

History Continued  
Year of 74

August 4, 1974 Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio.

Due to the unannounced closing of the Anchor Inn, the 3rd Annual meeting was convened at 1:00 P.M. at the Morse Road Imperial House Motel.

Bill Richards reported that he had talked to the National Committee at San Antonio about our protest of the Five Star Records dance scheduled for Dayton in May 1975. He stated that the National Committee could do nothing but would turn it over to Caller's Lab. Jo Bonnell reported that she had talked to Stan Burdic and he has received the information. She also stated that to date no publicity has been in Dayton and that the Council has propped the matter. Pete Franks reported that the Columbus Council had passed a resolution requesting the state letter of protest not be sent.

Pres. Bob Hart appointed the following committee chairman  
Public Relations - Bill Richards, Convention Site - Paul Bonnell,  
State Fair - Pete Franks, Historian - Recording Sec.

#### Committee Reports:

Site. Verbal Tentative bid by Columbus for 1978. Written Bids due at Nov. meeting.

1974 Convention: Preliminary report - June 24, 1974.

General Opinion: Very successful convention for enjoyment & participation, Good programming, Campers & teachers, Good sound, Hotel Atmosphere - Like a big party, Style show excellent, Easy level & Contros very successful, Round dance room fine (after some delay), no complaints from dancers.

Weak spots: Panels poorly attended, press coverage - not interested in a non-public event, Teen room - Too small.

#### Total Attendance:

Registered -- 2321, Guest -- 87, Total 2408. Total receipts from registration -- \$8,169.00. But expected over 3000 people, attendance down by about 25% and receipts down about \$3000.00 -- compare--New England Convention in April reported attendance down from 8000 to 6000.

#### Reasons:

Gasoline Shortage - only 10 campers finally registered,

Inflation - high costs of travel, Hotels, etc.

Expenses of Convention: At least 30% higher than in 1965. New problems in security, insurance - liability.

Old Business: - Pete Franks reported he has a stack of correspondence concerning the proposed state directory. His idea was to have a directory containing several sections & have a small printing & sell copies to the various councils. Bob Hart suggested a simple directory might be better. Bob Kral suggested Petes' idea be taken back to the councils and the representatives report back in November.

Pete Franks reported that the State Fair Day was all set & passed out schedules. Judging for the 4-H competition was all set.

Bill Richards reported that the National was a great success.

## New Business:

Jo Bonnell reported that Dayton had been approached about hosting the Tri-State Festival in 1975. She asked for either the State approval or disapproval before Miami Valley Council makes a decision. The Bonnells were designated as State Corp. representatives to Tri-State.

Nov. 3, 1974 meeting held at Imperial House in Columbus, Ohio.

It was announced that the 5 Star Performance dance would be held in Indianapolis instead of Dayton the last weekend of May 1975.

Site Chairman: reported that Columbus had submitted a bid for May 5, 6, 7, 1978 -- Dayton bid for May 4, 5, 6, 1979. A motion to accept both bids was made and passed.

1975 Convention Chairman Dick Miller reported that site rental in Columbus had gone up 2-3 times from \$1,350 to \$3,675. Because of rising costs it was brought up about forming a Trust Fund to help with Conventions in the future. It was decided that Bob Kral would contact Corp. Attorney to look into the legal position of how much money can be accumulated before there is IRS problems.

A discussion was held on the State Directory & whether it should be updated on an annual basis.

Bill Richards refused Festival of Champions advertizing in Tip Topics. Try to discourage competition in Square Dancing.

Ed Ellis suggested that the wearing of square dance clothes should be stressed in classes and publications.

February 2, 1975 Quarterly meeting was held at the Imperial House at Columbus, Ohio.

Bill Richards read a letter from the Callerlab Executive Board of Wagon Wheel Records thanking them for moving their Per-form-a-Dance from Dayton. Bill also introduced material showing the new National Badge - \$1.00 each - with the proceeds from the sale of the badges will be used to lobby in Congress for passage of a bill naming Square Dancing the National dance.

At this time there has been no bid for the 1980 Convention.

Hal Simmons reported that the Cleveland Convention would have lost money if they would have had to pay for the Hotel. Attendance was approximately 25% from expected because of the gasoline situation & the reputation of crime in the down town area.

