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MINUTES
FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MID-WINTER MEETING
JANUARY 21-22, 1982

1. Opening Ceremonies

The annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Association, Future Farmers of America was called to order at 2:13 P.M., at the Hacienda Inn, Fresno CA, by State President, Jan Eberly. Roll was called. Members of the Executive Committee present were:

Jan Eberly, President
Jeff Sanders, Vice President
Mark Casale, Secretary
Eric Knight, Treasurer
Brian Albertoni, Reporter
Tim Clark, Sentinel
Henri Barbe', North Coast Region President
Mary Jean Beard, South Coast Region President
Lori Dennis, Superior Region President
Rich Titus, Central Region President
Erik Vink, San Joaquin Region President
Carolyn Coleman (substitute for Kurt Voss, Southern Reg. President)
Debbie Royal, Southwestern Region President

Also present were Mr. Jerry Davis, Assistant State FFA Advisor, and 28 other regional and sectional officers.

2. Welcome

The group was welcomed by Jan Eberly.

3. Review of Minutes

After the welcome, Mark went over the minutes from the Fall Executive Committee Meeting. With no amendments, the minutes were approved.

4. Regional Reports

The first item of new business was Regional Reports. Lori Dennis reported on the Superior Region and gave the date of their regional officer screening as February 27.

Rich Titus then reported on the Central Region.

Debbie Royal reported on the Southwestern Region and gave the date of the Southwestern screening as March 20.

Next Henri Barbe' reported on the North Coast Region and handed out a written report.

Carolyn Coleman then reported on the Southern Region.

Erik Vink reported on the San Joaquin Region.

Finally, Mary Jean Beard reported on the South Coast Region.

5. State Officer Reports

Eric Knight reported on the Chapter Officer Conferences. He went over comments from the Advisory Committee and made some comments about the conferences. He stated that the Courtesy Corps in the Southern and Southwestern Regions were excellent but publicity in all regions could have been improved. Eric also handed out conference evaluation sheets.

Jeff Sanders reported next on Chapter Visits. He stated that 109 chapters had been visited to date and gave a list of chapters visited. He also reported on the National Convention.

Brian Albertoni gave the next report on the Goodwill Tour.

Tim Clark reported on the Farm Equipment Shows. He gave the dates of the shows and went over the region assignments.

Jan Eberly reported on the State FFA Foundation. She stated the Foundation hired Mr. Ken Harris as a part-time director and asked for ideas to present to the Foundation as projects. Some of the ideas were:

- a. Transportation for Superior Region to the State Convention
- b. Scholarships - Ag-related field
- c. Sectional Officer Training
- d. Low Interest Loans to Chapters and Members
- e. Starting Chapters
- f. Chapter Visit Travel Money for Regional Officers
- g. State Farmer Pins and Frames for Certificates
- h. Help Fund BOAC.

Eric Knight made the final State Officer Report on membership. He handed out membership reports and reviewed them.

6. Regional Meeting Reports

Henri Barbe' reported that the North Coast Region Meeting dates were February 26 and 27 at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka.

Rich Titus reported the date of the Central Region Meeting as February 20 at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton.

Erik Vink reported the date for the San Joaquin Region as February 27, at College of the Sequoias in Visalia.

Carolyn Coleman's report was given along with Debbie Royal's report. The Southern and Southwestern Region Meetings will be on April 17.

Mary Jean Beard gave the date of the South Coast Region Meeting as March 10.

Lori Dennis gave the date of the Superior Region Meeting as March 13.

8. State Farmer Degree

Tim reported on the State Farmer situation for this year. Rich Titus gave the Central Region plans for State Farmers which included a guest speaker and a special program with the parents of the State Farmers in attendance. Henri Barbe' and Lori Dennis also gave reports on the State Farmer ceremonies in their regions.

Debbie Royal moved to accept the State Farmer candidates as selected by the State Officers. Erik Vink seconded the motion. The motion was discussed, voted upon, and passed unanimously.

