

MINUTES OF THE 1938-'39 NATIONAL F.F.A.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING HELD IN KANSAS
CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 16-19, 1939.*

(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 as to how the time was spent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Protecting the Emblem

1. The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that Mr. Ross be instructed to secure a trademark and design patent on that portion of the emblem that he can.

2. The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that companies known to be using the F.F.A. emblem be warned and requested to desist from soliciting business and handling F.F.A. goods when not authorized to do so.

3. The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the officers of every State association make it their business that chapters are informed of the companies selling official merchandise.

4. The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that Mr. Ross send letters to the State advisers warning them of companies using the F.F.A. emblem without permission.

All recommendations passed.

Livestock Loss Prevention Board

Special address on work done to be given Thursday.

Ideal F.F.A. Boy

Report progress.

Loyalty - Hawaiian Association

Plaque sent.

Dishes

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that a special circular on F.F.A. dishes be sent out to the chapters through the State advisers. Passed.

* All members present

Delegate Expense

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the same procedure for paying delegate expenses be followed next year as is being followed this year; that is, that delegate expenses be paid at the close of the convention. Passed.

Jewelry (Balfour)

New jewelry desired (light weight ring, tie clasp, etc.) will be exhibited by L. G. Balfour Company.

Jacket, Shirt, Tie (Universal Uniform)

Being exhibited
(Passed, pants optional. Front emblem only)

Charters

W. M. Welch continuing to supply charters.

Banners

Staunton Novelty Company authorized to manufacture two banners for purchase by States. These two banners to be a Model Banner and a Fundamental Banner.

Book on F.F.A. Information

(Distribute pamphlet to delegates)
The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the French Bray Printing Company be requested to stock and sell this pamphlet at a very low price to be agreed upon later.

Purposes, Creed, Washington's Order

Continue to give away. Passed

Killing Owls, Providing Artificial Owls

Report progress - no satisfactory artificial owl found.

Rising Sun

Report progress - French-Bray Printing Company.

Selection of Plays

Report progress.

Scrap Book

Scrapbook secured as close to the 14" - 20" as economically possible. Recommended by Board of Trustees that chapters get and use the official scrapbook for chapter contest. Passed.

Radio Guide

Recommended by the Board of Trustees that commercial radio program books be secured if possible for distribution to the States. Also that States who have put on successful radio programs exchange script with other State associations. Passed.

Star Farmer Award

Regional award has been increased.

National Camp

Moved by Twitty \$12,000 be entered in the budget for 1939-40 development of National Camp. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Johnson to amend that as much of the \$12,000 as possible be derived from the sale of the bond. Seconded and carried. Motion carried as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Opening prayer

Moved by Twitty, seconded by Ching and carried that the past-president (Lester Poucher) offer prayer this year and that the Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates that this procedure be followed in future years.

Honorary American Farmers

Johnson - Moved that Mr. Ross replace honorary key lost by W. M. Welch. Seconded and carried.

Twitty - Moved that Mr. Everson receive honorary American Farmer degree. Seconded and carried.

Twitty - Moved that J. C. Penny receive honorary American Farmer degree. Seconded and carried.

Twitty - Moved that we leave Mr. Hendrickson for consideration next year.

Moved, seconded and carried that Blaufuss be placed on waiting list Honorary American Farmers.

Dues

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that national dues remain at ten cents a member.

Banquet Contributions

Moved that persons offering contributions for the 1940 banquet during the convention be thanked, but that the contributions be referred to the Board of Trustees. Seconded and carried.

Hawaiian Public Speaker

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that \$60.00 be paid to Hawaii to carry part of the expense of sending a public speaker to the national convention.

National Farm Conventions

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the F.F.A. be represented at as many of the national conventions of leading farm organizations as possible.

American Country Life Association

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that membership be continued in the American Country Life Association.

American Education Week

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the F.F.A. continue its observance of American Education Week this year.

Length of Convention

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the length of the next convention remain four days.

Blaufuss March

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the "Blaufuss March" be published and placed on sale and that the F.F.A. defray the necessary expenses.

Unfinished Business

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that all unfinished business be referred to them (the Board of Trustees) with full power to act.

Theme for Radio Program

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the radio theme for next year be "Old Farms and Ranches."

Program of Work

The Board of Trustees recommends to the committee on Program of Work that chapters be encouraged to gather historical data on old farms and ranches in their respective localities with the view of possibly sponsoring a movement by which old farms and ranches could be appropriately marked.

Chapter Contest, State Contest

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that plaques be substituted for cash awards and that levels of achievement be set up in both the chapter and State contest.

Star Farmer Award

Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that Mr. Ross be given the authority to pay the expenses of judges in the Star Farmer contest if he deems it expedient and there is no other alternative.

Public Speaking Contest

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that no changes be made in the public speaking contest next year.

Creeds, Purposes, Washington's Orders

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that the national organization continue to supply the Creeds, Purposes, and Washington's Orders on Profanity through the State advisers only and that no additional similar material be distributed this year.

National F.F.A. Exhibit

The Board of Trustees recommends to the delegates that \$200.00 be set aside for shipping the national F.F.A. exhibit to special national meetings to be decided by the Board of Trustees; that in case of states desiring the F.F.A. exhibit shall be placed on the same basis as the State associations; and that \$90.00 be set aside to change pictures in the exhibit.

Proceedings

The Board of Trustees recommends to the committee on Proceedings that the national officer reports be included in this year's proceedings.

Bond

Twitty - Moved, motion was duly seconded and passed, that Mr. Groseclose be authorized to sell the U. S. Treasury four(4%) per cent bond of 1954-44 No. H00007668 - \$10,000.00 registered in the name of the Future Farmers of America, Inc., at any time he sees fit.

W. A. Ross
National Executive Secretary