

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
Hampton Inn Oceanfront, 1515 First Street North, Jacksonville, FL
Sunday, November 7, 2021

Call to Order (Linda Tester):

Linda Tester called the meeting to order at 9 am.

Invocation (Walt Syphard):

Judy Anderson offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Linda Tester):

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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 introduced Virginia Bomhold from Rollaways as a guest.

Minutes of Working Weekend 2021 (Terri Little):

The minutes from the Working Weekend meetings were presented for approval. Jenny Green pointed out that the minutes indicate that she was to participate in the audit but was replaced by Terri Little. *Stephen Bigelow made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Bruce Morgan seconded. The motion carried.*

Correspondence (Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby):

No report.

Financial Report (Cal & Ann Maki):

Cal provided copies of the Financial Report. The financial reports are attached separately. The financial reports will be filed for audit. Terri Little reported that the audit was completed after the meeting on May 23, 2021, and all was found to be in order. A new Audit Committee was appointed to audit the accounts after this meeting and prior to the new Treasurer taking over the books. This Audit Committee consists of Jenny Green and Jack McKinney.

Parliamentarian Report (Barbara McDonald):

Since the last meeting in May I completed the tri-fold display for the National Convention in Jackson at the end of June. I put out the maps, Federation cards, oranges and coins. We put out more supplies each days and answered dancers' questions. I am glad we had the maps to give out. The coins are gone, but we still have little oranges left. Thank you for the card. We appreciated it. I sent out a request for 1 table for the national dance in Indiana and I received a return reply that we have our table. I am also including an inventory of items that I have in the tub. I have an empty tub at home if someone needs one. I brought with me the old display with PVC pipes and the magnet board. At the last meeting, we decided we'd do something at this meeting about these items. Do we want to continue using the tri-fold which is lighter and

easier to transport to national conventions or do something with the old? While at Jackson, I looked at some of the other tables and some were fancier than ours and others were very simple. We met last night and threw away the old tri-fold with the PVC pipes because it was very heavy. Terri asked me to think of a possible Federation dress change for Florida dancers. Are people still interested in a Florida dress? What are our colors? Maybe we could go with black pants for men, men and women with the same colored shirts and skirts or white blouses. Cheryl Miller sent me danglers and 32 aqua-trimmed Florida appliqué maps and 15 dark blue trimmed ones. I made a small sample bag and a vest. (Brian McDonald modeled them.) If anyone is interested in an appliqué, just ask. I was thinking of making a sash with the Florida, but it is too wide. We could pick the colors, show samples of what could be done with them and sell the appliqués. If we stick to plain colors, we could mix and match. Then people could make the traditional square dance skirt or long skirt. More options are good. I would like to recommend, not sure what colors, material skirts and blouses and shirts. Thank you all for helping us the past 2 years in doing this job for the Federation. Brian and I have repeatedly asked other dancers in our Association to be a delegate or one of the NW officers to no avail. We have declining club membership. We will continue to be NW delegate as much as possible. Thank you. Linda Reid complimented Brian and Barbara on the tri-fold display at the National Convention in Jackson.

Sunshine Report (Ed Drexel/Terry Wetherby):

Terry reported that she sent out cards to everyone that they've known about who was sick or suffered a loss. Linda Tester reminded everyone that the Vice President needs to be informed so cards can be sent.

Florida Callers Association (Mark Fetzer):

The Florida Caller's Association had a meeting and clinic in October. We have planned our calling schedule for the State Convention. We are here to help in any way we can. Duane Rodgers is the new President and Mark Fetzer is the new Vice President.

Round Dance Council of Florida (Susan Snider):

We are having our annual weekend and meeting the 19th, 20th and 21st of November. Barbara Blackford will be the clinician and we're doing Foxtrot. On Sunday the 21st we are having a Memorial Dance for Jimmy Griffin at Strawberry Square, 1:30 to 4:30. All the cuers who are attending the meeting will stay and cue so we hope you all will come. Earle Collins is the Cuer Coordinator for the State Convention so he is getting ready to start putting together the program, contacting everybody and seeing what everybody wants to do.

