolved from a monthly printed newsletter to a publication posted at www.floridasquaredance.com. Our West Coast meetings used to be called Folding Meetings. Before every meeting, stacks of copies were lined up down a 6' table (on both sides of the table) and several people walked down each side picking up copies and collating the newsletter.

When we stopped printing the newsletter and put it on the Internet, many people didn't like the idea because they felt they needed to have printed copies at their dances for people without email and visitors to their dances. I have to admit; I was one of those people. I never want anyone to be left out and I can just about guarantee that none of the presidents were printing off a few copies for their members without email addresses and for their flyer table.

Ed Henning was the editor of the *Dancer* for 15 years and had to retire last summer due to his and Ginny's health problems. We were inundated with volunteers! LOL. Kidding aside no one volunteered and the last issue that was published was the April/May/June 2018 issue.

In the early 2000s, I started writing a quick email newsletter for Buttons & Bow of Lakeland to communicate dance information to them. The email started growing and in 2005 it had become too large to send in an email and had to be produced as a Word document that was

attached to an email. In 2007, at the request of many of the readers, a website was built. Cliff Reiss, a Temple Twirlers member, volunteered to fund and build the site. At the time, the DANCERgram was housed in his homeowner's association website so we had to be careful not to take up too much memory. A few years ago, we moved it to GoDaddy, which gave us a lot more space so we could expand the newsletter and post more flyers.

At the February 3rd West Coast Meeting, a motion was made and accepted to merge the West Coast Dancer with the DANCERgram and make that the official publication of the West Coast Association.

The target audience is the west coast of Florida which is 16 counties on the west coast of Florida. It's not only for the dancers but also for the callers and cuers. It contains a list of contacts; a list of all the dances in our area with the county rep information, the name of the dance, types of dancing i.e. Squares, Rounds, etc., dance level, and contact information for each dance; Health & Sympathy which is currently for Federation officers, West Coast officers, past presidents, callers, and cuers in the newsletter itself and for everyone else on the website list; Your Source which lists the items that I carry and sell i.e. ribbons, buttons, fundraisers, etc.; This Week, which is the dance schedule for the upcoming seven days; Classes and Caller and Cueur Schools; One-nighters and demos; reprints of articles with appropriate attribution; articles that I write, square dance travel; and, Looking Ahead which lists all the new information regarding dances, meetings, deadlines, etc. and then the information is moved to a chronological list by year and will reappear in the newsletter when we get close to the date; and Links.

With the merger, we are adding a new section just for West Coast Association information i.e. President's Message and Club News. Cliff and I are currently working on the necessary changes to complete the merger. Eventually, we will also be taking advertisements.

I have tried to implement a sharing of information between the Associations, which is working with two Associations. Steve Adler writes an email newsletter to his people and he would take excerpts from the DANCERgram. He now just forwards the entire newsletter to his distribution list. Yes, the This Week section is specifically for the West Coast, but everything else is applicable to all dancers, callers, and cuers in the state. If a caller from outside our area calls in our area frequently, they receive the DANCERgram on a weekly basis.

I have subscriptions to all the Association publications, the Bow & Swing, American Square Dance, and USDA News to gather information. I am also on the distribution list for national convention press releases so I can include them in this newsletter. I have also requested from all the clubs and dances in the West Coast area to add me to their distribution lists so I will receive their information and they won't have to do a second email to me (because a lot of times they forget to do that!).

If time sensitive information is received between issues, an addendum is sent out. The types of information include canceled dances, change in callers or cuers, health and sympathy information, and during hurricane season messages regarding damages or injuries to any of our dancers or the dance locations.

I'm at the point now, that due to the size of the distribution list (approximately 800 names) I am looking at Mail Chimp to use for emailing the newsletter. With Mail Chimp, it can be set up that there is a list of each of the sections explaining what is contained in that section and they click on a button that takes them directly to that section on the website for more details. This will eliminate having to email 30 +/- pages, the email servers will think there is only one name on the distribution list, and it will also have a feature where people can be added or deleted automatically without me having to do it. Since we will be taking advertisements, I am looking at Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter. I am in the process of learning Mail Chimp and Publisher.

I offer some additional services i.e. consulting; the point person for class and dance information in our area; proofreading; Master Calendar; working with the convention chairman, I produce a Convention Fact Sheet each year and I was sending it just to the dancers in the West Coast area but the past couple of years I've sent it to the other associations so they can forward it to their dancers if they want to; notify the Florida Callers Association Goodwill chairman or the Round Dance Council secretary when I receive information on one of their members; maintain the list of West Coast dances, and maintain a list of Florida Square Dance Publication Deadlines. If I'm contacted about class and dance information outside our area, I know who to contact in the other Associations to get the information or refer them to. The Master Calendar is currently 51 pages long and goes through 2021. It contains all the dances in our area and as well as Association weekends, camping weekends, state and national conventions, West Coast, SCCA, and federation meetings and holidays that would affect building closings. And...I've just added the Super Bowl because we all know the attendance won't be very good on that day. February 2nd is Super Bowl Sunday in 2020 for those of you that don't know! As I add events to the Calendar, I sometimes find conflicts and I notify the person that is in charge of the dance. I have copies of a few of the calendar pages if anyone want to see what that looks like.

