

## REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1922

Meeting called to order by President C. S. Ristow.

Moved and carried that the chairman appoint a committee on nominations, resolutions and honorary membership committees. Appointed were: Nominations—H. E. Kreuger, F. E. Bell, E. J. Delwiche. Resolutions—Henry Michels, L. F. Graber. Honorary membership—R. A. Moore, P. W. Jones.

Minutes of last business meeting read by Sec. R. A. Moore, and adopted.

Financial report read by Sec. R. A. Moore, and adopted.

The committee on honorary membership reported, and recommended that honorary membership be conferred on the following: H. K. Wiley, Blackfoot, Idaho; J. N. Kavanaugh, Green Bay; W. E. Spreiter, Onalaska; W. P. Brenner, Green Bay; A. C. Murphy, Shawano. Moved and carried that the report be adopted and the above enrolled as honorary members.

The committee on nominations reported, and recommended: President, C. S. Ristow, Black River Falls; vice president, Emil Jacobsen, Green Bay; secretary, R. A. Moore, Madison; treasurer, R. H. Lang, Jefferson. Moved and carried that the report of the committee be adopted and the nominees be declared elected.

Moved and carried that a telegram be sent to Jippa Wielinga, Midway, as follows: "Jippa, we miss you at Green Bay."

The committee on resolutions reported, and recommended that the following resolutions be adopted:

Be it resolved: That the Wisconsin Experiment Association and its affiliated orders, appreciating the warm hospitality which the city of Green Bay and Brown county have extended to the grain show and annual meeting, the great efforts which Mr. Kavanaugh, Mr. Brenner and their committees have made in providing splendid accommodation for the show and for the association's meetings and for the entertainment of visitors, and the worthy purpose which actuated them—that of establishing a spirit of friendly co-operation and understanding between the country and city community—do hereby tender the sincere thanks and gratitude of the members of the experiment association and their affiliated orders.

WHEREAS, There is produced annually in Wisconsin a considerable quantity of flax straw which is now almost entirely a waste product, and in addition there are produced in this state other similar fibrous materials which are in urgent need of a market, and since preliminary investigations indicate that such material can be utilized for manufacturing a high grade of paper, and since the national department of agriculture already possesses a fully equipped laboratory for the investigation of raw materials for paper manufacture, and

WHEREAS, An appropriation of \$15,000 by the national government has been proposed for the investigation of flax straw for paper and pulp, this item to be included in the regular appropriation for research

work by the forest products laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Association that it is vitally important to the agricultural welfare of this state that experimentation with flax straw as a source of paper stock be conducted; that the association, therefore, requests and respectfully urges that the proposed appropriation be given favorable consideration by congress, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each senator and representative from Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, Large quantities of red clover and alfalfa seeds are annually imported into the United States, and

WHEREAS, Such imported seeds have been proven by careful and extensive tests to be for the most part decidedly inferior to American-grown seed, both in hardiness and purity, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the increasing number of failures to secure successful stands of clover and alfalfa are due in a large measure to the sowing of such imported seed, either straight or mixed with domestic seed, and

WHEREAS, It is possible to so extend the areas in the United States now producing clover and alfalfa seed that this country will produce ample supplies, and

WHEREAS, Such extensions of producing areas would quickly follow if producers were protected against the competition of cheap, imported seed, be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Association in annual convention assembled, that we favor the enactment of a tariff of not less than four cents per pound on red clover and alfalfa imported into the United States, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of this association be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each member of congress representing the state of Wisconsin.

The above resolutions were adopted by vote of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn carried.

## SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

R. A. Moore, secretary, reported on the use and condition of state and association funds as follows:

Balance in State Treasury, Jan. 24, 1921.....	\$ 3,971.63
State Appropriation, July 1, 1921.....	5,000.00
Receipts, Jan. 24, 1921-Jan. 20, 1922.....	1,801.54
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$10,773.17</b>
Disbursements, Jan. 24, 1921-Jan. 20, 1922.....	7,584.60
<b>Balance on hand, January 20, 1922.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,188.57</b>