Florida Square Dance Campers (Bob & Barbara Rosenthal):

No report.

Association Reports

Southeast (A. Minor/Z. Greenbain): Ann Maki read a report from Jerry Waltz, Secretary of Southeast Association: Below please find the Southeast Association of Square and Round Dancers report to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. Officers of SE FL

Square and Round Dancers Association were elected at dances and via e-mail in September. The slate was unanimously approved.

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The SEA dancing has rebounded from the COVID quarantine. Dancers are required to be vaccinated and masks and hand sanitizers are in abundance. The A Jacks dances are resumed on Monday afternoon with some variability due to members traveling and snowbird absences. The Castoffs dances on Friday evenings are resumed as well with the same precautions. The S Florida Mustangs are dancing Tuesday and Thursday evenings with similar precautions. The Briny Breezes, Sailfish Squares and Scotty Dog Squares are not holding dances as of this report. The Castoffs are starting a beginners square dance class on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm at the Boynton Beach Arts and Cultural Center. Teacher is Jack Lewis. Call 561-742-6221 for other details. The Mustangs also will initiate a beginner's class. Teacher is Chris Phillips. Call 954-525-8365. SEA is on the hunt for additional dance halls to broaden the opportunities for learners and dancers to dance. Respectfully submitted with intent to be accurate, Jerry Waltz, Secretary.

Central (Terri Little): Our new officers were elected and installed at the President's Ball held on October 2. Terri Little is President, Linda Reid is Vice President, Randy and Carol Poole are Treasurer and Jeri and Peggy Houston are Secretary. In general, membership is down, as it is all over the state, but Central Florida clubs are slowly coming back to life. We are looking forward to the Convention in March and supporting Central members, Richard and Carol Douget.

Northwest (Brian & Barbara McDonald): It has been a difficult almost 2 years since we all heard the word COVID 19. Before that we had 3 clubs that had been declining in membership. At this time, we have the Agape Squares in Niceville, Capital Twirlers in Tallahassee, Swinging Squares in Panama City, Seaside Squares in Pensacola, T-N-T Rounds (not meeting at present) and one area association. This past year our NW Callers Association has disbanded and given Northwest their funds to be used to promote square dancing in the local area. We have 88 members with people starting to renew their membership. All four clubs have had classes, are having class or are planning classes. We are encouraging the clubs to ask for help in advertising for these future classes plus using Facebook. Capital Twirlers had 6 graduates. Agape Squares had 10 graduates. We had our annual Roundup October 22-23 in Panama City. Both nights we had 5 to 6 squares dancing and a good group of round dancers. Our Vice Presidents for 2022 have the caller and cuer, the hall reserved and fliers out! It will be July 29-30 in Tallahassee. For this year's roundup we did not sell ads but Barbara

McDonald published a NW directory to be given to the clubs and emailed to members. Seaside Squares are having a special dance/gathering for Thanksgiving November 20th at Ragon Hall as a donation fund raiser. Then in December all the clubs are having Christmas dances so I will make sure they get on the website. Clubs are planning for dances next year so that is a great thing. We will try to get better about putting information in the Bow & Swing magazine. Our officers for 2022 are Presidents: Brian and Barbara McDonald; Vice Presidents: Libby Penrod and assistant Laura Davis; Secretary: Laura Davis; Treasurer and Insurance Chairman: Alec Schmidt. Panhandle Press Editor is Barbara McDonald.

