

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL F.F.A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 8, 1943

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Marvin Jagels. Others present for the Board meeting were: Vice-Presidents David Walker, Norman Martin, George Stelter; Student Secretary, Verl Hendrix; Adviser, W. T. Spanton; Treasurer, D. J. Howard; former Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross; and Acting National Executive Secretary, A. W. Tenney. It was reported that Vice-President Roy Dee Myer would be unable to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees and the 16th National Convention. It was also reported that past President Irvin Schenk would be unable to attend any of the meetings.

The first item for discussion was the complete program for the Convention. This program was gone over in detail and necessary explanations were made.

Plans for the Officer-Delegate Dinner to be given in the Aztec Room of the President Hotel, Monday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. were discussed.

Stelter moved that official delegates to the 16th National Convention, State Supervisors, members of the Board of Trustees, and guests they invited, be permitted to attend the Officer-Delegate Dinner. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Norman Martin and Verl Hendrix volunteered to sell tickets for the dinner.

The following program was planned for the dinner:

Toastmaster - President Marvin Jagels

Invocation - Norman Martin

Greetings and Welcome - President Jagels

Introduction of Guests

Songs of the West - Bob Barthelmess

Motion Pictures and Slides - George Stelter

Plans were made to accommodate 125 at the banquet. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cochel, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff, and Walter Atzenweiler were invited to the dinner.

Plans were made with the Star Radio Station for three radio broadcasts. The National officers were to be interviewed Saturday at 1:30 p.m. by the Acting Executive Secretary. An interview was scheduled with Dr. Spanton and the Regional Advisers for 6:15 a.m. October 14. Plans were made to record the presentation of awards to the Star farmers. This transcription was to be broadcast twice over the Star station.

Dr. Spanton presented the request from the Kentucky Association that the American Farmer application of Fred Taylor be reconsidered.

Stelter moved that the case of Fred Taylor of Kentucky be not reconsidered. Motion seconded and carried.

A letter from the International Correspondence School offering to place at the disposal of the F.F.A. twelve standard I.C.S. scholarships, was read. A discussion was held concerning this offer.

Walker moved that we do not accept the offer of scholarships from the International Correspondence School. The motion was seconded and carried.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning merchandise contracts. A contract form was presented by Acting Executive Secretary, Tenney, and was revised by the Board. It was the sense of the meeting that the Executive Secretary should be empowered to make agreements with companies concerning the percentage of royalty to be included in the contracts.

Hendrix moved that we authorize the National Executive Secretary to sign contracts and put them in effect as soon as possible for the period from January 1, 1943, to December 31, 1944. Motion seconded and passed.

October 9, 1943

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Marvin Jagels. The opening and closing ceremonies and the ceremony for raising State Farmers to the American Farmer Degree were rehearsed several times.

Recommendations from State Associations concerning proposed amendments to the National Constitution and By-Laws were discussed.

Walker moved that the National Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates at the 16th National Convention, the adoption of the following constitutional amendment:

"Section A. Proposed amendments to the national constitution or by-laws must be submitted in writing by authorized representatives of State associations to the National Board of Trustees at least 60 days prior to any national convention of the Future Farmers of America. These proposed changes must be submitted to the several States at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding national convention, be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees, and be submitted by them to the delegates in national convention with recommendations."

Requests were made for a typewritten copy of the motion. Stelter moved that the motion be tabled. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m. and the members listened to the National F.F.A. Radio Program presented over the Blue Network.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Jagels. A photographer from the Star photographed the student officer.

Stelter moved that the tabled motion concerning constitutional amendments be taken off the table. Motion seconded and carried.

After a brief discussion the motion was passed.

Martin moved that the F.F.A. creed remain unchanged for the present. Motion seconded and passed.

Stelter moved that the Board of Trustees go on record as not favoring the showing of the Sante Fe motion picture at the National Convention. Motion seconded and passed.

Walker moved that the Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates that the rules of the National Chapter Contest, with regard to the system of awards, should remain the same. Motion seconded and passed.

Plans were made for committee work by the delegates at the convention. The different committees were selected, chairmen were named and individual members were placed on the committees. General instructions had been previously prepared by the Acting National Executive Secretary.

The Program of Work for 1943-44 was reviewed by the Board and recommended changes were made in the program.

The American Farmer application blank was reviewed and recommendations were made by the Board for improving it. These recommendations were to be submitted to a committee.

Plans were made for the alternation of presiding officers at the convention. It was agreed that President Jagels would preside at all regular meetings and that Vice-Presidents would be called to the chair during the periods when the delegates wished to go into the committee of the whole. It was agreed that George Stelter would be placed in charge of the nominating committee.

The Board discussed the possibilities of special music during the convention. It was agreed that Bob Barthelmess from Montana who sings cow boy songs would be used on a few of the programs. It was also agreed that the Wisconsin quartet would be used on a number of programs. Arrangements were made to obtain Don Gill from the Star Radio Station to play the accordian and

lead the boys in group singing on Award Night and after the Public Speaking Contest.

A brief discussion was held concerning the advisability of authorizing the manufacture of an official F.F.A. service scroll for sale to chapters. It was pointed out that many chapters desire such a scroll at the present time and that a number of unofficial scrolls are being made, some of which are using the emblem incorrectly. Stelter moved that the National Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates at the 16th National Convention that they authorize the French-Bray Company to manufacture a service scroll for sale to chapters. Motion seconded and carried.

David Walker read a letter from the Tennessee Association which requested that car window stickers with the word "Adviser" on it be manufactured and placed on sale. Norman Martin moved that this matter be presented to the delegates at the convention but that the Board of Trustees not recommend the window sticker. Motion seconded and carried.

Hendrix moved that the Board of Trustees not recommend a reduced and simplified program of work for the coming year as requested by a representative from one State Association. Motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Tenney  
Acting National Executive Secretary, F.F.A.