

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
Homewood Suites, 165 Bill France Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL
Sunday, May 23, 2021

Call to Order (Linda Tester):

Linda Tester called the meeting to order at 9 am.

Pledge of Allegiance (Ed Drexel/Terry Wetherby):

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Invocation (Stephen Bigelow):

Stephen Bigelow offered the invocation.

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors and Guests (Terri Little/Linda Tester):

Terri Little called roll and determined that we have a quorum. Linda Tester determined there were no visitors at this meeting. Linda announced that a card for Don Slocum was being passed around for signatures.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

The committee consisted of Cal Maki, Jenny Green, Ed Drexel, Terry Wetherby and Ann Maki. Cal Maki reported.

The main purpose was to prepare the budget for 2022 as follows:

Proposed Budget for 2022
Florida Federation of Square Dancers

INCOME

Association Dues	\$	
State Convention Profit	\$	
Bank Interest	\$	
Total Income		\$

EXPENSES

President	\$	
Vice President	\$	
Secretary	\$	
Treasurer	\$	

Parliamentarian	\$	
USDA	\$	
FL Registration	\$	
Honorariums	\$	
Delegate Badges	\$	
Working Weekend Benefit Dance	\$	
Advertising	\$	
Insurance	\$	
Handbook	\$	
Disaster Relief	\$	
Total Expenses		\$
Profit (Loss)		(\$)

The Treasurer's books have not yet been audited. ***Cal Maki made a motion to accept this as budget for 2022; Ed Drexel seconded; the motion carried.*** The books will be audited by Jenny Green and Carol Douget after the meeting.

Association Presidents & USDA Insurance Committee:

Committee consisted of Carol Poole, Chairman, Linda Tester (NE) and Linda Reid (Central). We did not have all of the Associations represented. Carol Poole reported.

USDA Insurance – We have completed 3 years of the new renewal system. Every insured club in the United States has been given a number. This number needed to follow the name of the clubs on all insurance forms. We no longer need to add the USDA before that number that we had to the first year. Dancers enrolled in the insurance program in another state do not have to pay again when they join a Florida club. But the Florida club needs to send in their name on the Insured Through Another Club form. The name of the other state's club, city and state are typed on this form. This form is sent to the Association's Insurance Chairman. When the USDA Director receives the form, she checks her records for the state and clubs that this person belonged to. Should the person not be enrolled, she let me know and we send in the money for them. Snowbirds that only come to dance and do not join the club are not insured. Caller's insurance does not cover the medical bills of an uninsured dancer who falls while dancing or entering the building. When a dancer falls, even if they do not appear insured at the time, you must fill out a Club Accident Form and send it to your Association Insurance Chairman. Insured dancers are covered at all authorized dances. They are not covered in personal garages. The dancer is insured during demos when the Event Form is sent to the Association Insurance Chairman. Copies were given of the 3 forms at the meeting. The forms are on the Federation website and the USDA website. There were some questions regarding insurance for Social Square Dancing. Susan Snider reported that Social Square Dancing has been around for many years. In order to be insured, it must be an established club with at least 8 members and the club must submit a roster like any other club. Carol will look into this with USDA and bring an answer back to our next meeting.

Association Presidents – The Association Presidents in attendance at the Working Weekend were Chairing other Committees and were unable to attend the meeting.

History, Education, Public Awareness & Prevention (HEPP) Committee:

Committee consisted of Penny Green, Terri Little, Ailene Picheco and Stephen Bigelow. Penny Green reported.

We discussed several things. The first thing was we continued the discussion on the handbook that I reported on yesterday. We reviewed the things we thought should be added in. We also discussed the possibility of adding color to the cover to make it look a little bit better. There was also a short discussing regarding the Federation providing the handbook for free or if we should charge for them. They would be a good addition to the packets that most clubs/associations hand out to their graduating dancers. Some years ago each association also had a tri-fold brochure that was made available in the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention with information about where to dance and what to do in each area. We felt that each association should start this up again. We discussed the Welcome Centers that we have rack cards at (Don Slocum was in coordinating this effort). Now that Don has resigned, we need someone to take this over. We also need to check with the Welcome Centers regarding what stock they have left. Linda Tester indicated that she received an e-mail from Don regarding these cards. He recommended that we discontinue these. Barbara McDonald said she has a board with a lot of name badges that may need to be turned over to the History committee. Terri Little indicated that it had been taken to Nationals a couple of years and displayed on the Showcase of Ideas table. Several suggestions were offered...the consensus was to take a picture of it and then dispose of it. Barbara Hoffman suggested that Barbara McDonald bring the board to our next meeting and if someone wants to keep it they can take it. Otherwise we'll take a picture and dispose of it.

Showcase of Ideas Committee:

Committee consisted of Barbara McDonald, Brian McDonald, Barbara Hoffman, Eric Burton and Robin Burton. Barbara McDonald reported.

The committee met at 1:30 and agreed that the current display is heavy, outdated and awkward to carry. We also noted that most dancers don't look at the picture books so we will return them to the appropriate association. Dancers look for free giveaways. We decided on a tri-fold display which comes in 2 sizes from Office Depot that will contain information on the areas, associations, clubs and contacts. This sheet will be put into an 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch sleeve and velcroed to the tri-fold. The tri-fold board will have a picture of the state of Florida, the Federation Officers, e-mail, contact information in the middle section. The 5 associations and Camper association will be put on the side sections. Instead of the tri-fold for each association, Barbara had a different suggestion. If each area/club would send Barbara information about each club (name, location, Caller/Cuer, what level they dance, when they

dance, etc.), she will make up a booklet to put on the table for dancers to reference. She will put a notice on each book that says "DO NOT REMOVE THIS FROM THE TABLE. FOR REFERENCE ONLY." Barbara needs this information by Memorial Day Weekend. She can also include flyers with the booklet for each Association. For giveaways, we still have maps, oranges, coins and various other items that can be placed on the table for dancers to take. There will not be anyone manning the table, but it will be checked on a regular basis.