A discussion of paying state sales taxes on supplies purchased by areas for conventions was held. It was decided that to be sure of staying out of trouble the taxes should be paid.

A discussion of the possibility of setting up a State operated Convention Loan fund was held.

State Fair Day needs a new chairman.

After much discussion a resolution on the wearing of Square Dance Clothes to All Round & Square Dances was made & Passed.

"Whereas proper Square Dance Clothing is an intergal and traditional part of Round and Square Dancing, it is deserable and requested that all persons attending such dance refrain from wearing clothing not normally associated with this activity".

Nominating Committee - Bob Kral & Bill Richards.

It was suggested that there be a bigger difference between advance registration and price at the door to encourage pre-regiatration.

May 3, 1975 - The annual luncheon meeting was held at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Fred Miller audited the books and found them in order.

Ed Ellis is to look for a less costly meeting place than the Imperial House & let everyone know.

The 1977 State Convention will be held the first weekend in May at the Cincinnatte Convention Center.

National Square Dance week was discussed.

It was suggested that representatives write short articles for their local publications giving the activities of the State Corp. so that all dancess will be more aware of what we are & what we do.

Singles badges were brought up again & then tabled.

Square Dance Day at the State Fair will be Aug. 23, 1975 from 5-11 PM. in the youth Bldg. Youth day will be Aug. 21, 1975.

Bob Hart was voted to be the State Representative to the National Convention and to recieve \$150.00 to help defray expences.

The nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officers:  
 President - Paul Bonnell Vice President - Pete Franks  
 Treasurer - Harry Hayward Resording Sec'y - Jim Sharrer  
 Corresponding Sec'y - Bill Richards.

Motion made & passed to accept this slate.

A motion was made & passed to present a plaque annually to the State Convention Chairman in recognition of our dancing pleasure.

The August 3, 1975 Quarterly meeting was held at the Howard Johnson Motel in Columbus, Ohio.

President appointed his committees as follows.

Public Relations	Convention Site
Don Garris - Chrmn.	Darrell Kisor
Bob Jet.	Dick Stall
	Dick Hale

Fair Day  
 Pete Franks

Badges  
 Bill Richards

Nomination  
Bob Hart  
Warren Walker  
John Key  
Darrel Kisor

Auditing  
Cliff Haleman  
  
Finance  
Harry Hayward - Chrmn.  
Tommy Binkley

Historian  
Jim Sharrer

Convention Chairman Dick Miller was proud to announce the 1975 Buckeye Convention a success and presented the Ohio Corp. a check for \$500.00.

A report on insurance for all Convention, Festivals and all Square & Round Dance Activitis was made by Bill Richards. A motion was passed that Bill should check into all aspects of the insurance and report back at the next meeting or even before.

Nov. 2, 1975 Quarterly meeting held at Howard Johnson Motel in Columbus, Ohio.

A motion was made and passed that the Ohio Corp. would donate \$50.00 to the 1976 Square Dance Float Campaign.

A lengthy discusson was held on the 6 Star Command Performance with both side of the picture being prsented.

The Convention Chairman, Paul Bonnell gave his report.

Dick Stall is 1977 Convention Chairman for Cincinnatt#.

The motion that the design of the Ohio State Convention Badge be accepted as submitted was made & passed.

It was agreed to check the Natilnal Solo Badge before any decision be made.

February 2, 1976 Quarterly meeting was held at the Howard Johnson Motel in Columbus.

The central Ohio Square & Round Dance Council will represent the Ohio Corp. at the Ohio State Fair.

There was a discussion on Eastern vs. Western Square Dancing at the Ohio State Fair.

John Key voluntered to purchase a plaque to present to the State Convention Chairman.

A report was made by Convention Chairman Paul Bonnell. The reservations are coming in fast with 90 Callers registered for squares, rounds, & Contra.

May 8, 1976 - The Annual Meeting was held in the Winters Bank Bldg. ( King Cole Room) in Dayton, Ohio.

The Chairman for the 1977 Cincinnatti State Convention was introduced Dick & Ginny Stall.

Paul Bonnell thanked everyone for their loyal support during his term in office and as chairman of the 1976 Ohio State Convention.