West Coast (Penny Green): There seems to be an influx of dancers, callers, and cuers to the Florida west coast over the past year or two. At Strawberry Square, we have Caller Don Bachelder from Massachusetts, Caller and Cuer Jim Davis from Michigan, Caller Sheila Terhune from Indiana, and the Bunns are Cuers from Georgia. They have been coming down here for about three years now, At Stardust in Plant City, we have Cuer Pamela Johnson from Minnesota. She's been down here for two or three years. In southwest Florida, we have Caller Darrin Henry from Tennessee, Caller Alan Hall from Georgia, and Cuer Susan Wolford from Alabama. We also have Caller Tim Scholl from Kentucky. He calls at Strawberry Square and Shufflin' Squares in Lake Wales. I'm not sure where he lives in Florida. A lot of these callers and cuers are scheduled at Strawberry Square this season. I reported at the last meeting that Scotty and Marlene Sharrer have moved from southeast Florida to Seminole on the gulf coast. They moved up here because of Marlene's brother who was very ill. Shortly, after they got settled in he died. Then Scotty was diagnosed with throat cancer. He has had his surgery and radiation treatments and is doing very well. After his move up here, he became the club caller for Promenade Squares in St. Pete so he had to take a short break from calling until he recovered from his surgery. This same club also lost their cuer due to the passing of Jimmy Griffin, so they didn't have Rounds for a few weeks. Allen Snell stepped in and temporarily took over the calling and cueing. On October 22nd, Promenade Squares had a Halloween Dance with Sam Dunn, Carol Griffin, and Scotty. Allen Snell and Callers Gary and Dianne Hicks also showed up. As you may have heard, Sam has lost a lot of weight and looks like a new man and a lot of people haven't seen him since he lost the weight. Carol Griffin is cueing solo now. Scotty did a terrific job calling with Sam, He also did some square dancing. They had four squares that night. This is a club that has been struggling to get one square at their dances. Scotty and Promenade Squares dancers are working with a group of developmentally challenged adults teaching them to square dance. Palace Promenaders in Arcadia have been trying to come back. At the beginning of COVID, their dance hall was sold out from under them with no notice. They were able to work out a deal with the new owners to use the hall once a week, but they had to change their dance night to Friday. They are starting by dancing on the first, third, and fifth Fridays. Every week, Mary Dow has to call everyone to ensure there will be a square. If there won't be, she quickly sends an email to me and Roger Friedman who writes an email regarding the schedules in southwest Florida so we can pass the word. This past week, Caller Dave Magee started his season in Charlotte County. He was able to book most of his dances at their regular locations however,

Alligator RV Park still hasn't agreed to let him use their community room, so that dance is on hold while Dave looks for a new location. Buttons and Bows in Lakeland had planned to re-open on September 14th, but it had to be re-scheduled because the City of Lakeland wouldn't give them access to the building. The new re-opening date is November 9th. A couple of weeks ago, the City informed them that the floor is being refinished. They dance in a historic building with a beautiful wood floor. Now they are telling Buttons and Bows that they are renovating the building and the dance is being moved temporarily to the Lake Mirror Center which is in the same complex as the Magnolia Building where they have danced for several years. Shufflin' Squares in Lake Wales re-opened over the summer for a few weeks but then decided to shut down due to the increasing cases of the Delta variant in Lakeland. They just restarted again last week. Strawberry Square started during the summer and has remained open since that time. However, we lost Caller Marty Vanwart in August. He called the Wednesday Mainstream/Easy Plus Dance, the Friday afternoon Fun Plus dance, and was teaching a class. Marty and his wife, Marion, took a three-week vacation to go to Maine to visit family. One night while at Marion's daughter's house, Marty collapsed and died. He was 78. Strawberry Square immediately started trying to find replacements. They have booked Jim Davis to teach the class, which starts on January 4th. Sheila Terhune is calling the Friday afternoon Sunshine Dance. There are various callers scheduled for Wednesday night, and Tom Bunn cues most of those dances. On November 21st, there will be a Jimmy Griffin Memorial Round Dance at Strawberry Square cued by members of the Round Dance Council of Florida. This is the same weekend as the RDCF Fall Weekend of Rounds. It will be a Phases 2 – 4 dance from 1: 30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. There is a request for a minimum of \$8 per person donation; the funds will be given to Carol to help defray Jimmy's expenses. Finger food is welcomed but not required. Strawberry Square will have a Swiss Alps New Year's Eve Dance with Sam Rowan calling and Tom Bunn cueing. In addition to squares and rounds, there will be yodeling and a clogging demonstration. Tickets are \$20 per person until November 30; the rate goes up to \$25 per person on December 1st. Snacks, water, and coffee will be provided. When I finally received the seasonal calendar for Strawberry Square, I was pleased to see the Round Dance program is filled with almost all the Cuers in our area, even Pamela Johnson from Stardust. Back in the day, Curt Worlock, who owns Stardust, came to Florida about 45 years ago because he thought he had a job at Strawberry Square. That didn't pan out, so Curt left Strawberry Square and started his own dance center and named it Stardust. This dance center was in a shopping center in Plant City for several years. The dance hall is now in a building next to Curt's house. After several years of Strawberry Square and Stardust not interacting, I think we have finally broken down the barrier and they are now working together. The Strawberry Square Round Dance and the Stardust programs are now being printed on the same flyer, and I am including Curt Worlock's schedule in the DANCERgram Planner. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest again! Our registration number was very low and the City of Bartow wouldn't release the Carver Center for us to use. This is the second year we have had to cancel this weekend. Right now, the next FFF is scheduled for November 11 – 12, 2022 with Ted Kennedy from Alabama and Jack Lewis from southeast Florida calling, and Earle

