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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

A meeting of the California Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order by our president, Kevin Mathy, at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2000 at the California Farm Bureau Federation Building in Sacramento. Opening Ceremonies were conducted finding all officers at their stations. Roll was called to find 13 members and 5 guests present. In attendance were Tim Hammerich, North Coast Region President; Paul Amador, Central Region President; Julie Kondoff, South Coast Region President; Douglas Paasch, Superior Region President; Michelle Viera, San Joaquin Region President; Neil Gibson, Southern Region President; Kevin Mathy, State President; Angela Browning, State Vice President; Megan McReynolds, State Secretary; Scott Grumbles, State Treasurer; Tracy Haas, State Reporter; Dane White, State Sentinel; Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor, and Mandy Foreman, Past State President.

President Kevin Mathy gave a welcome to everyone and gave a brief overview of what we would be covering during the meeting.

Megan McReynolds moved to accept the fall minutes as printed. Motion was seconded. Motion passed voice vote.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Scott Grumbles gave a membership update. There are currently 313 chapters, and 52,748 members.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Tracy Haas gave a report on National Convention. We had six proficiency award winners, a record number, and the national champion meat and horse judging teams.

CHAPTER OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Dane White spoke on Chapter Officer Leadership conferences. The State officers attended seven conferences, in Chico, Shasta, Modesto, Fortuna, Lompoc, Hanford, and Pomona. They presented workshops and had a fabulous time.

MADE FOR EXCELLENCE & ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Megan McReynolds covered the Made For excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy Conferences for California. The State officers attended Redding, Reedley, Stockton, and Pomona conferences.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Kevin Mathy gave a State Foundation Report on the problems facing funds in upcoming years due to changes in education from the state capitol.

STATE FINALS

The State finals were held on February 5, 2000 in Fresno California. Scott Grumbles gave the results on the following contests:

- Cotton Judging- Hanford Chapter
- Vine Pruning- Madera
- Tree Pruning- Santa Maria Righetti
- Citrus Judging- LeMoore

NEW HORIZONS

Tracy Haas directed everyone's attention to the New Horizons insert, and encouraged all region presidents to inform their region reporters to submit articles by the March 6, 2000 deadline.

INDUSTRY TOURS

Kevin Mathy talked about the State Officer industry tours. They traveled across the state meeting with industry leaders such as Bolthouse carrots, Calcot, and Dewars.

FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Grumbles, concerning the new FFA center, gave an FFA Adult Board of Directors Committee meeting report. We are still looking for land and hired two new architects, and an assistant for fundraising.

FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Angela Browning gave an Advisory meeting report. Topics covered issues regarding funding, the fact there will not be a national small engine contest, and that greenhand conferences will only be held on weekdays.

REGION PRESIDENT REPORTS

Tim Hammerich gave a report for the North Coast region, covering their upcoming spring meeting on March 23-25 2000. As well as inform the state executive committee of their recent expeditions as a team.

South Coast Region president, Julie Kondoff, informed everyone of the success of their Chapter Officer Leadership Conference, and invited the State officers to attend their spring regional meeting on March 17, 2000 in King City.

Neil Gibson was next to represent the Southern Region. The region officers finished all of their sectional chapter officer leadership conferences, and their state degree ceremony is March 18, 2000 in Antelope Valley. The spring meeting will be the last activity for the state officers before state convention on April 1st at Cal Poly Pomona.

Doug Paasch kept everyone up to date on the Superior regions activities. The spring regional meeting will be held in conjunction with the State degree ceremony on March 11, 2000 in Chico.

Paul Amador covered the Central region. Along with their chapter officer leadership conference, they held their second annual section officer leadership conference. The spring region meeting is February 26, and state degrees on March 14.

Last but not least, Michelle Vieira informed us of the "Mighty, mean, San Joaquin"! Their spring regional meeting is February 26 also, and they have 3 different state degree ceremonies to accommodate their 370 candidates!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Meetings reconvened at 1:00 p.m. by Kevin Mathy.

CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS

Doug Paasch proposed the state constitution, Article IV, Section D, be amended by inserting "The State Executive Committee has priority to be delegates to the national FFA convention" between "offices." and "When additional". So it would read:

The official delegates to national convention shall be the state president and the immediate past state president. When additional delegates are necessary, or the current or immediate past state president is unavailable to serve, the current state officers shall serve in order of their respective offices. **The State Executive**

Committee has priority to be delegates to the national FFA convention, when additional delegates are delegates are necessary, and then the team of immediate past state officers shall serve in order of their respective offices. Only delegates to the national convention who are members of the current or past state officer team shall receive payment of expenses from the state treasury for the Future Farmers of America.

Proposal was seconded, passed by voice vote.

Tracy Haas moved the Executive Committee vote a "DO PASS", motion was seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Neil Gibson proposed to amend the state constitution by striking out "or past" from Article IV, Section D, so if passed would read:

The official delegates to national convention shall be the state president and the immediate past state president. When additional delegates are necessary, or the current or immediate past state president is unavailable to serve, the current state officers shall serve in order of their respective offices. When additional delegates are delegates are necessary, and then the team of immediate past state officers shall serve in order of their respective offices. Only delegates to the national convention who are members of the **current state officer** team shall receive payment of expenses from the state treasury for the Future Farmers of America.

Proposal was seconded, passed voice vote.

Doug Paasch moved the executive committee vote a "DO NOT PASS" on the motion. Seconded, motion passed voice vote.

Angela Browning proposed we include in the proficiency application, that it must state the applicant must receive a score of seventy or higher to be eligible for the proficiency award. Seconded, passed eleven in the affirmative, one opposed, by hand vote.

Paul Amador proposed to amend the state constitution Article 1 Section A:

"The name of this organization shall be the California Association of Future Farmers of America"

by striking out **California Association of Future Farmers of America**, and replacing it with "**California Association of the FFA**" so it would read:

"The name of this organization shall be the **California Association of the FFA**", and edit the constitution to reflect this change in the following Articles.

Proposal failed due to lack of second.

Scott Grubles moved to go on record as being opposed to amending Article 1 Section A. Motion was seconded. Passed eight in the affirmative, one opposed, and three abstentions.

Tracy Haas moved to approve the new and reinstated chapters, new chapters being:

Anza-Hamilton, Southern Region
Dorris-Cascade, Superior Region
Greenfield, South Coast Region
LaGrange-Don Pedro, Central Region
Porterville-Granite Hills, San Joaquin Region

Soledad, South Coast Region
and the re-instated chapters being:
Salinas-Alisal, South Coast Region
Seconded, motion passes voice vote.

Tracy Haas moved to suspend the chapters:
Fillmore, South Coast Region
North Hollywood, South Coast Region
Van Nuys-Grant, South Coast Region
subject to a thirty day notice, provided by a letter, to the chapters in question.
Seconded, motion passed voice vote


Mandy Foreman moved we bestow upon the following people the honorary state FFA
degree. Seconded, motion passed voice vote.
Linda Whent,
Thomas Zeilsdorf
Richard Nimpheous
Richard Boucher
State Officers Parents

Neil Gibson moved we confer upon the following people the distinguished service citation
as a token of our appreciation. Seconded, motion passed voice vote.
Dagmar Hampton
Kim Bellah
Gordon Bethune
Art Boster
Jim Brabeck
Gonzales Young Farmers
Lou Harper
Tim O'Keefer
Wes Patton
Cliff Stokes

Mandy Foreman moved all 1,247 candidates be accepted pending membership verification.
Seconded. Motion passes voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Megan McReynolds
State FFA Secretary