

SPECIAL MEETING OFSDC Prairie Hall, Eugene, Oregon Nov. 22, 1970 4:00 pm

Members present: President, Bill Sorenson (Dee); First Vice President Verne McKnight (Ruth); Recording Secretary, LaNola Bacon; Corresponding Secretary, Rita Midlam; Membership Chairman, Al Boyer (Caddie); State Reporters, Frank and Leona Kale; Parliamentarian, Buddy Randall; and Rogue Sis Q Delegate, Norm Butts.

President Bill Sorenson called the meeting to order. Buddy Randall, parliamentarian, was asked to give background information on previous Far Westerns. In 1960 Buddy and Nancy Randall were in the group traveling to Detroit to bid for a National in Oregon. Oregon did not receive the bid. In 1961 an invitation was sent to all states west of the continental divide to form a Far Western Region. The first Far Western was held in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1961. Encouraged by Paul Lansdowne (Eugene Hotel) and with facilities at the U. of O., a Far Western was planned for 1963 in the Eugene area. A Far Western is a state function and approved by each area. Each state would reap the profits or assume the loss. Oregon's Far Western had a surplus of \$1500. This amount was put in a savings account and earmarked for a future Far Western.

The third Far Western was held in Seattle, Washington in 1965. At that time it was suggested that Oregon, Nevada, and Washington take 10% of the surplus to put in a fund to advertise but the plans never materialized. No money is given to the board. Also this fund (surplus) could be loaned to a state hosting a Far Western.

Dinner dances were held in Eugene to bring the chairmen together to work and discuss the progress. Square dancers from the state of Oregon were involved on the committees.

Buddy Randall discussed the Far Western with "Shep" Shepperd after the state meeting in Lincoln City and explained that it is a state sponsored event (profit or loss). Portland thought it was same as a state festival - half to the state and half to area hosting. (State meeting - Lincoln City - January 1970)

President Bill asked state board members present their opinion - consensus - no motion - it is possible to give all areas a percentage (approved by the state board) of the surplus. We want to remember that square dancing is for fun. A question was raised about future Far Western's and how funds should be handled.

A Far Western needs the goodwill of the entire state. Oregon can loan the \$1500 to another state. Idaho is interested in a 1974 Far Western.

Note here - motion should have been - Oregon to have a Far Western hosted by the Portland Area.

Please see the May 1969 OFN for a copy of the Constitution and By Laws.

Rathbuns and Rita Midlam had a letter from Mrs. Robert Selover, 632 NW 8 St., Pendleton, Oregon 97801, of the Rockets Square Dance Club. Pendleton, Baker, and Kinzua are interested in forming an area. It is quite a distance to go to Bend.

Verne McKnight discussed the flags (U. S. and Oregon). It would be very difficult to display the U. S. flag and the Oregon flag at state meetings because of restrictions to size, type, and the correct way to display a flag.

Chairman of OFN Board (Board consists of POOF Members). Buddy Randall called Kathleen Fudge about being chairman for July 1971 to July 1973. Kathleen felt she could handle it with the support of the POOFS in the Sunset Area. It is not necessary to change printers because it can be handled in Dayton, Oregon (Dayton Tribune).

Sincerely submitted,

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