



## **2018 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**The Lodge of Four Seasons**

**Lake Ozark, Missouri**

**May 30 – June 1, 2018**

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

President Benefiel announced Secretary/Treasurer Ray Silvey was unable to attend and expressed the best wishes of MDPA.

President Benefiel asked for a roll call and announced that a quorum had been met.

President Benefiel asked if the members would like the 2017 Fall Meeting minutes to be read. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and the motion carried. The minutes stood as received via email.

President Benefiel gave the Treasurer's report, stating that the current check balance stood at approximately \$24,700.00.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act**—Ron Thompson distributed a handout on the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015. MDPA actively supported the Revitalization Act legislation. Thompson reported that \$660,000 was distributed on March 30 to 366 Missouri dairy producers for Margin Protection Program (MPP) premium reimbursement. Twelve scholarship applicants were received, and eight \$5,000 scholarships were awarded. The 2019 Fiscal Year State Budget contains \$40,000 for the Act to fund additional scholarships with no producer reimbursement.

**Missouri Dairy Growth Council**—Ron Thompson distributed a handout depicting the Growth Council's recent support of the FFA Ag Career Day, MU Dairy Challenge Team, Missouri State 4-H Foundation for dairy judging and Labelle Dairy. Their May 30, 2018 bank balance was \$25,174.00.

**Missouri Hall of Honors**—Ron Thompson recognized the 2018 honorees, including MDPA member Chris Hackman for the Dairy Leadership Award and MDPA member Gene Wiseman for the Meritorious Service Award. The Hall's current bank balance was \$81,555.13.

**Legislative**—Legislative Chairman Chris Hackman deferred to James Durham of the Britton Group, our lobbyist, to give the Legislative report. Mr. Durham stated that it was a strange session because of issues involving the Governor and in the Legislature. He reported that 124 bills were passed (double last year) and 18 budget bills. He stated that HB 2006 was proposed to merge several boards and commissions, including the Missouri State Milk Board. MDPA testified against this and the Milk Board was excluded from the final bill. A bill was also passed to lower the state income tax and corporation tax in 2020.

**Membership**—No Membership report was given in Secretary/Treasurer Silvey's absence.

**Scholarship**—Chris Hackman announced that \$7,293.00, plus whatever amount Secretary/Treasurer Silvey has received earlier, was collected for the scholarship fund.

**Correspondence**— No Correspondence report was given in Secretary/Treasurer Silvey's absence.

**University Updates**—Dr. Mike Brouk of Kansas State University thanked the Association for contributions to the University's scholarship fund and announced that the Harold Roberts and Family Memorial Scholarship Fund had a balance of over \$26,000, and the first \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for the 2018/2019 school year.

Rick Linhardt of the University of Missouri distributed a handout and gave an update. He thanked MDPA for their support of the Don Kullman Scholarship Fund. The endowment balance was \$60,500.00. The 2018/2019 recipients are Nicole Carey, Emily Kirisits, Brandon Mallinckrodt and Hunter Rohlf. The University of Missouri Dairy Products Evaluation Team participated in the regional competition on April 7 in Grand Rapid, Michigan and placed first in the Milk category and second in the Ice Cream category. The team participated in the national competition on April 11 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and placed third in the Butter category.

**Website Sponsorships**—Karla Lubeck thanked DFA, Greenspot, Garratt-Callahan and Sanitube for their sponsorships of the MDPA website. The yearly sponsorship fee is \$100.00, and more sponsors are welcome.

**Old Business**—President Benefiel called for any old business. There being none, he called for any new business.

**New Business**—Discussion was held on the FFA Ag Career Day. President Benefiel reported on his involvement and recommended continuing support. It was moved and seconded to renew the \$1,000.00 sponsorship of the FFA Ad Career Day, held before the Heart of America Dairy Expo in Springfield, Missouri on January 19, 2019. The motion carried.

Nominations were requested from President Benefiel to name a new Auditor. Randy McGinnis was nominated. The nomination was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

Nominations for officers of the board were next. Nominations were made for Mike Dorrian of Hiland Dairy for president, Greg Helbig of Hiland Dairy for vice president, and Kevin Harrah of Denali Ingredients for board director. The nominations were moved and seconded. The motions carried.

It was moved and seconded to hold the 2019 MDPA Spring Meeting held May 29-31, 2019 at The Lodge of Four Seasons again. The motion was carried.

President Benefiel announced that the 2018 MDPA Fall Meeting will be held at the Hilton Promenade in Branson, Missouri on October 11-12, 2018.

President Benefiel asked for any more new business. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to conclude the business meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Drennan  
Executive Director of the Missouri Dairy Association