Collins cueing. At our last meeting, I reported that we were going to roll out a membership campaign to increase the membership numbers. We rolled out the program in early September. The program is that all new members can join for free and renewals are free until the end of 2022. All of our membership dances will be free to everyone until the end of 2022. We started 2021 with six paid members. As of November 4th, we have 54 paid members. Some success, but we need more. Hopefully, when all the clubs are up and running and the snowbirds return, that number will increase. West Coast usually announces the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award at the Fall Fun Fest. I have explained to the committee that even though we aren't having the Fall Fun Fest, I want us to do something good. With all we have been through the past year-and-a half we need something good to happen. Like all the rest of you, I am having trouble filling vacancies so I don't know what our future will be like. We love to have visitors at our dances on the west coast of Florida! So if you're going to be in our area, please visit some of our clubs. You can either call or email me or log on to www.dancergram.com for dates and flyers.

Northeast (Linda Tester): The Northeast is up and running. We are alive and kicking. Last night was our Fall Festival. One of the Chair Persons is here, Marilyn and Paul Scott. It was a wonderful dance. This year's dance was organized differently. They used local (and some out-of-state) callers and Cuers who were willing to volunteer their time. There were dancers in attendance who were there because their favorite caller or cuer was there. I'm hoping that we will find a chairman for next year's dance and I would like to see them continue that format. Most of the clubs in the Jacksonville area are up and dancing. The last one to get started was the Mandarin Marauders and they just were able to get into their Senior Center in the past couple of weeks. As with other Associations, we are struggling with dancers. Some clubs have to make sure ahead of time that there will be enough dancers to put a square on the floor. One of the new students is only 8 years old (granddaughter of a dancer). We have Emily and Gideon who are young callers.

Publication Reports

Web Site (B. Morgan/S. Bigelow): No report at this time. Stephen is still working on getting with Bruce for instruction.

Bow & Swing (Susan Elaine Packer):

No report.

Grapevine (Stephen Bigelow): I have been the editor of the *Grapevine* now for about 1 year and have increased readership by about 100 members and am working on increasing even more by reaching out to the surrounding area to promote square dancing. With the reopening of some clubs, the opportunity to highlight with pictures and especially flyers from dancers not just in the Jacksonville area but throughout Florida and South Georgia. I hope you are enjoying my endeavors to show you square dancing via this on line magazine.

Keepin' Posted (Ailene Picheco): I have had many jobs to do and have not had time to finish the October 2021 issue. When I find a break, I will work on it and send it out. We don't have a lot of members and it is hard getting news from the clubs. Please send me

any updates and changes so everything is up-to-date. Dancing is coming back slowly. Some clubs are still closed.

Panhandle Press (Barbara McDonald): Since I started this journey publishing the Panhandle Press, I have done 4 issues and I learn something new with each one. At this time, no one on the distribution list has told me if they were not getting a copy. A question for you: did any of you ever use the panhandlepress@hotmail.com? It was brought to my attention recently. It was an email address that Terri Wilaby used.

