

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Washington, D. C.  
February 17, 1945

The meeting was called to order by President Oliver Kinsey. Those present were: Sigvald Sandberg, David Jameson, Merrill Hallam, Tom Vaughan, George Fry, W. T. Spanton, and A. W. Tenney. Mr. D. J. Howard attended part of the session.

Consideration was given to the recommendation of the delegates at the National Convention that a sport shirt and T-shirt be manufactured and sold to members of the F.F.A. Fry moved that the Board of Trustees recommend that a white sport shirt and a T-shirt be manufactured and sold as soon as possible. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was generally agreed that it will be well to contact four or five of the leading manufacturers to obtain bids and samples if they were interested in selling to the Future Farmers of America. The following companies were to be contacted: The National Shirt Shops, Cluett Peabody Company, Manhattan Shirt Company, and the New Process Company.

Mr. Russell L. Guin of the Interstate presented samples of T-shirts and a sport shirt to the Board. He stated that he had contacted a company which was in a position to manufacture the sport shirts. He said that the situation concerning the T-shirts was very uncertain due to the fact that the Army had purchased most of the available shirts. The company contacted made him a definite offer and promised to give delivery on a quantity of sport shirts. The broadcloth sport shirt would cost approximately \$2.20 each with the emblem on it. The emblem would be made of Swiss embroidery. For quantities less than ten, a charge of \$2.00 per chapter would be made for silk screening the name of the chapter on the shirt. For quantities over fifteen, this company would absorb the cost of the screening. The name of the chapter, State, office held, and emblem on the shirt would cost about \$2.40 at the most.

Several samples of T-shirts were submitted - one was priced at 80¢ with the emblem screened on it. Another was priced at \$1.00 with the emblem screened on it.

Mr. Guin stated that his company would keep in stock a supply of embroidered State and office names so that they could be attached to the shirt quickly. Fry moved that if we were unable to get samples or bids from other companies, we accept the bid submitted by Mr. Guin with the prices specified. The motion was seconded and carried.

A discussion was held concerning the number of sport shirts that should be delivered by January 1, 1946. It was agreed that there was no definite way of arriving at an exact number that would be needed. It would be necessary to estimate the number needed and then extend the time of the contract in case the shirts had not been disposed of by that date. Hallam moved that the company should be authorized to order for delivery of 10,000 sport shirts and that the contract not be let unless the company would agree to furnish that quantity. The motion was seconded and carried.

After a thorough discussion of the T-shirts, Fry moved that the shirt costing \$1.00 be adopted, that the pocket be eliminated and the emblem be moved to the center of the shirt. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Executive Secretary explained that the Illinois Association had requested that decals of the F.F.A. emblem be manufactured and sold. Samples submitted by the Decalcomania Company in Chicago were presented to the Board along with prices. The Decalcomania Company agreed to sell the decals in lots under 25 for 10¢ each for the large size, and 5¢ each for the small size. Discounts of 5% will be made on lots up to 500, and 10% discount between 500 and 1,000 lots. Sandberg moved to accept the bid submitted by the Decalcomania Company for the manufacture of the decals and F.F.A. emblem, and that the Executive Secretary be authorized to prepare and sign a contract with that company.

Attention was called to the fact that a chapter supply company had been selling certain chapter supplies without a written contract. For several years they have paid royalties to the organization. Hallam moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Secretary to have a contract prepared and signed with the chapter supply company. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Walter Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company presented a sample of a past State officer pin. After considerable discussion, it was generally agreed that the pin should be similar in design to the past national officer pins. Fry moved that we adopt a pin for the past State officers similar to the past national officers' pins but that it should be made of sterling silver. The word "State" should be substituted for the word "National" on the pin. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented correspondence with the Fair Publishing House which requested the privilege of selling F.F.A. Fair supplies to fair associations and local chapters. The correspondence stated that they had been selling such supplies for years and that they have many requests from fair associations for such supplies. The contract with the St. Louis Button Company was reviewed and it was found that the St. Louis Button Company was authorized to manufacture ribbons for fairs. Since the contract with the St. Louis Button Company had expired and was to be renewed at once, it was agreed that the St. Louis Button Company would still be permitted to manufacture ribbons but that they would not be the sole manufacturer and distributor of such ribbons. Fry moved that the Executive Secretary be authorized to prepare and sign a contract with the Fair Publishing House authorizing them to manufacture and sell the various fair supplies to F.F.A. chapters and fair associations. The motion was seconded and carried.

The National Adviser presented a problem that had risen concerning the election of members of the national advisory council. He suggested that it will be necessary to amend the National Constitution in order to clarify the problem. Hallam moved that the following amendment to the National Constitution be presented to the National Advisory Council at their July meeting for further consideration. The motion was seconded and passed.

"It is recommended that Article VIII of the National F.F.A. Constitution be amended by deleting from Section A the words "elected annually", and that the following paragraph be inserted as Section D:

"The State Supervisors shall be elected, one from each administrative region of the Agricultural Education Service of the U. S. Office of Education, by the States of the region. Each State in the region shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by a representative of the agricultural education staff of the State. At the time of the first election after the adoption of this amendment, one person each from the Pacific and Southern Regions will be elected for a term of two years, and one person each from the North Central and North Atlantic Regions will be elected for a term of one year. When the terms of office of these four persons expire, their successors will each be elected for a two-year term. The terms of office of these four members of the National Advisory Council will begin July 1, 1946. Whenever a vacancy occurs among these four members of the National Advisory Council other than from expiration of term of office, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy until a successor has been elected and qualified. All elective members of the Advisory Council shall continue in service until their successors have been elected and qualified."

The Executive Secretary read a request for interpretation from the Kansas Association concerning the advisability of conferring honorary degrees upon women. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that it will be advisable to keep the Future Farmers of America a boy's organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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