

THE WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Winter Executive committee meeting was called to order on February 17, 1998 at 12:45 p.m., by our president Summer Hackett in the conference room of the California Agriculture Council building. Roll was taken finding all officers at their stations and in attendance were 13 members and 2 guests.

The meeting began with a welcome from our president Summer Hackett. The minutes were read and Green moved to accept the minutes. The minutes from the fall executive committee meeting were seconded and passed.

Next on the agenda were the state officer reports. Lynelle Bosworth reported on the evaluation of the 1997 National FFA Convention. Jake Parnell reported on Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences. A suggestion was made that a "meet the state officers" time should be allotted in the conference agenda. Nate Green reported that the state officers conducted 88 chapter visits, including 5 basic lessons. Chris Madsen reported on attending the State FFA Foundation Board meeting, and the Made For Excellence conferences. The National FFA will continue these conferences in California. Summer reported on State Finals Contests. Lynelle reported on the New Horizons California insert. The insert will continue. Lynelle also conducted an ice breaker. Sharlene then reported on the Greenweek seminar and also the California membership. We have reached 50,000 members, and celebrated with a cake. Chris then reported on the Advanced Academies, positive feedback was given. He also reported on the National Officer training in California. Cody Nash and Shannon Wilcox visited Tracy, Norco, East Nicholas, and Tulare. Summer reported on State Conference and some the changes occurring. Lynelle reported on the Sacramento Leadership Conference. James Garner supplied us with some details.

Regional reports were given by each of the regional presidents.

Andrea Elliot- Central
Mandy Foreman- North Coast
Matt Archer- San Joaquin
Sean Mees- South Coast
Katrina Smith- Southern
John Paasch- Superior

We discussed evening plans and moved on to the list of topics for consideration.

Paasch moved to accept the 1,166 State Farmer Degree Recipients. The motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

Green moved to reinstate the South Fork-Miranda FFA chapter. The motion was seconded and debate followed. Motion was passed voice vote.

The state executive committee then proceeded to discuss the Regional Officer Leadership Conference. Comments and suggestions were made.

- * Ropes course is an excellent team bonding and edification experience.
- * "Team FFA" atmosphere is doing good things so continue that attitude.
- * The etiquette skits were rushed and hard to understand. Pick a small group to come together and come up with their bag of tricks.
- * To many workshops from regional advisors. Need more members in the group.
- * Maybe change location to a cooler more convenient location.
- * The activities where you broke away from your own team were good.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by the 1997-98 State Officer team. Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The meeting was called to order once again at the California Cattleman's Building, on February 18, 1998 by our president Summer Hackett at 9:20 a.m.. There were 13 members and 2 guests present.

We began with the topics of discussion, starting with the proposed constitutional amendments.

Proposal #1, regarding state officers attending National FFA convention as official voting delegates. Madsen moved to recommend a Do Pass on constitutional amendment Number #1. The motion was seconded and lengthy debate followed. Garner moved previous question, it was seconded and passed voice vote. We then moved on the main motion, which failed lack of a majority vote. Three in favor seven in opposition.

James Garner moved to recommend a Do Not Pass on proposal #1. Debate followed. Elliot moved previous question. It was seconded and passed voice vote. Main motion was voted on, it passed with 8 in the affirmative and 3 in the opposition.

We heard from a special guest, John Brawly, the executive vice president of the Cattleman's Association. He was introduced and thanked for the use of his facility.

Proposal #2, regarding the configuration of the State Officer team. Garner moved to recommend a Do Not Pass on proposal, #2. It was seconded and debated followed. Madsen moved previous question. It was seconded and passed with a voice vote. We then voted on the main motion, it passed with 10 in the affirmative and 2 in the opposition. Jake Parnell moved to recess for 5 minutes it was seconded and passed.

Meeting was called back to order and we proceeded to discuss Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Citations. The following received their Honorary State Farmer Degree: Dr. Ritenour, Jim Van Maren, Don Borges, Roy Beck, Pete Wilson, Dr. John Welty, Ron Nishinaka, Jim Costa, Larry Hirahara, Bob Dample, Wayne Pitzler, and the State Officer Parents.

The following received Distinguished Service Citations: Steve Forsberg, Dr. Carl Phearson, Gary Schultz, Mike Rourke, PJ LoCoco

Parnell moved to accept all of the Honorary Degree recipients, it was seconded, and motion passed voice vote.

Garner moved to accept Distinguished Service Citation recipients. Motion was seconded, and passed voice vote.

An announcement was made concerning proposal #2 that Chris Madsen would be in charge of creating a proposal similar to the original proposal, so that the problem can be dealt with. This proposal will be ready to present next year.

Parnell moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and failed voice vote.

Madsen moved to recommend a Do Pass on proposal #1, only if the State Staff were to accept the State Executive committee's modifications. It was seconded and passed voice vote.

Green moved that we recommend a Do Pass on proposal #3 (new proposal) only if the state staff do not accept our modifications. Motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

Closing announcements were made. Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned by our president Summer Hackett at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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