For those of you that like numbers, 1. The annual average traffic is holding steady at just under 1,300 unique monthly visitors. 2. The number of monthly visitors in 2018 peaked (as expected) in Q1 and Q4 because of snowbirds. 3. Despite the loss of a few clubs, the number of dancers is holding steady year over year. 4. It is too soon to draw any conclusions for 2019; we will need to wait for Q1 stats. And for those that like fancy charts with colors, I have a printed copy of some charts if you want to see it.

The pluses of this merger are (1) by emailing, there is no postage expense; (2) the information is more current than a publication that is only printed once a quarter or even once a month; and (3) there's no printing cost.

I have a copy of the DANCERgram with me if you aren't familiar with it and would like to take a look. If you would like to start receiving it, just give me your name and email address and I'll be happy to add you to the distribution list. I also have flyers with me that advertise the DANCERgram.

CONVENTION REPORTS

2019- Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby

It's over! The checkered flag has dropped.

There are so many people to thank for making this a wonderful convention. Terry and I would like to thank all of you who helped. Special thanks to Carol and Randy Poole, our registration chairmen. Ann and Don Slocum our treasurer. They have put in many hours and have had to put up with the rookies who were in charge. Hats off!!!

Everyone is reminded to turn in their final reports ASAP.

2020- Little, Miller, Reid, Green & Reid

We have a total of 72 paid registrations so far.

We need Ways and Means Chairmen for all Associations except North West. We have buttons for each association to sell. We still have the button bags for North East and West Coast, so please see us after the meeting. (HINT TO ALL...if we had a Ways & Means for each association, the President wouldn't have to worry with this!)

Our next raffle will be for a Ring doorbell which will be given away on February 22, 2020. The tickets are 3 tickets for \$5 or 7 tickets for \$10.

Thanks to all who participated in the kick-off. We tried to keep it simple and did not require a 7 am practice. We think it went pretty well.

"Power to See the Future" lies with our youth. To that end, we will have a new incentive to get our young dancers to attend the convention. If any dancer under the age of 16 attends with a paying, dancing adult (parent, grandparent), the youth will be able to attend the convention FREE OF CHARGE. Be sure to spread this around to any dancing families in your area. Our future IS our youth!

REMEMBER! Our date has changed. Originally, the convention was going to be over Leap Year weekend...our polo shirts, garment bags and shoe bags reflect this date. However, there was a schedule change so our convention will be held February 21-22, with the Trail End dance on Thursday, February 20.

Unfortunately, the Gold Star Ballroom is not available for our Trail End dance next year. We are currently in search of an acceptable alternative.

Get your ribbons now! The prices will go up after the working weekend and then again at the end of the year.

Central Association is holding a benefit weekend for us on March 22nd-24th at Deerhaven in the Deland area. Bob Poyner and Charlie Pergrossi will be calling for us and Earle Collins will cue. This is a weekend event that starts Friday night with dancing Saturday afternoon AND evening. There are motel rooms on the premises and all food is provided (except for a pot luck on Friday night). Pretty good for less than \$150 per dancer! Please join us so this will be a rousing success!

2021 – Richard & Carol Douget

Our convention will be held in Daytona on February 19 & 20, 2021. Our colors are red and white. And our theme is lighthouses. Our benefit dance will be May 18th at the Port

Orange Adult Center, 4790 S. Ridgeway Ave, Port Orange, FL. Caller is Bob Ormsbee. Cuers are Earl and Carol Collins. Donations will be accepted at the door.

2022- No chair at this time

Facilities – Don & Ann Slocum

Our pre visits to the Ocean Center (OC) to check on our 2019 Convention needs have been positive in meeting what has been requested. The room layouts were submitted to Jen Adams, our Event Coordinator weeks before meeting with her on Jan 15th to review the layouts and answer any question either of us had. During the same visit we also met with Ashley, the caterer, who will be doing the concessions for us and agreed on the menu and times to be open.

We are contracted for Feb. 21-22, 2020 with the OC.

After much delay because of confirming the date of the race for 2021 the contract is now signed for Feb. 19-20, 2021.

We will be meeting with Tim Buckle, the OC director, during the 2019 Convention to discuss 2022.

Hall of Fame- Aileen Picheco

No nominations at this time.

History- Terry Little

Nothing new to report. Pictures are being sent to Bruce Morgan to put on the website when I get them.