The State Convention was attended by 3,800.

Ohio State Fair - Bob Kral Chairman was voted \$150.00 for awards for the Competition.

A reminder that all participants must belong to stated youth Organizations registered with the State Fair Board.

The insurance program was discussed & it was requested that an insurance representative be asked to attend the August meeting to state the insurance policy in simple English.

Jim & Helen Sharrer were chosen to be the State representatives from Ohio to the National Convention in California with \$250.00 allotted toward expenses.

The following slate of Officers was submitted & accepted.

Pres. - Pete Franks

V. Pres. - Jim Sharrer

Cor. Sec. - Harry Hayward

Recd. Sec. - Tom Binkley

Treas. - Bill Richards

Aug. 1, 1976 - Quarterly meeting was held at the Howard Johnson Motel in Columbus at 12 noon.

Pres. Pete Franks asked the Corresponding Sec. to send letters to each area requesting the correct name & address, etc, of their delegates in order to bring the list up to date.

1976 State Convention report:

Paul Bonnell, Convention Chairman, reported that the Corporation will be receiving a \$500.00 check from the convention. Final attendance -- 4,297. - He extended thanks to the Corp. and all delegates for their support & co-operation.

1977 Convention--Convention chairman, Dick Stall is automatically a voting member of the State Corp. as stated in the By-laws.

Old Business:

Square Dance Day at the State Fair will be Aug. 28, 1975.

Insurance - This was again discussed. Bill Richards pointed out that a policy could not be written until the delegates decide what they want. After discussion the delegates decided they wanted individual accident insurance with coverage of resulting hospital or doctor bills plus liability insurance for the club or Club member.

Square Dance week - Corresponding Secretary was asked to write & request from the Gov. a proclamation for Square Dance Week.

New Business

Pres. Pete Franks read a letter from the USDA - United Square Dancers of America. It is based in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and would be for Muscular Dystrophy. It was decided that all delegates should find out

all information possible on this organ. & report next meeting.

New Committee Appointments:--Historian - Tom Binkley  
Public relations - Don Garris, Site Chairman - John Keys, Membership--  
Harry Hayward. Finance - Treasurer - Bill Richards, Nommating - Past  
Pres. - Paul Bonnell.

Harry Hayward suggested that the individual officers functions be made available to the new officers as they take office. The order of accendency should be changed in the By-laws.

Pete Franks asked Don Garris to investigate the possibility of Stan Burdick Co-operating in the promotion of the Corp. in his Magazine.

Pete Frankds appionted Barbara Garris as committee chairman for the Showcase of Ideas display at the 1977 National Convention.

Nov. 7, 1976- Quarterly meeting held in the Howard Johnson Motel in Columbus, Ohio

Paul Bonnell, Miami Valley Delegate, presented a \$500.00 check to the Corp. He reported a profit of \$14,826.67 from the Convention.

Treasurer Bill Richards reported that no statement has been filed with IRS. since 1970. The books have to be brought up to date. Bills and checks must be kept for 7 years. Don Garris offered to file the statement when it was ready.

#### Old Business:

American Square Dance Association - Pres Pete Franks read a letter from the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. asking help in raising fund. USDA did not answere letters of inquiry from the Corporation or the Cleveland Area. After much discussion two motions were made & passed.

1. At this time the State Corp. will not be affiliated with the USDA.
2. At this time the State Corp. goes on record as not endorsing any specific Charities - leaving it to be handled by individual Clubs or councils.

Wands Bair made a motion that the Public Relations Chairman should issue a release of information four times a year to all Area Public-ations.

Barbara Garris, chairman for the Showcase of Ideas for the 1977 National, passed out an Ohio map so that each area could mark their boundaries & major cities, also any major highways, by passes & designate areas not belonging to any area Councils, She would like area contacts square & round dancers, All this will be made up into a broshure to be given away at the National.

Harfey Lightfoot gave a report on the possibility of Square Dance Youth Part in the State Fair Youth Square Dance Competition. Can only participate if the mahority of the members belong to any recognized youth group which are members of the Junior Fair board such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4 H, Campfire Girls, etc., not over 21 Yrs. old.

