

Folk, Round and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina Council Meeting – February 15, 2014

The quarterly Winter Executive Board Meeting of the Folk, Round, and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina was held at Ball Park Road Community Center, Thomasville, North Carolina hosted by the Chair City Squares and the Smiling Squares, February 15, 2014. President, Sharon Baldwin called the meeting to order by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming and especially our host club.

Please remember Barbara and Ron Ingano, our new chaplains, in your prayers. Barbara has had knee surgery and Ron takes care of his father who is 102 years old. They couldn't be here this weekend due to the weather and circumstances, please keep them in your prayers. We thank them for taking the position of chaplain from Curtis and Braxton Buchanan. Curtis and Braxton wanted to come but were unable to be with us. Braxton has lost a brother-in-law and a sister since November. She has also had two falls. She is getting better but they didn't feel safe to drive from Charlotte today. Please remember him and Braxton in your prayers. Jimmy Roberson is doing fine and the doctors seem to think he is well on his way to a full recovery. Sharon saw Tony Oxidine in January and he has had surgery in Boston after getting ill while on the plane. The physician that attended him on the plane was able to get him straight into Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston. He is awaiting some neurological and vascular studies before his next surgery. Freddie Martin had a stent put in and couldn't be here today. His doctors told him he could not shovel the snow out of his driveway. Linda McCall has to have hip surgery and is giving up her Line Dance license because she cannot dance at all at present. Bill Randlett has had heart surgery. JD Quinn led us in prayer.

Square Dance Program: Chairman Bo Bierley sent out 53 emails and 2 phone calls. Received 24 responses with 17 on the program but some changes will be made to accommodate delays because of the weather. Fred Martin and Ralph Kornegay were unable to come because of the weather.

Round Dance Program: Bo reported for Chairman Penny Lewis, 14 invitations were sent, 7 replied and 4 are on the program.

Line Dance Program: Chairman Sharon Baldwin reported 3 letters sent, and 3 on the program. That's 100% but could use more cuers.

Constitution and By Laws: Chairman Tom Wallace reported changes are in the new Promenade. Sharon said to keep your February Promenade, it has all 2014 reference information.

State Convention: Lesley Green reported for Chairman Jimmy Roberson. The 2014 NC State Convention is coming August 15 and 16, 2014 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Theme this year is *Carolina on My Mind*. We'll have the same basic schedule as last year, 2 halls of early Rounds, Caller Rama and a Line Dancing hall. To be followed each evening by Mainstream with rounds, Plus with Rounds and Advanced. Phase IV and V Round dancing each evening, along with High Energy hall and to top all off there will be an After Party each evening. Early Casual dance from 3-5pm in Mainstream Caller Rama and Early Round Dance with Phase II – IV. Many workshops will be offered along with the sewing clinic. The Fashion Show and Education Seminar will be offered, along with several more workshops. Fee admission is offered to new dancers that have graduated from classes. Your club should have received the Pre-registration form to send in for graduated dancers, in the packet received last November. The Poster Contest will be held with a top prize of \$100. Our Fashion Show Chairperson, Susan Morgan, is looking for participants. The website ncstateconvention.com has helpful information and a link to the N. Raleigh Hilton for room reservations. Group room rate will be \$95 per night. We need to fill 125 rooms each night to get the facilities free of charge. You may purchase your ribbons tonight and make sure to pick up a flyer. You may also buy an ad to run in the program booklet tonight. Cort and BJ can help you with this in the lobby.

Publicity: Chairman Jerry Locke was unable to attend. Sharon reminded everyone that we are all publicity.

Membership: Chairman JD and Kathy Quinn had no new clubs to report.

Publications: Managing Editor, Pam Becker reported this Promenade is the large issue with all applicable information for 2014. Please keep this issue as a reference for the year. 26 clubs submitted articles. Updates to the Constitution and Bylaws are in this edition. Still need an advertising editor. Please send all comments and feedback to NCpromenade@gmail.com and they will be carried forward.

Parliamentarian: Chairman Ed and Beverly Dickinson from the Salem Squares and the Matrix Squares, report no problems.

Historian: LaTrelle Batten announced, her review of all 1951-1992 history has been finished. Tom will scan this set for the next phase of the process. Chuck Hicks is going to help with the Tar Heel Square Up history. LaTrelle has handed off all the NC State Convention history to Lesley Green for his review. Constitution and Bylaws history is the next part she will review. Anyone with resources to help fill in data during 1951 through 1954, please let LaTrelle know.

