

MINUTES OF THE 1937-'38 NATIONAL F.F.A.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD IN KANSAS  
CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 12-15, 1938.\*

( Due to the informality of the sessions a record of time was not kept. The minutes themselves constitute only a record of actions taken by the Board and concise statements with regard to what the time spent in session was used for.)

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1938

The minimum qualifications for the American Farmer degree and 1938 instructions on applications for the American Farmer degree were read by the student secretary. The rest of the day was spent in reviewing applications for the American Farmer degree.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1938

The executive secretary was authorized to make arrangements for a moving picture screen to be set up in the Municipal Auditorium Tuesday evening, October 18.

The rest of the day was spent in reviewing applications for the American Farmer degree.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1938

Unfinished business to be referred to the convention: The report of the Board of Trustees to the Eleventh National Convention on National F.F.A. Camp.

After serious consideration the Board offers the following suggestions:

1. That we build our own camp as a long time project.
2. That we set aside in the budget \$6,000 to be used as follows:
  - a. payment on land
  - b. fence, water facilities, sewage facilities, lights, temporary shelter, etc.
3. That the Board of Trustees be authorized to formulate and initiate plans for the location and construction of the camp.

Five Honorary American Farmers were chosen. They were: W. H. Weeks, L. E. Hawkins, Earl Reed, R. W. Gregory, \*W. N. Elam,

New business for the convention: The Board of Trustees goes on record as looking with disfavor on killing owls for mounted specimens for advisers stations and that provision be made by the national organization for artificial owls to be supplied at a reasonable price to make their place.

\*all members present

New business for the convention: The Board of Trustees recommends that the 12 purposes of the F.F.A. be printed on charts identical with those the creed is printed on and distributed and handled in the same manner as the creed.

The item of securing a suitable rising sun for the president's station was discussed. It was finally decided to refer such to the convention.

The Board agreed to renew membership in the American Country Life Association.

The matter of a publicity card on the F.F.A. was discussed, and it was agreed to refer such to the convention.

The request of Mr. Morion Humble of the Public Affairs Committee for the F.F.A. to buy pamphlets on syphilis was rejected by the Board.

The offer of Mr. James Rietmulder of the Y.M.C.A. to furnish to the F.F.A. free catalogues of publications and materials for the work of those dealing with youth met with disfavor by the Board.

New business for the convention: The Board of Trustees goes on record as favoring the writing of encouraging letters to heads of similar organizations to the F.F.A. in foreign countries.

The Board favored the securing of cheaper chapter charters through the French Bray Printing Co.

It was the consensus of opinion that no film should be taken of the Eleventh National Convention.

Old business for the convention: The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the emblem be changed in order that it can be trademarked, substituting a sheaf of wheat for the olive branch, shield, and spears.

The Board rejected the request of Electric Stock Driver Manufacturing Co. for addresses of Vocational Agricultural departments. It was the opinion of the Board that doing such would tend to instigate commercial relationships.

The Board of Trustees goes on record as looking with disfavor on a national "gold key" organization.

New business for the convention: The Board wishes to go on record as favoring F.F.A. observance and participation in American Education Week each year.

The Board suggested that a check be made with Captain Standard on simplification of the F.F.A. March.

The state association reports were reviewed and the winners selected.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1938

The Board looked with disfavor on securing the services of a company to supply welcome signs which might be placed at the entrance of a town or city.

The Board definitely reaffirmed its action taken at the spring meeting with regard to any connection with the American Youth Congress.

It was moved by Lex Murray, seconded, and carried that the Board not consider any further informatbn with regard to American Farmer candidates.

The Board disapproved the request of Mr. Earl Cooley for the national organization to bear the expense of replacing the state farmer key with the new state farmer charm.

The medal designed for the regional public speaking winners was accepted by the Board.

It was moved by Murray, seconded and carried, that gold, silver, and bronze medals, as designed by Mr. Ross. and Mr. Linke, be awarded at future regional public speaking contests.

The Board goes on record as favoring the permanent establishment of one day during the National F.F.A. Convention to be observed as National F.F.A. Day.

The Board goes on record as favoring the sending of a national representative to the National Grange meeting at Portland, Oregon in November, 1938, and the National Farm Bureau meeting.

It was the consensus of opinion that the rules on national public speaking and chapter contests should be revised and sent out as soon as possible after the Eleventh National Convention.

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Under present conditions the Board does not approve/members of national farm organizations being on the National F.F.A. Advisory Council.

The Board agreed to accept state association awards of \$200 from the National Grange.

New business for convention: change the date for American Farmer applications to be sent in.

The Board of Trustees definitely goes on record as not favoring the submitting of any additional information of any description on American Farmer candidates after the application has been sent in.

The Board solicits information on prospective candidates for national office and insists that such information come through the State Adviser only in an assembled form.

Moved by Burbidge, seconded and carried, that only telegrams and letters from the local and state advisers be submitted to the nominating committee.

The Board favored the printing of all forms and information and only the minugraphing of service letters and suggested that provisions be made in the national budget to take care of additional expense.

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