

## **Folk, Round and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina Executive Board 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 of Asheboro, 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. 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. He became ill while on a flight and had received help from a physician on the plane. He was received straight into Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston. All total he had suffered three strokes. He is awaiting some neurological and vascular studies before his next surgery. Tony cannot fly but he is working and calling locally at present. 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 them both in your prayers. They said they want to come and address the Board and they love each and every one. Freddie Martin had surgery to place a stent and couldn't be here today. His doctors told him he could not shovel the snow out of his driveway. JD Quinn led us in prayer. Additional needs, Bill Randlett and Linda McCall have both had surgery and need our prayers. Linda has let her Line Dance license drop as of March because she cannot dance at present.

Sharon asked everyone to review the Executive Board minutes and Treasurers Report.

**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.

**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%, wonderful! Others are cueing Line Dance across the state but under their callers. That means they can only cue at the NC State Convention.

**Constitution and By Laws:** Chairman Tom Wallace reported changes will be in the new Promenade. Sharon said they should also be on the website.

**USDA:** Chairman Ed and Lynda Willis announced 38 clubs are part of the USDA program. 5 clubs have said they aren't going to join, 2 clubs reported applications have been started. Ed submitted a breakdown of club status and Sharon offered the printout for anyone that wished to look at it. Lesley Green said they have had 28 inches of snow where they are spending their vacation with another storm on the way.

**State Convention:** Lesley reported for Chairman Jimmy Roberson. The 2014 NC State Convention is coming August 15 and 16, 2014 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Room rate will be \$95 per night. The link is up on the website. Full report will be made during the Council meeting this afternoon.

**Publicity:** Chairman Jerry Locke was unable to attend.

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

**Publications:** Managing Editor, Pam Becker and Sharon have been working closely to get all information in the Promenade. Bill Harrison will be the caller for the May dance. Please pass the word on this because he is an excellent caller. This Promenade is a big issue with all applicable information. Please keep this issue for the 2014 year. Still need an advertising editor. Please send all comments and feedback to [NCpromenade@gmail.com](mailto:NCpromenade@gmail.com) and they will be carried forward.

**Parliamentarian:** Chairman Ed and Beverly Dickinson from the Salem Squares and the Matrix Squares. They already have their copy of Roberts Rules.

**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. LaTrelle will go home and bring Lesley all the NC State Convention history for his review and processing. 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.

**President's Charity Ball:** Chairman Jack and Linda Cauble are preparing for the 2014 Hospice drive. Information will be available at the August NC State Convention. Sharon thanked Jack and Linda on the success of the 2013 campaign. Robert Kennedy said the latest Hospice magazine had a feature article about square dancers and the support we give to Hospice.

**Selection Committee:** Sharon reminded, if you have members in your clubs that have been dancing a long time or a caller, calling a long time, please submit applications for both Hall of Fame and Golden Slipper. Clubs nominate names for these awards not the Executive Board. 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 served can be nominated to an award.

**Regional Directors:** Chairman Vicki and Roger Routh reported they had a very informative meeting. Sharon had suggested every club use Channel 14 to announce schedules and upcoming events.

**Promotional:** Chairman Pat and Chuck Stewart reported the NC Federation showcase at the 2013 Nationals, in Oklahoma, turned out very well. The Promotion Committee has recommended we have another showcase at the upcoming 2014 Nationals in Little Rock, Arkansas. The same members have agreed to transport the updated showcase and manage the display. These members are Minnetta and J Morgan, Barbara and George Doriski, Chuck and Pat along with a few more members. Costs were not covered last year with the \$100 given to support this endeavor. This year the committee is asking for \$200 and the theme is the *NC Callers*. Pat Stewart made a motion that the Executive Board allow \$200 to go to the Promotional Committee for the NC Federation Showcase to be displayed at the 2014 National Square Dance Convention. Pat Bierley seconded and the motion carried. Minnetta Morgan said the biggest expense was for the mints, made in North Carolina. The 2014 showcase theme will reflect the 2013 NC State Convention theme of NC callers and their wives pictures in stars. NC caller's schedules will be available at the display table.

**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 Federation Dance. We are happy to announce Bill Harrison as the evening caller. He is a wonderful caller and entertainer. The date is May 17, 2014. August is our State Convention. Lesley has brought flyers for your club. Please encourage everyone to come. At present we do not have an invitation for the November 2014 dance, nor February 2015. There was a slight change in the cost of our May dance in Greensboro. It is still reasonable. The increase was approximately \$50. A new Greensboro official made changes to the cost of the facility and we just found out, recently. Lindley Recreation Center for May, at 2907 Springwood Drive, Greensboro, NC, 27403. Please ask your clubs to think about sponsoring either the November 2014 or the February 2015 Federation dance.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lesley Green made a motion to accept the Executive Board Minutes, seconded by Roger Routh and the motion carried.

Sharon made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Lesley seconded. Motion carried.

LaTrelle asked to remind everyone to pay today unless they are on the program, have a courtesy card from someone on the program, or are a Golden Slipper or a Hall of Fame inductee. Please be sure to sign in on the appropriate sheet. Of course donations are always accepted.

Susan Bowers asked for clarification on tax deduction. LaTrelle said she has a form on computer that she would be happy to email or mail to anyone that needs it for tax purposes. Sharon said if you write in the comment section of your check, "Donation to Hospice" you may retain this for tax purposes. In each packet there are directions on giving a receipt.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sharon reminded everyone to pick up a Promenade before leaving and if you haven't signed up for USDA insurance, please email Ed Willis and take care of this. Make sure to go through the front lobby and see the extra table set up with information to buy an ad in the NC State Convention program today. Check for flyers while there, purchase half and half tickets, and sign in on the sign-up sheets available.

Sharon thanked everyone present for all the hard work and dedication to the Federation to keep it thriving. Efforts towards new classes have been made and she wanted thank everyone.

Motion "to adjourn" was made by Lesley Green and seconded by LaTrelle Batten. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Bierley