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MINUTES OF FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE
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The meeting of the California State Executive Committee of the Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Marvin Muela at 1:00 p.m. with the following members and guests present:

State Officers

Marvin Muela	State President
Jim Zaiper	State Vice President
Bill Ward	State Secretary
Ray Sidey	State Treasurer
Richard Denier	State Reporter
Ron Brusa	State Sentinel

Regional Presidents

Chris Mendes	Central President
Daryl Dannewitz	North Coast President
Bob Adams	South Coast President
Wayne Morris	Southwestern President
Larry Schermer	Superior President
Pat Casey	Southern President

Advisors

Mr. Donald E. Wilson	State Advisor
Mr. Jerry T. Davis	Assistant State Advisor

Guests

Joe Martinez	Past National Vice President
Tony Turkovich	Past State Reporter

The invocation was given by State Sentinel Ron Brusa.

Mr. Wilson, State Advisor of the California Association of FFA, was introduced. Mr. Wilson commented on the State FFA activities.

Since the minutes were sent to all the State Officers and Regional Presidents for inspection, it was moved by State Secretary, Bill Ward, that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Chris Mendes, Central Region President, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Jim Zaiger, State Vice President, moved and it was seconded by Daryl Dannewitz, North Coast Regional President, to postpone indefinitely the consideration of a team public speaking contest.

Daryl Dannewitz then moved to postpone the motion until a region has tried the team public speaking contest. Seconded by Jim Zaiger, the motion passed.

The South Coast Region will develop and try the team public speaking contest.

Richard Denier, State Reporter, gave a report on the Past State Officers' Breakfast at the State Convention.

Ray Sidey moved that the State Association have a Past State Officers' Breakfast. The motion was seconded and carried. (See Appendix #1)

Ron Brusa, State Sentinel, gave a report on the problem of too much teacher involvement in preparing livestock for the various fairs and shows. (See Appendix #2)

Jim Zaiger, State Vice President, gave a report on constitutional changes for the State Convention. (See Appendix #3)

Ray Sidey, State Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. Jim Zaiger moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded and passed. (See Appendix #4)

Tony Turkovich, past State Reporter, gave a report on the State Magazine. (See Appendix #5)

Ron Brusa, State Sentinel, gave a report on the State Officers' Goodwill Tour. It was brought up by Wayne Morris to incorporate the Regional Presidents in the tour.

Mr. Davis, Assistant State Advisor, reported on the National Convention. California had 122 people attend the Convention; 117 were in the Washington D.C. trip.

Ray Sidey, State Treasurer, gave a report on the Sectional Leadership Conference.

Mr. Davis, Assistant State Advisor, presented a list of names suggested for Honorary State Farmer. All those on the list were accepted.

Bill Ward, State Secretary, introduced the new chapters in the California State Association:

1. Palm Springs
2. Rio Linda
3. Burney Jr. - Sr.

Cow Palace assignment - March 20 - 25, 1970. Jim Zaiger & Ron Brusa are the official delegates but all the State Officers will attend.

It was recommended that the past State President be Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Jim Zaiger moved that this item be the first item on our agenda at the State Convention. The motion passed.

The first session of the Executive Committee was adjourned by President Marvin Muela at 5:30 p.m.

The second session of the California Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Marvin Muela at 8:45 a.m.

Roll was taken, finding that Mr. Wilson was absent from this session.

Ron Brusa moved that the State Convention theme be "FFA Emphasis Agriculture". The motion passed.

Next order of business was the program format for the State Convention. It was decided by the committee to add the following items if possible:

- A. Include FFA information other than program
- B. FFA facts and agriculture facts
- C. American farmers
- D. List past State Presidents
- E. Year's accomplishments
- F. Master chapter awards
- G. State officers

Ron Brusa moved that the Master Chapter Award winners be listed in the conference minutes. The motion passed.

Youth in program:

- 1. FHA
- 2. 4-H
- 3. Young Farmers
- 4. VICA
- 5. CATA President

Past Officers' Breakfast

1. Saturday morning (May 9).
2. Send letter to past State Presidents requesting them to contact their fellow state officers.
 - a. Provide them with list and addresses of fellow officers.

Program

1. Opening Ceremonies
2. Introduce past State Presidents
 - a. Introduce fellow officers
3. Speaker - George P. Cooper
4. Breakfast
5. Closing Ceremonies

Guests

1. President Robert E. Kennedy
2. Dean Gibson and Associate Dean West
3. Past State Advisors and Assistants

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ray Siden
State Treasurer
California Association
Future Farmers of America

SPECIAL COMMITTEE
Teacher Involvement in Exhibit Preparation

Committee: Ron Brusa, Chairman
Chris Mendes
Jim Zaiger

Meeting: January 9, 1970
9:00 a.m.

This special committee feels that fairs and shows are a learning process for the students and a special chance for instruction for the teachers. We also think that this privilege has been misused in many instances and that there is a need for some type of restriction on these activities. It is therefore our suggestion that a letter be sent to the proper people in the CATA, asking them to take action on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ron Brusa
State Sentinel
California Association
Future Farmers of America

REPORT OF THE
STATE FFA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

In preparation for the spring State FFA Executive Committee, the committee sent to each chapter in the state a questionnaire regarding proposed changes in the constitution and asking for suggestions. The results of this questionnaire were that the great majority of the chapters preferred to leave the representation of each chapter at the state FFA convention to two delegates per chapter. Also favored by the great majority of the chapters was continued reapplication for star farmer honors for those who received the State Farmer Degree in their junior year and the creating of a State Star Agribusinessman Award. Suggestions included finding a way to improve the state magazine and awards offered by the state organization.

In presenting the report of the committee, the floor was opened for discussion. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee be changed to the past State President. This was to allow the President to spend more time with the convention itself. It was moved, seconded, and passed to create the following convention committees: State Magazine Committee to deal with problems in the State Magazine; Awards Committee to develop needed changes in state award applications and scoring systems and to award which should be added or deleted. No chairman was named for these committees. It was moved, seconded, and passed to delete the requirement that a person who received the Regional Star Farmer Award could not reapply for Star Farmer Awards. This would allow anyone who received the State Farmer Degree in his junior year in high school to reapply for Star Farmer Awards if he had not received the Star State Farmer Award that year.

The committee would like to thank those chapters who showed an interest in the activities of the state association. We would also like to thank the Davis Chapter of Modesto for their time and the use of their facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jim Zaiger, Chairman
Wayne Morris, Southwestern Region
Larry Schermer, Superior Region