9. State Final Contests

Mark reported on State Final Contests, and Brian discussed a possible state talent contest at CSU-Fresno.

10. Meeting Recessed

The meeting was recessed at 4:45 P.M.

11. Meeting Reconvened

The meeting was reconvened at 6:37 P.M. by Jan.

12. Program for Sections

The first item was a discussion on Sections. Jan handed out reports on Sections from the Fall Executive Committee Meeting. She then led a discussion on a pilot program to train sectional officers. Several sections in which the program might be started were suggested:

- a. Citrus Section - April elections
- b. San Diego Section - April elections
- c. Marysville Section - October elections
- d. San Luis Obispo Section - June elections
- e. Los Angeles City
- f. Imperial Section - Spring elections
- g. Alameda Section - Spring elections
- h. Merced Section - April elections
- i. Orange Section - Mid-May elections

It was suggested that the 1981-82 State Officers run the pilot program.

Additional discussion on Sections included suggestions that Sectional Advisors come from community colleges and that funding for the program come from AB 8 Funds or the State Foundation.

13. State Convention

The State Convention was next on the agenda. Mark discussed the theme. Eric discussed the agenda. Also discussed was the Executive Committee Meeting to be held on April 30, at 9:00 A.M., at Cal Poly. Regional Presidents-elect are invited but must pay their own way. Pre-registration and Honorary State Farmers were discussed.

Mary Jean Beard moved to nominate the seven persons suggested by Brian for the Honorary State Farmer Degree. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Coleman and passed unanimously.

Lori Dennis moved to nominate Gail Simmons and Kip Ruddy for Distinguished Service honors. The motion was seconded by Erik Vink and passed unanimously.

14. Courtesy Corps

Tim discussed the Courtesy Corps and requested three persons from each region to serve.

15. Star Reporter and Star Advisor

Brian discussed this. Mark moved to refer the Star Advisor to the original Star Advisor Committee, Mr. Davis, and others appointed by the Chair, and to report tomorrow. Brian seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The vote was 11 in favor; one opposed. The committee is: Lori Dennis, Jeff Sanders, Henri Barbe', and Mr. Davis.

16. Constitutional Items

a. Reapportionment

Henri Barbe' moved to use the wording from last year on reapportionment. Erik Vink seconded the motion with the modification to strike the part on "delegates at large" and add a maximum of five delegates to any chapter. Mark moved to insert "of previous year," seconded by Lori Dennis, the amendment passed.

Debbie Royal moved the previous question, seconded by Henri-Barbe'. Previous question passed, and main motion passed.

17. Meeting Recessed

The meeting was recessed at 9:18 P.M.

18. Meeting Reconvened

The meeting was reconvened at 7:35 A.M., Friday, January 22, 1982.

19. Star Advisor Committee

The Star Advisor Committee submitted a report which was approved without objection.

20. Constitutional Items

The discussion on Constitutional Items was reopened.

a. Reapportionment

Carolyn Coleman moved to reconsider the vote on reapportionment. Brian seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the motion passed. Discussion on reapportionment was reopened.

Mark moved to strike the part about the five delegate limit. This was seconded by Rich. Discussion followed. Eric Knight moved the previous question. It was seconded by Debbie Royal. It passed unanimously. The amendment to the amendment passed seven to five.

Jeff moved to strike 25 and insert 50. The motion was seconded by Debbie Royal. Discussion followed. The motion failed two to nine.

Discussion on reapportionment reopened.

Coleman moved previous question. It was seconded by Barbe'. Motion passed nine to two.

Reapportionment wording passed nine to three. (See Constitutional Amendments).

Coleman moved that reapportionment go before the State Convention; seconded by Royal; motion passed ten to one.

b. Regional Officers' Right to Debate/Vote at State Convention

Coleman moved to amend the Constitution by adding, "all regional officers be allowed to debate at state convention." Seconded by Royal; discussion followed.

Barbe' moved to insert "except president" between "officers" and "be". There was no second.

