



2016 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tan-Tar-A Resort

Osage Beach, Missouri

June 1-3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Benefiel who welcomed all members and guests.

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

There was a motion made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The minutes stood as received via e-mail.

Secretary/Treasurer Silvey reported that the bank balance stood at \$45,816.26 and made special note that F & H Food Equipment Company made a special gift of \$5,000 towards the scholarship fund in remembrance of Mr. Wilbur Feagan.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Hall of Honors—The chairmanship of this committee is vacant but will be filled by the time of the fall meeting. In the absence of a chairman, Mr. Gene Wiseman gave the report.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—The chairmanship of this committee is vacant and will be filled by the time of the fall meeting.

Legislative—Chairman Chris Hackman reported the activity of the Missouri General Assembly's second session. Although there were over 2,000 bills introduced, only 139 were approved and sent to the governor. Unfortunately, nothing of particular benefit, directly or indirectly, to MDPA passed that session.

Chairman Hackman reported that the good news for the Association was that the Dairy Board received all of the funding it requested and the Dairy Revitalization Program received more funding than it had initially sought.

Chairman Hackman also gave an update on the attempt by electric companies to pass legislation characterized as "performance-based pricing." This could have resulted in an 85% increase over the next decade. Senator Gary Romine led the opposition of this bill to its defeat.

Chairman Hackman recommended that we retain The Britton Group as our lobbyist for the coming year. A motion was made and seconded to approve this recommendation. The motion carried.

Membership—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey reported that the Association had 82 Associate members, 14 Regular members and 2 Honorary Members.

Scholarship—Doug Pratt reported that a total of \$9,392.84 was either collected and/or committed to the Don Kullman Scholarship Fund during the Wednesday night dinner/boat ride. Doug Pratt and Chris Hackman recommended that \$5,000 be given to the Missouri University Scholarship Fund and \$3,000 be given to the Kansas State Scholarship Fund. A motion was made and seconded to approve these recommendations. The motion passed.

Audit—Doug Pratt announced that the audit report would be given at the fall meeting.

Correspondence—President Benefiel and Secretary/Treasurer Silvey reviewed several notes and letters from students and university personnel thanking MPDA for the scholarship funds received.

Old Business—President Benefiel asked for any Old Business. There being none, he asked for any New Business. Members are to make nominations for the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors and the Missouri Dairy Growth Council. It was announced by Terry Hughes that the 2017 spring meeting would be held at the Four Seasons Resort at Lake Ozark from May 31 through June 2, 2017.

Jeab Vardhanabhuti from the University of Missouri gave an update on the Food Service Department naming student recipients of the Don Kullman Scholarship Fund. She also announced the student names that served on the Dairy Products Evaluation Team and the results of the competitions.

Brent McCauley, also from the University of Missouri, gave a report on the MDPA Endowment Fund.

Dr. Michael Brouk of Kansas State University gave a report on the Food Science Institute activities. A group of Kansas State students presented their dairy science activities. Dr. Brouk announced that the University was establishing a scholarship fund through a Foundation to be known as the Professor Harold Roberts and Family Memorial Scholarship. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$5,000 toward the Foundation. The motion carried.

Kathy Broniecki gave an update on the MDPA website. It was recommended that there be a Transaction fee of 2.2%. A motion was made and seconded to approve this fee. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray N. Silvey
Secretary/Treasurer