When Bruce turns the website over to the new webmaster, I will provide a new email for pictures to be submitted.

In the meantime, pictures can be sent to me at islandmom74@att.net or directly to Bruce at brucemorgan@embarqmail.com

I would like to turn Historian responsibilities over to someone new. It's very easy and not time consuming. Please let me know if you'd be interested.

USDA REPORT - Bob & Flo Ormsbee

No Report

USDA Report – Carol Poole

I enrolled the Federation Officers, all the delegates, and the at large delegates in the insurance program. I waited until most of the clubs were renewed and only six delegates were not already insured by a club. When the new roster was received, I checked and found a couple of new delegates, so they have been added. The total cost was \$45.00. I paid with a check from the insurance account. We did not discuss which bank account the money should come from. Is this an expense that should be in the budget? It is all Federation money.

I also enrolled the 65th State Convention. I suggest the committee chairmen get their club to enroll early. The facilities want their certificates sooner rather than later. The convention is like a new club every year because of the number. New clubs take longer to process. It must be done the old way. If we could somehow, leave the number off the contracts. We would be considered the same club every year.

Since I mentioned “old way”, let me mention the “new” way of renewing. The on-line enrollment was successful in getting the Liability Certificates back much quicker than in the past. It was stressful for me at first, but I preferred to do the launch myself for several reasons. The first being how could I explain something I hadn’t done myself. I wouldn’t be able to answer any questions with authority. I knew in the past I corrected many mistakes before I mailed them forward. By the time the company was ready I was already receiving renewals. The association chairman had already sent out their renewal information. It was just too late to change. The company had all 2018 club information installed except for the rosters. Once into the link I had to sign in with my name, email address, and phone number. Then, the hard part, I had to pass the robot test. Many times, I failed the first time, second time, or even a third. It has got much better. The pictures are clearer and brighter. I had to sign in before every club. I found the company had made some mistakes. For instance, some clubs were in the wrong association or no Federation or Association name. Once the program would not let me type in the roster. Annoying stuff like that. I kept a record to report to the USDA Insurance Director. The more clubs I enrolled the easier it went. At first after I submitted a club, I got nothing back. Now, after a few minutes a roster is emailed to me. It is not a perfect system, but I have seen improvement since the beginning. Next year the rosters will already be there and just having to be updated. This will save a lot of time.

I would like the association chairman to try on-line enrollment next year. I hope I was able to talk to the ones that were here this weekend because most don’t come to the working weekend.

One thing that we all need to be aware of. Every club has been assigned a number this is your official ID number. It must appear with the name of your club every time you use it on an insurance form. Every insured club in the nation has been assigned a number because some clubs have the same name.

If you plan on going to Atlanta for the national convention, plan on attending the insurance seminar. We are getting a new insurance director. Pat is retiring. I understand a couple from California is taking her job.

INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT

February 24, 2019

Beginning Balance	September 30, 2019		\$
Income			
Central		\$	
Northeast		\$	
Northwest		\$	
Southeast		\$	
West Coast		\$	
Total Income		\$	\$
Expenses			
USDA Insurance		\$	
Postage & Copies		\$	
Total Expense		\$	
Ending Balance	January 31, 2019		\$
As of February 7, 2019,	Association/Clubs		Dancers
Central	10		393
Northeast	10		293
Northwest	1 & 6		156
Southeast	1 Assoc		54
West Coast	7		242
Total 2 Associations	33 Clubs		1138

There are no reported accidents this year.

ASCAP/BMI - Richard & Carol Douget No report

ARTS – Ailene Picheco No report

OLD BUSINESS-

EMAIL TREE: We have been using the Florida Email Tree for about a year now and I think it can be an excellent communication tool for the state of Florida; however, there are still two associations that do not seem to be forwarding the emails. I have requested that my contacts add me to their distribution lists so I know the emails have been forwarded. Either they are sending the emails and I'm not on their distribution lists or they just aren't being sent.

I have sent out messages regarding the health and passing of Lee Kopman, the passing of Ron Libby's wife, the passing of Phyllis Kent, the passing of Bob Barnes, and this month I have sent

two messages regarding the convention this weekend; one was to remind them about attending and the other one was regarding the Convention Fact Sheet. Jenny told me that there was a request at the last meeting to move the first couple of paragraphs to the end of the messages, which I have completed.

It's interesting to note that the USDA requested that we have an email tree, but I haven't received a single communication that needs to go out to the state.

Penny Green, Email Tree Coordinator

NEW BUSINESS - We will review our guidelines for Hall/Club assistance at the working weekend. We will form the committee under HEPP (Health, Education, and Publication Preservation) to set the guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Next meeting will be the Federation Working Weekend, May 18-19, 2019 at the Homewood Suites, 165 France Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida.

Adjourn- Motion was made by Linda Reid and seconded by Randy Poole.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby
Secretaries