DANCERgram/West Coast Dancer (Penny Green): I continue to publish the DANCERgram Planner on Saturdays, This and That monthly, and Joys, Concerns & Sympathies, and Directory as needed. There was a period where several people were unsubscribing due to no longer dancing or not living in Florida anymore. Lately, several names have been added so the numbers are slowly going back up. This newsletter was initially established for the dancers on the Florida west coast, but there are now a lot of dancers from outside the area that have asked to receive it. I am always happy to oblige. I am pleased to announce that at the last Florida Callers' meeting in October, I was made an honorary member of their association. I had asked to be added to their distribution list so I receive information for the DANCERgram, and their solution was to make me an honorary member. I am on the distribution list of all the clubs in our area so that I receive information about schedule changes, special events, the health of members, etc. By putting me on their distribution lists, they don't have to remember to send a second email to me with the information. That has worked out very well for me to keep abreast of their activities

Florida E-mail Tree (Penny Green): I finally found time to read the USDA Email Tree brochure which stated to notify the USDA webmaster when we have a tree set up. So I sent an email to the webmaster about it and then received a copy of an email from Jerry Reed to the USDA webmaster explaining it was for the ARTS Email Tree. I explained to them Jim Mazko had asked us to set up an email tree for Florida. Then I didn't hear anything more about it. I don't know what they decided about it. Ailene and I contacts the ARTS Tree, which I assumed (and maybe incorrectly) was only for ARTS business. I have been using the Florida Email Tree to forward information about the state convention, the association weekends, and information on the passing or illness of well-known callers and cuers. I don't know if the messages are getting to everyone, but we are making the effort to distribute them to everyone.

Convention Reports

2020 (The FIRM: Little, Miller, Reid, Green & Reid): We had indicated at our last Federation meeting that our final report would be presented at today's meeting. Unfortunately, when we put together our report, we decided there was too much missing information for the report to be useful to future conventions. We have requested input from various Chairmen to provide the missing data. We will present our final report at the next meeting in March. The Firm appreciates being allowed to serve the Florida square dance community as chairmen of the 2020 Convention. However, we have decided that after our final report is submitted, we will be closing our doors and retiring.

2022 (Richard & Carol Douget): Linda Reid reported that registrations have been going slow. We are up to 107 registrations. Ways and Means packets are available for each association. Susan Snider expressed concern about knowing what is going on. Penny Green is going to put something in the e-mail tree about getting registered soon. The callers have discussed putting out a flyer listing callers and cuers who will be at the convention to entice dancers to purchase ribbons. Carol Douget reported that the 67th Florida Convention, Lighting the Way to Friendship and Fun, will be held March 18 and 19 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center. Parking at the Ocean Center will be \$10 per day with no in-and-out privileges. There will be a Trail End dance on March 17, 2022, location to be determined. We currently have 2 hotels, Homewood Suites and Home 2 Home. The campers will be staying at Daytona's Endless Summer and Sunshine Holiday Campground. The current fundraisers are shirts (\$25 each or 2 for \$45), buttons (\$1 each or 4 for \$3), lighthouse books (\$10, only 3 left), lighthouse raffle (\$2 each or 6 for \$10, 2 winners), and lighthouse quilt raffle (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). We will also have a 50/50 raffle each night at the convention. We still need committee members: Ways & Means (NE, NW), Dangle Dances, Entertainment, Hospitality, and Photographer. We will also need helpers for Dangle Dances, Hospitality and Registration. Please do not hesitate to share any ideas to make the convention successful. All suggestions will be considered and evaluated. Come join us for a terrific time. Hope to see you there. Stephen Bigelow volunteered to be the Photographer. There was much discussion regarding whether or not we expect to lose money on this convention. It is difficult to determine a "break-even" point based on ribbon sales due to the fact that a lot of the funds are based on ways and means. Discussed the possibility of using fewer rooms. Lack of communication is due to not having convention meetings on a regular basis. The pandemic has contributed to most of the issues with this convention. It was pointed out that over the years, each organization has received a check from each convention as their share of the profits. If this year's convention should lose money, the organizations can weather that loss financially. We could then work toward making the 2024 convention a success with some of the suggestions that have been brought up, for example: a smaller venue, fewer rooms, etc. And, hopefully, COVID will go away and allow us to get back to normal.