Paul Bonnell reported that the Dayton Area recieved a request for donations from Legacy. After much descussion the Corres. Sec. was asked to write a letter to Legacy and ask what part or function the Ohio Corp., the Councils, or area Club Pres. can play in Legacy.

Also the requirements for affiliation.

Insurance - After much discussion it was decided to drop the insurance. The Cleveland Area is going ahead & obtaining it on its own.

Feb. 6, 1977 Quarterly meeting held in the Howard Johnson Motel at Columbus, Ohio

Harvey Lightfoot announced that he was resigning from the State Corp. and must quit Square Dancing.

Barb Garris was allocated \$250.00 for the printing of the Showcase of Ideas' brushure for the 1977 National.

Legacy was tabled until a future meeting Dick Lang is 1978 Convention Chairman. Correspondence was received from the Square Dancers of America requesting donations for the Rose Parade Float. A motion was passed to refrain from any direct participation or donation to this organization - leave it up to the individual Area & Clubs.

Chairman of the 1978 State Convention reported that the State Fairgrounds was unavailable for the First weekend in May 1978. There was a discussion of the Alternatives. It was finally decided to try to get the fairgrounds for the June 9, 10, 11, 1978, with the backup date of the Memorial Day weekend.

1977 State Convention - Cincinnati - Dick Stall - everything is under one roof - four levels of square Dancing, 2 levels of Round Dancing, workshops, clinics. There will be an honor couple from each Area.

#### New Business:

Bob Kral & Jim Sharrar were designated as the Corp. representatives to the 1977 National at Atlantic City, N.J.

Nominating committee - Jo & Paul Bonnell automatically chairman, Len & Wanda Bair, Tom & Patty Dixon.

#### Site selection for Future conventions:

Dayton 1982, Columbus 1981, Cincinnati 1980. It was decided to leave it up to the individual areas to deal with the Energy impact on Square Dancing.

Bob Kral reported on State Fair day.

Item of Information - Paul & Jo Bonnell was voted off the board of Directors of the Tri State Square Dance Assoc.

May 7, 1977--The Annual luncheon meeting was held in the Commodore Room of the Stouffer Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### Old Business:

Barb Garris reported that the Ohio Pamphlet to be distributed at the National in the Showcase of Ideas in at the Printers. They were able to get 3000 printed for \$240.00. She distributed sample copies one to each area.

## New Business:

## Convention Bids:

- 1978 - Columbus - June 9, 10, 11, 1978
- 1979 - Dayton
- 1980 - Cincinnati - Tentative
- 1981 - Columbus - ?
- 1982 - Dayton
- 1983 - Open
- 1984 - Columbus - have reserved hall already.

Dick Stall - 1977 Convention Chairman reported there were 2800 registered dancers as of this morning. He wishes to express his thanks to everyone for all their help and co-operation this year.

1978 Convention: Dick Lang, chairman reported that June 9, 10, 11, 1978 is the definite date. It will be at the Ohio State Fairgrounds at Columbus.

Paul Bonnell reported they will not be back this next year to Corp. but will be back in a year for the 1979 Dayton Convention.

Nominating report was made by Chairman Paul Bonnell.

The Slate presented was

Pres. - Jim & Helen Sharrer                      V. Pres. - Bill & Corinne Richards  
 Res. Sec. - Tom & Connie Binkley              Treasurer - Len & Wanda Bair  
 Corres. Sec. - Bob & Betty Kral

John & Audrey Keys was nominated from the floor for Vice Pres. Election for Vice Pres. was held by secret ballot. John & Audrey Keys were elected as Vice Pres. and all the rest of the slate were automatically elected to the offices nominated.

Bob Kral reported that the Central Ohio Assoc. has been approached by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce about submitting a bid for a National Convention. An oral vote of confidence was given by the Corp.

The audit Committee reported the books acceptable.

August 7, 1977 - Quarterly meeting was held at the Howard Johnson Motel at Columbus, Ohio.

1977 National - Barb Garris reported on the Showcase of Ideas pamphlets and displays. They had enough material left to give each area some to pass out.

1977 State Convention was a very successful Convention with 4,243 persons attending reported chairman Dick Stall.

1978 National Convention - Barb Garris reported that next year's convention will be the first one to which only 3 day session ribbons will be sold. There will be no single day or session ribbons sold. The Convention is in Oklahoma City, OK.

