

Folk, Round and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina Executive Board Meeting – February 21, 2015

The quarterly Winter Executive Board Meeting of the Folk, Round, and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina was held at Central Recreation Center, Thomasville, North Carolina, and was hosted by the Chair City Squares, February 21, 2015. President, Sharon Baldwin called the meeting to order by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming and especially our host club.

Chaplin Ron Ingano, opened the meeting with a prayer. He asked that everyone remember the sick and injured including Sheila McDaniel, George Doriski, Karl Turlington, Carol Cundiff, Clinton Adams, Pat Bierley's mother, Bob Taylor, Ralph Kornegay, and Cleo Barker, caller for the Carolinians, and Virginia Barker. Cleo has to start radiation treatments for cancer. Please also keep in prayer, the families who have lost loved ones recently; Bill Wentz's family, Pam Becker's (father) family, Bo Bierley's (mother) family, Patty Sossmon's family, Buddy Fishel's family, Don Faucet's family, Johnny Magnum's (mother) family and Frank Carey's family.

President Sharon Baldwin reported the next Federation dance will be held May 16 in Greensboro.

Square Dance Program: Chairman Bo Bierley sent out 49 emails and 2 phone calls. 18 callers on the program but some changes will be made to accommodate delays because of the weather.

Round Dance Program: Sharon reported for Chairman Ken Burkett, 2 cuers are on the program.

Line Dance Program: Sharon Baldwin reported 2 on the program, however Minnetta had to travel out of state to see family.

Constitution and By Laws: Chairman Tom Wallace reported everything OK.

Parliamentarian: Chairman Ed and Beverly Dickinson reported all is well.

Historian: LaTrelle Batten announced, data is backed up as it comes in.

Sharon announced the Email Tree being sent out from Paul Walker. She asked how many present get this and take time to read it? Most present raised their hands. She also asked how many get the USDA magazine and read it? Most had not heard of this. The USDA magazine can be accessed online at usda.org.

- 4 Delegates to the USDA need to be appointed.
- It was asked where the federation stands on the 501c letter to USDA? Sharon said she had appointed a committee to study this.
- A pin of the new Arts logo was passed around.
- USDA suggests we check with schools on teaching Square Dancing.
- Ed and Lynda will be attending the state conventions in Mississippi, Ohio, and Florida during March and May. They will also attend the 65th Pre-Convention in Iowa in March. Everyone is invited to attend if pre-registered. Come out and see what goes on to orchestrate a convention.

USDA: Chairman Ed and Lynda Willis announced all checks are to be made out to *Folk, Round and Square Dance Federation* not to them or USDA

37 clubs, in 2015, out of 61 (counting the federation) have reapplied, which means 24 clubs do not have Insurance through USDA. We hope those clubs have liability insurance through another group.

The Callers insurance only covers the caller, not the club. There were 37 clubs in 2014 and 41 clubs in 2013 covered.

64th NSDC Report:

Lenny and Connie have promised to have the snow removed by June.

Colorado is doing a caravan to Springfield's 64th convention.

Several groups are coming by buses, train car, or airline.

We have added several hotels, not on the long form.

If you are not staying in the hosting hotels we highly advise you to get bus passes.

Parking is at a premium downtown. They have two big construction projects going on which will complicate things. You can park at the Big E and take the bus from there. (Pass required, but parking is covered in the pass)

3,122 have registered, 138 from NC, only Massachusetts, California and New Jersey have more as of 12:00 noon Friday.

Lynda and Ed have ways and means items for the 64th for sale.

Membership: Chairman JD and Kathy Quinn did not receive any requests for membership, from new clubs. All clubs are still active to their knowledge.

Publications: Managing Editor, Pam Becker asked everyone to pick up their Promenade. This is the big edition with everyone's information. Please hold on to it for reference. Please send all comments and feedback to NCpromenade@gmail.com and they will be carried forward.

Research: Sharon reported for Chairman Minnetta Morgan. The motion was made to vote on the Chair City Squares hosting the November 21st Federation Dance at today's facility. Lesley Green made the motion and Tom Morgan seconded. The motion carried.

President's Charity Ball: We welcome new Chairmen David and Donna Cox. Donna shared the poster available for displaying the Square Dance quilt for raffle. Proceeds will go toward the money we raise for Hospice.

Selection Committee: Roger Routh announced all completed packages have to be to him by May 1st. Everyone was reminded that dancers elect nominees for the Silver Slipper and Hall of Fame.

Regional Directors: Chairman Vicki and Roger Routh reported most every club has tried to hold classes, even with the bad weather since January. The Pope area had 17 new dancers, great job.

State Convention: Lesley reported the 2015 NC State Convention is coming August 14 and 15, 2015 at the North Raleigh Hilton. The theme is Black Beard's Ball. Contact Robert Crook for new dancer forms. Please give them the names of new dancers and our admissions staff will take care of getting them free admission. The program will be very close to last years with all the fun. Room rate is \$97 per night. The link is up on the website. Full report will be made during the Council meeting this afternoon.

State Outfit: Our new Chairman is Charlene Worford, a long time dancer and excellent seamstress. Contact Sharon for her email as she has just changed it. Ms. Worford has all the material and associated add-ons for the official state outfits.

Advertising Editor: David and Christina Atkins, both dancers since they were very young, have been doing an excellent job selling ads for the Promenade. Please see them before the November dance to renew or place new ads for 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Note: One amendment to the November 2014 minutes. Ron Ingano's fathers name was spelled incorrectly. It should have read *Aldolphus Ingano*. Please correct this in your November 2014 Council minutes.

Sharon said Pat Stewart couldn't be here. If anyone has a question about the Treasurer's Report let her know. Lesley made a motion to accept the report, Tom Morgan seconded, and the motion carried.

LaTrelle Batten showed everyone a Greensboro area Hospice newsletter, printed recently. She encouraged everyone to take a look and see all the wonderful information concerning our participation and generous donations to Hospice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon appointed Terry Gleason to fill the secretary term for Pat Bierley. Pat is needing to take the coming months to help her mother.

Sharon reappointed the following State Convention committee members:

For 2015-2016, Judy and Robert Kennedy and J and Minnetta Morgan

For 2014-2015, Judy and Robert Kennedy and Debbie and Lesley Green

Sharon discussed the need for an Inclement Weather policy addressing how the Federation would handle the need to reschedule a dance and meetings. Pam Becker suggested the information would be posted to the website. Past President Lesley Green said it was the present President's call about this. It has been determined that Paul Walker, Jerry Biggerstaff, Pam Becker and Bo Bierley would distribute this information broadly using their extensive email trees to reach everyone.

Tom Morgan made a motion to raise the admission fee for future out-of-state caller dances to \$10 per person. All other federation dances would be \$8 per person. This would be effective for the upcoming November 2015 dance. Roger Routh and George Doriski seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion carried.

Ed Willis asked to amend the Federation database to include insurance coordinators contact information. Sharon appointed Ed and Pam to lead this committee and handle any questions concerning this matter.

Motion “to adjourn” was made by LaTrelle Batten and seconded by Kathy Quinn. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Bierley