Albertoni moved to strike "all regional officers" and insert "six regional officers from each region," seconded by Coleman; discussion followed.

Knight moved previous question on all pending matters, seconded by Barbe'; the motion passed ten to two.

Amendment to amendment failed three to eight. Wording of amendment passed nine to three.

Albertoni moved to present amendment at State Convention, seconded by Coleman, motion passed seven to four.

c. Convention Review Committee Chairperson

Knight moved to amend Article III, Section J of the Constitution (see Constitution amendments).

Barbe' seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Knight moved previous question; seconded by Dennis, the motion passed twelve to zero.

Wording passed twelve to zero.

Vink moved to present amendment at State Convention. Seconded by Beard, the motion passed twelve to zero.

d. Regional Officers Required to be Seniors

Knight moved that an amendment dealing with regional officers being Seniors come before the State Convention. Motion seconded by Titus.

Royal moved previous question. Seconded by Barbe' the motion passed nine to two.

The motion failed three to eight.

e. State Farmer Percentage

Vink moved that an amendment dealing with the State Farmer percentage come before the State Convention. Seconded by Sanders, the motion passed seven to five.

Knight moved to strike 3% and insert 2%. Seconded by Dennis, discussion followed.

Knight moved previous question. Seconded by Dennis, motion passed twelve to zero.

Wording passed eight to three.

f. State Farmer Requirements

Barbe' moved that an amendment concerning State Farmer requirements

come before the State Convention. Seconded by Coleman; discussion followed. Motion passed twelve to zero.

Casale moved to add to Article 4, Section 12, "(12) All State Farmer applicants must score 75 points on the State Farmer application to receive State Farmer Degree."

Seconded by Vink, discussion followed.

Knight moved to strike 75 and insert 70. Seconded by Barbe'

Barbe' moved to postpone matter until Mr. Davis returned. Seconded by Royal, motion passed ten to zero. Mr. Davis returned, and the motion was brought back on the floor.

Barbe' moved previous question on amendment to amendment. Seconded by Royal, motion passed twelve to zero.

Amendment to amendment passed six to four. Discussion on wording reopened.

Titus moved previous question. Seconded by Barbe', motion passed eleven to zero.

Wording of amendment passed nine to two.

g. Star State Farmer

Barbe' moved to refer Star State Farmer to a committee of three, appointed by the Chair, with Mr. Davis as an ex officio member to report after lunch.

Seconded by Royal, the motion passed eight to four.

The committee: Brian Albertoni, Debbie Royal, Rich Titus, Mr. Davis.

h. American Royal Queen

Casale moved that California Association, FFA discontinue sending a representative to the American Royal Queen Contest. Seconded by Royal, discussion followed. The motion passed eleven to zero.

i. State Sliding Ballot

Royal moved that a sliding ballot for state office appear as a constitutional amendment. Seconded by Albertoni, the motion failed zero to twelve.

21. Convention Poster

After the constitutional items, Albertoni discussed a convention poster and wrapped up the State Convention discussion.

22. Moving State Conference

Coleman moved to look into relocating the state conference to Fresno and report to the State Advisor. Seconded by Clark, discussion followed.

Dennis moved to insert "and elsewhere" between "Fresno" and "and". Seconded by Knight, discussion followed.

Amendment passed eleven to zero.

Motion passed twelve to zero.

23. Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 12:19 P.M.

24. Meeting Reconvened

The meeting reconvened at 1:35 P.M.

25. Star State Farmer Committee Report

The Star State Farmer Committee reported back. The report was accepted.

Titus moved that an amendment concerning the State State Farmer come before the State Convention. Seconded by Royal, the motion passed eleven to zero.

Casale moved to strike Article IV, Section D and replace it with the committee suggestion. Seconded by Beard, the motion passed eleven to zero. (See Constitutional Amendments).

26. Fairs and Shows Conference

The final item was a discussion of the Fairs and Shows Conference by Mr. Davis.

27. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.