Research: Chairman Minnetta Morgan thanked the Chair City Squares and Smiling Squares for hosting today's Winter Dance. We have an invitation that has been voted on and approved, from the Swinging Stars of Greensboro, for the May 17, 2014 Federation Dance. We are happy to announce, out of state caller, Bill Harrison as the evening caller. He is a wonderful caller and entertainer. At present we do not have an invitation for the November 2014 dance, nor February 2015. Please ask your clubs to think about sponsoring either the November 2014 or the February 2015 Federation dance.

President's Charity Ball: Chairman Jack and Linda Cauble are preparing for the 2014 Hospice drive. Information will be available for the Regional Directors at the May Federation dance. Please work with your Regional Directors for a fantastic Hospice drive this year. Sharon thanked Jack and Linda on the success of the 2013 campaign.

Selection Committee: Sharon reminded, please submit applications for both Hall of Fame and Golden Slipper nominees from your clubs. Clubs nominate dancers for these awards not the committee. Instructions are on the website and in the Promenade. Deadline is May 1. Applications received after May 1 are held for the next selection period. Any officer, appointed or elected and having served, can be nominated to an award.

Regional Directors: Chairman Vicki and Roger Routh reported they've met and most clubs are trying to bring in new dancers. Channel 14, Time Warner, is a good way to advertise and announce class schedules and upcoming events. It's important that we work hard to get new dancers. BJ, with the Magic Squares, reported that club members went into local area towns and walked every shopping center, with 1000 brightly colored flyers, handing them out. Many businesses let the flyers be placed beside the check-out area. This resulted in the club gaining 42 new members at the next Open House event. 25 of the new members are teenagers.

State Outfit: We need a chairman for this position. If anyone is willing to take the materials, let Sharon know we will go from there.

USDA: Chairman Ed and Lynda Willis are on vacation, in much more snow than we have had, with another storm on the way. They're having a wonderful time. They sent a report; 38 clubs have taken the insurance. If you have not taken the insurance for your club, please go back and ask. Some have had problems but these have been addressed. Ed has been recommended as a regional representative for USDA. Fees are \$4.45 per person with a minimum of \$45 per club.

Promotional: Chairman Pat and Chuck Stewart reported the NC Federation will have a showcase at the 63rd 2014 National Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. The 2014 showcase format has been planned, it will highlight the callers in North Carolina. The Stars of Square Dancing will highlight NC callers and their clubs and all they do. If you have any suggestions please see Minnetta and J Morgan, Barbara and George Doriski, or Chuck and Pat and let us know.

Web Page: Coordinator Patty Greene was unable to attend the meeting but please contact her with any information or questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

LaTrelle Batten made a motion to accept the Council Minutes, seconded by Judy Kennedy and the motion carried.

Bo Bierley made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Robert Kennedy seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon reminded everyone she will lock the building once everyone is out and will be back at 6PM. For dinner choices, go to the end of the street and go left or right. More restaurants to the right than left. Early Rounds and Advanced dancing will start at 6PM.

Motion "to adjourn" was made by Chuck Hicks and seconded by Bo. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Bierley

Club Attendance Totals	128
Callers, Cuers, Spouses	32
Executive Board Members	7
Total Attendance =	167
Door Proceeds =	\$722.00

Attendance Trophies:

3rd Spinning Moors & Square'N'Aders- Total 12 each
2nd Mayberry Squares- Total 13 (1st Place WINNER)

1st Camping Squares- Total 17 but, ineligible because they had won last time.

Percentage Trophies:

3rd Mayberry Squares- 38%

2nd Squar'N'Aders- 41%

1st Spinning Moors- 48%

Clubs represented at the Council meeting:

76ers

Angier Twirlers

Boots & Bows

Buoys & Gulls

Camping Squares

Cardinal Squares

Carolinians

Chair City Squares

Circle 8

Lincoln Squares

Magic Squares

Matrix Squares

Mayberry Squares

Merry Mixers

Model As

Pope Promenaders

Salem Squares

Sandpipers

Scottish Twirlers

Spinning Moors

Square Heels

Squar'N'Aders

Swinging Stars

Sylvan Squares

Warsaw See Saws