Corinne Richards reported that Legacy suggested that Clubs & Callers have some kind of contract to mutually protect each from last minute cancellation.



Dave Fleck, also a trustee of Legacy, reported that a new National Round dance Assoc. was being formed, similar to Caller's Lab, to perform a similar function for Round Dancing.

Bill Richards suggested that a mini-Legacy be set up in Ohio. A show of hands was called for as to interest. It was unanimously supported. It was decided to table it till next meeting & Bill will have more information then.

Pres. Jim Sharrer appointed new committees for 1977-78:

Historian - Tom & Connie Binkley, - Nominating - Pete & Lily Franks  
 Past Pres, chairman - members Don & Barb Garris & John & Audrey Keys.  
 Auditing - Bill & Corinne Richards, Al & Doris Peters. Ohio State  
 Fair Day - Bob & Betty Kral.

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#### Communications:

Bob Kral recieved a letter from the Showcase of ideas for the 1978 National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. A motion was passed to participate again this year and reserve a small table. Also recieved a letter from Square Dancers of America asking for donations for the 1978 New Year's Float. A motion was passed to let the individual Area handle their own contributions.

#### Old Business:

Jim Teal, A Columbus Area Caller has developed a LP record to be used in the schools to help teach square dancing. He came to the Corp. to ask for its support. He presented a free record to each area to be taken and tried out. He asked that the Delegates take the record back and ask their areas wether they wish to support & donate to the making of the record.

Mini Legacy - Legacy a leadership organization which helps & promotes all phases of the dance picture. It also promotes the Continuation of the Western Heritage in Dancing. A discussion on the forming of a mini-legacy was held. Bill Richards distributed copies of a letter from Bob Howell containing a formal request for the Corp.'s help in forming a Mini Legacy. Legacy is n't to legislate. Pete Franks pointed out that a revision of the Constitution might be needed to allow the forming of a Mini Legacy & to allow the Buckeye Round Dance Council to join the Corp.

State Fair Day's participation was not as good as other years. Youth Day was very successful with 22 squares participating.

Don Garris entered a bid for the 1981 State Convention May 1, 2, 3, 1981. Bob Kral said Columbus will relinquish their hold on 1981. (subject to Central Ohio Council approval). Cleveland will hold the Convention in the old Public Hall.

#### New Business:

The Buckeye Round Dance Council would like to join the Corp. B.R.D.C. is an organization of Round Dance Teachers & Cuers of Ohio. Those who teach & Cue in Ohio exclusively. A motion was passed to accept the B.R.D.C. as a member.

Feb. 5, 1978 - Quarterly meeting was held at the Howard Johnson Motel in Columbus, Ohio.

Nominations for officers 1978-79 as presented by committee Chairman Pete Franks. Pres. - John & Audrey Keys, V.Pres. - Don & Barbara Garris, Rec. Sec. - Tom & Connie Binkley, Cor. Sec. Bill & Corinne Richards, Trea. - Len & Wanda Bair. Election will be at the June meeting.

There is only one Ohio Round Dance Council.

State Convention sites - Dayton bid for the 1978 Convention & was accepted. Cleveland has definitely made a bid for the 1981 Convention.

Much interest was expressed in Jim Teal's Square Dance Record but it was tabled.

Mini Legacy & Legacy - Pres. did not appoint the committee as recorded in last minutes so it was tabled.

The Ramada Inn, SR. #161 & I #71, Columbus is Convention headquarters. It is also the Dayton Convention headquarters.

#### History

Tom & Connie Binkley are to bring it up to date & the Richards are to print it. They will also run off additional copies of the Constitution.

Jo Bonnell brought up a questionnaire being sent out by a Columbus Caller-Eddie Powel reportedly to compile a directory. She asked if anyone had heard anything about it. Mike Casserly offered to check it out & report back.

Pete Franks suggested that the State Corp. should perhaps enroll the Ohio Square Dancers to develop area halls for dancing because of the energy & weather situation. One hall for each area. Dayton is trying to get another hall built & it looks favorable reports the Bonnells'.

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