2024 (Keith & Angie Olds): No report.

Facilities (Randy Poole): As far as we know, everything is on schedule with the Convention Center. The only COVID restriction is if you are in the general/common areas of the Center, you must wear a mask. If you are in one of the halls, no mask is required. We have until the end of December before we have to worry about cancelling the Convention and getting our deposit back from the Convention Center. Carol Douget has asked me to check with the Ormond Beach Rec Center for the Trail End dance. The Rec Center still has our deposit from last year, so I will be looking into that.

Housing (Randy Poole): The rate for both Homewood Suites and Home 2 Suites is \$139 per night. Contact information is on the website.

Hall of Fame (Ailene Picheco): The Hall of Fame is financed through funds derived from the state convention as needed. Our account is maintained at \$1500. Nominations are due by the end of this month. Mary Lee Van Valkenburg, who is the manager of the Hall of Fame at Strawberry Square, was put into a nursing home as her health is failing. According to the Hall of Fame bylaws, the Hall of Fame Manager must be a resident of Strawberry Square. Strawberry Square has identified two people living in the park who will take over the manager's responsibilities, i.e., such as adding plates to various plaques, hanging plaques, and adding pictures and plates to the shadow boxes for the three state organizations. I want to thank Penny Green for making these arrangements. She dances at Strawberry Square often, and has been checking the plaques, and plates and adding pictures when needed. The Hall of Fame committee is awaiting nominations, so please send them to me or your Association President, who will forward them to our committee. Penny Green pointed out that the 2 residents who have agreed to hang the plaques don't dance anymore. We need a go-between between the Federation and those 2 people, letting them know what needs to be updated. Linda Tester asked Penny if she would be willing to serve as this liaison. Penny agreed to this request.

History (Penny Green): No report.

USDA Report (Flo Ormsbee): No report. Carol Poole reported as follows. United Square Dancers of America met at the National Square Dance Convention, in Jackson, MS on June 23, 2021. The meeting was opened by President Tony & Diane Rock. This year marked the 40th Anniversary. They honored Jim Maczko and our very own Joy Vaccari for forty years of service. Joy retired at the end of this meeting. She served on numerous committees during these forty years starting out as the first treasurer and the second president along with her husband Joe. Joe Vaccari was one of the 15 members of the organizing committee. The Presidents announced donations to the youth scholarship program, honoring 100-year-old dancers that are still dancing, and mentioned zoom classes. They have updated their educational forms which can be picked up at the Showcase. USDA was also sponsoring an after-party Friday night. There is now Webinar – online education on the USDA Facebook page, and website. You must join to get the link. Discussion on Social Square Dancing: This is intended to be entry level. Maybe 18-22 hours and 50 calls from the basic and mainstream list. It is not intended to replace mainstream. This is just a fun level that can be learned quicker than what we have now. The Insurance Program insured more than 14,000 dancers in 2021. The portal enrollment system is working quite well. New clubs still must fill out the registration form. (FYI: Here in Florida everyone still fills out the forms and mails to the association insurance chairman.) Social Clubs can be insured through this program. The same rules apply as to all the square dance clubs. Other info for clubs: Callers & cuers are responsible for BMI & ASCAP enrollment. This should be in the club's contract. The club should ask to see their card. The club could be sued if they hire a caller that is not paying to use music.

501(c)(3) – USDA Affiliates and Associate members are eligible to apply for nonprofit status through the USDA. I've attached a flyer with the procedure. It is also available at 501c3apply@usda.org. Every two years they elect new officers and installation followed. The new Presidents are Mark & Bina Krebsbach from North Dakota. Cake and coffee were served in honor of their 40th Anniversary. Florida had two delegates at this meeting. Florida is authorized

four voting delegates. Florida was one of the organizing states forty years ago. The Federation shouldn't drop the ball now.

