



2015 ANNUAL FALL BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hilton Promenade Hotel

Branson, Missouri

October 15-16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Benefiel who welcomed all members that were present.

President Benefiel asked for a roll call. Secretary/Treasurer Ray Silvey reported that a quorum had been met.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2015 Spring Meeting and that the minutes stand as received through an e-mail. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey gave the Treasurer's report and stated that as of that date, the checking account balance was \$30,252.99.

Membership Report—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey announced that the Association had 80 Associate members, 13 regular members and 2 honorary members.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—Chairman Steve Davis reported that they were seeking support from the State Legislature to get a bill passed for relief for dairy farmers. He also reported \$85,000 had been awarded in scholarships.

Missouri Hall of Honors—Chairman Steve Davis announced that candidates for the various honors should be submitted for consideration. A motion was made to submit the name of Ed Mullins, Chief Executive Officer of Prairie Farms Dairy for Dairy Leadership Award. The motion was seconded and passed. In addition, it was suggested that the letters of recommendation from various parties be submitted in support of this nomination.

Scholarship—Scholarship Committee co-chairs, Chris Hackman and Doug Pratt, stated that recommendations should be made for scholarships for the University of Missouri and Kansas State University. A motion was made and seconded that the University of Missouri receive \$5,000 and Kansas State University receive \$3,000. The motion carried.

Correspondence—Ron Benefiel and Ray Silvey reported they had received several letters from University staff thanking MDPA for their financial support.

Legislative—Chairman Chris Hackman gave the status of legislative activity.

President Benefiel called for any old business. There being none, he called for any new business. A motion was made to hold the 2016 Fall Meeting again in Branson, Missouri at the Hilton Promenade Hotel. The meeting will be held on October 13-14, 2016.

There being no further business, President Benefiel dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray N. Silvey
Secretary/Treasurer