State Convention Procedures Committee:

Committee consisted of Susan Snider, Sheila Reid, and about 10-12 other people. Susan Snider reported.

The first thing we talked about was flooring. Susan agreed to contact Bob Barr regarding flooring for next year's convention. She also believes that the convention center has some flooring available. Sheila Reid is going to provide her with the dimensions from last year's convention for each room that needs flooring. She believes we can go with less flooring next year. The first year we were at the Ocean Center, we used the digital signs outside of each hall, which were too small and difficult to read. It would be better to use easels and make schedules/signs for each hall. The convention center has easels to rent (unsure of cost), but in the interest of saving money, please be on the look-out for places we can borrow easels. Water is going to be an issue. We've been told we cannot bring in any water. There are also concerns that the water fountains won't be operational due to pandemic restrictions. The lighthouse trivets (one was auctioned off at last night's dance) will be used for decorations and then there will be a silent auction Saturday night to sell them. Packets of registration forms and ribbons are available for each association. We also discussed raising the price of the ribbons. With all of our expenses going up, we need to off-set some of it by raising the price of admission for 2 full days of dancing.

Some changes were made in the Convention Procedure book. We decided to change the wording to read that the dance is to be held annually, without dictating when it is to be held. It will also state that the convention will be held within the state of Florida, rather than 50 miles either side of the I-4 corridor. ***Susan Snider made a motion to make the changes to the Convention Procedure book as stated above; Sheila Reid seconded. The motion carried.***

At yesterday's meeting, a committee was put together to search for a new venue. This committee consists of Susan Snider, Keith and Angie Olds, Randy Poole and Bill Chesnut (possibly). If anyone is aware of a possible location in their area, please let someone on the committee know. Any preliminary legwork would also be appreciated. Any viable options will be visited by as many of the committee members as possible.

Sheila Reid brought up a question regarding the 2023 convention, chaired by Keith and Angie Olds. We do not have dates or a venue and it's rather late in the game. There was some discussion at yesterday's meeting regarding postponing to 2024, but nothing was decided at that time. Jack Hoffman brought up the fact that we just changed the Convention Procedure

book to read that the convention would be held annually. If we do not have a convention in 2023, this will need to be rectified. ***Jack Hoffman made a motion to change the Convention Procedure book to read "The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held as determined by the Federation, Florida Caller's Association and Round Dance Council."***; ***Penny Green seconded. The motion carried.***

Linda Tester will contact Florida Caller's Association and Keith and Angie Olds. Susan Snider will contact the Bunns (president of RDC). We should have final answers by our next meeting.

Old Business:

Northwest Federation Representative: Barbara McDonald was talked into being the Northwest representative for one year by Kathy McKinney. Due to the COVID pandemic, her one year turned into 2. She has agreed to continue to serve until the officers move to the next position in November. So, at this point, it appears that we will not have a representative from the Northwest after our November meeting. Due to this situation, West Coast will need to have someone step onto the board into the Parliamentarian position and Northeast will need to have someone step onto the board into the Treasurer's position. Terri Little mentioned another idea that has been floating around, which is drop the Parliamentarian position and move those responsibilities to the Vice President. Ed Drexel brought up the possibility of performing ZOOM meetings to make it easier for folks to attend meetings because it would cut down on travel. Barbara McDonald indicated that it's not necessarily the travel that's the problem. It has more to do with trying to get people involved and not having to do it all...Federation representative, Association President, Club President, Editor of Panhandle Press, etc. Linda Tester said that the main thing we need now is a Nominating Committee for November. The Committee is responsible for verifying that each current officer is willing to move up. They will also be responsible for nominating for the 2 open spots. Brian McDonald (NW) and Linda Tester (NE) will work on getting representatives from their areas. Terri Little stated that IF we can't find someone to fill the 5th position and with having fewer dancers, it would be best to combine the Parliamentarian position with the Vice President position. A question was raised about whether or not the "missing" association would still participate in the profit sharing from the convention. It was decided that they would still participate. The position of Parliamentarian still exists, just held by the same person/couple who also acts as the Vice President. ***Stephen Bigelow made a motion that if we can't fill the empty position (typically the Parliamentarian), the Parliamentarian duties will fall to the Vice President;*** ***Penny Green seconded. The motion carried with 1 opposed.***

All current position-holders on the board are willing to stay on the board with the exception of Barbara McDonald. Linda Tester and Brian McDonald will make every effort to find representatives from their areas to fill the positions of Parliamentarian (NE) and Treasurer (NW).

New Business:

Carol Douget took the microphone and thanked everyone for attending the dance the night before in support of the 67th FSDC being held in March of 2022.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be the annual meeting with the installation of new officers on Sunday, November 7, 2021, 9 am in Jacksonville Beach at Hampton Inn. This will be in conjunction with the annual Fall Festival dance held in Jacksonville Beach.

Kathy McKinney's Celebration of Life will be held on June 5 from 2 to 4 pm at the same church in Jacksonville Beach.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Little
Secretary