USDA Insurance (Carol Poole): We recently received the rate for 2022 at \$5.00 per dancer. This is a fifteen-cent increase from last year. The Federation still gets to keep their ten-cents per dancer to help with expenses which they share five cents with each association. The sharing was started when the insurance program was new before email, cell phones and home copiers. All policies expire on December 31. Clubs having New Year's Eve dances need to insure early to have their certificate of insurance by January 1. The earlier, the better. No one wants to process insurance Christmas week. A club can add dancers all the time. They don't have to wait until all the snowbirds return. Social square dance clubs can be insured following the same rules as a regular square dance club. This includes a club roster, no alcohol, etc. In January, I'll be sending in the Convention and Federation insurance. There were only three reported accidents for 2021 and no claims were filed.

The Insurance Financial Report is on the next page.

INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT
November 7, 2021

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| Beginning Balance | April 30, 2021 | | \$ |
| Income | | | |
| Central | | \$ | |
| Northeast | | \$ | |
| Northwest | | \$ | |
| Southeast | | \$ | |
| West Coast | | \$ | |
| 66th FSDC | | \$ | |
| Florida Federation | | \$ | |
| Total Income | | \$ | \$ |
| Expenses | | | |
| USDA Insurance | | \$ | |
| Central Association (duplicate payment) | | \$ | |
| Total Expense | | \$ | |
| Ending Balance October 31, 2021 | | | \$ |

| As of | October 31, 2021 | Association/Clubs | Dancers |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Central | 0/6 | 232 |
| | Northeast | 0/6 | 200 |
| | Northwest | 1/4 | 121 |
| | Southeast | 0/0 | 0 |
| | West Coast | 0/6 | 189 |
| | Florida Federation | | 13 |
| | 66th Florida State Convention | | 13 |
| Total Federation, Convention, 1 Association, 22 Clubs | | | 768 |

ASCAP/BMI (Richard & Carol Douget): No report.

ARTS (Ailene Picheco): The Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance (ARTS-Dance) brings together the major dance organizations in the USA. Our goal is to revitalize our activity and educate the public on the multiple benefits of dancing. Quite simply, we have this wonderful, healthful, and fun activity, but with so much competition with other leisure pursuits, we need to figure out the best way to bring more people into it. There are currently nine Members of the ARTS Board. These organizations include:

- 1) All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd (Gordon Macaw)
- 2) International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs – (IAGSDC) (Gordon Macaw)
- 3) National Square Dance Campers Association - (NSDCA) (Barbara Connelly)
- 4) National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention - (NEC) (Vacant)
- 5) The International Association of Round Dance Teachers – (ROUNDALAB) (Paul Connelly)
- 6) The International Association of Square Dance Callers – (CALLERLAB) (Betsy Gotta)
- 7) The International Organization of Contra Dance Leaders - (CONTRALAB) (Dotty Welch)
- 8) United Square Dancers of America – (USDA) (Ed & Lynda Willis)
- 9) USAWest Square Dance Convention Policy Board – (USAWest) (Jim Maczko)

All Member organizations maintain their independence and concentrate on their individual goals and missions. Each member has an equal voice in the decisions of The ARTS and is encouraged to provide the views and input from their organization. The true beauty of the alliance is its ability to increase the cooperation among the Member organizations. The ARTS has been able to bring together the varied dance forms to work toward the common goal of increasing the public's awareness of the activity and to increase the number of dancers. Since our first organization meeting in 2002, The ARTS has built a close relationship with all Member Organizations, including the National Executive Committee (NEC) and each of the National Square Dance Conventions (NSDCs). We have participated in most of the activities offered during the NSDCs including:

- 1) Trail End Dance
- 2) Showcase of Ideas
- 3) Education Program
- 4) Round Table Discussion
- 5) Ads in Daily Program Books

Our annual meeting is held the Sunday immediately following the NSDC, in the city where the NSDC is held. The 2022 meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 26, 2022 in Evansville, IN. All dancers and dance leaders are invited. If you would like to attend, please contact our Executive Director, Jerry Reed at ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org. For more information, please check out our website at www.arts-dance.org or contact our Executive Director at: ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org.

Old Business

By Laws Committee (Bruce Morgan): No report.

Disaster Relief Fund: At the last meeting, we presented our recommendation for the Disaster Relief Fund guidelines and application, which were approved. We were instructed to upload the documents on www.floridasquaredance.com by July 1st. It didn't get there by July 1st, but it was there shortly after. An announcement was sent out in the DANCERgram and may have been sent out on the Florida Email Tree.

New Dancer Handbook: At the last meeting, my proposal for the New Dancer Handbook was accepted. The book is currently being formatted by an acquaintance of mine. When that is completed, I will proofread it one more time and then obtain printing estimates to present for approval and a decision on how many copies to order. The hardest thing about putting this Handbook together was receiving input from various individuals and receiving answers to questions. I was planning to present the printing estimates at this meeting. So, slight revision to the schedule: the estimates will be presented in March.

New Business

New Dress Committee: Barbara McDonald is looking for some volunteers to help her with coming up with a new Florida square dance dress. Sheila Reid, Jenny Green and Linda Tester will work with Barbara on this committee.

Installation of Officers: Linda Tester reminded everyone that at our last meeting, all of the current officers were polled and all agreed to move to the next position, with the exception of Barbara McDonald. ***As President of Northeast Association, Linda Tester nominated Erik and Robin Burton as Parliamentarian. Barbara Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.*** Mary Gierra performed the Installation of Officers. She announced the slate for the 2022 Florida Federation Board as follows: President – Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby (West Coast), Vice President and Treasurer (temporary) – Terri Little (Central), Secretary – Cal and Ann Maki (Southeast) and Parliamentarian – Erik and Robin Burton (Northeast). I would like to say a few words about these wonderful people who have dedicated their lives to our activity when so many others have said no. I'll start with Erik and Robin Burton, our new Parliamentarians. From the Northeast Association, they have served 6 years as Vice President of their club, the Rollaways, President of the same club for 3 years, Chairman of the Northeast Fall Festival in 2017, NFSARDA delegates from the Rollaways and Vice President of the NFSARDA Board for 3 years. They have been honored with the coveted Circle of Service award and I wish to introduce Erik and Robin Burton. Next, I would like to acknowledge Cal and Ann Maki. Making their names known in the Florida community as dedicated workers on behalf of square and round dancing, this couple has been dancing since 2010 and lately have appeared on the board at the state level. They have served in the Southeast as Membership Chairmen for 5 years and are currently on the Federation Board as Treasurer and are becoming our new Secretary. Please acknowledge Cal and Ann Maki. From the Central Association, Terri Little is a member of Space Trackers and has served on their board for 15 years. She is an honored Dancer of the Year, Central Association's Membership Vice President and co-chaired the Shamrock Swing. She is now starting her 3rd time as President of Central. On the state level, she has Chaired the State Convention twice. Starting her 4th year on the Florida Federation Board, she's moving from Secretary to Vice President and will assume a temporary Treasurer position. From Central, we have Terri Little. These people need no introduction. From the West Coast Association, it is my

privilege to introduce 2 people who have served square and round dancing as Chairman of the annual Fall Fun Fest twice. They served the West Coast Association as President for 3 years, then past president. These 2 people were recognized with the West Coast Association's Distinguished Service Award. They have served on the Florida Federation Board for 4 years and are stepping up to become our new President. I give you Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby. All of the board members, please stand up. Linda, you may step aside. Everyone move over one position and make room for Erik and Robin Burton. Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby presented Linda Tester with her gift as departing President. Many pictures were taken. ***Jack Hoffman made a motion that we elect this board unanimously by acclamation and because there are no other choices. Stephen Bigelow seconded amongst much laughter. The motion carried.***

Announcements:

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 20th at 9 am at Homewood Suites after the 2022 Florida State Convention.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Little
Secretary