



2019 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Lodge of Four Seasons

Lake Ozark, Missouri

May 29 – 31, 2019

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

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

President Dorrian asked the members if the minutes from the 2018 Fall Meeting should be read. A motion was made by Chris Hackman and seconded by Ron Benefiel to dispense with the reading of the minutes; the motion carried. The minutes stood as received via email.

A Treasurer's report was not available at this time. New Executive Secretary/Treasurer Ted Barlows had not had adequate time to reconcile all accounts. It can now be certain that the fiscal year end account balance is \$7,408.97.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act—Jon Bebermeyer reported that the state funded at a 54% rate (\$650,000) in fiscal year 2017. He further reported eight scholarships for \$5,000 were awarded for fiscal year 2018 and that three scholarships for \$5,000 will be awarded in fiscal year 2019/2020. There was no producer reimbursement for fiscal years 2018/2019 nor 2019/2020.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—No report.

Missouri Hall of Honors—President Dorrian reminded the membership that nominations will be considered at the Fall Meeting in Branson. There was no further discussion.

Legislative—Legislative Chairman Chris Hackman discussed the 2019 Missouri Legislative session and described it as calm. He introduced James Durham with The Britton Group. James reported that for the 2019 legislative session, Missouri had a new Governor, a new Attorney General, a new Treasurer, and a new Republican group called "The Conservative Caucus". James reported the House passed 46 bills and the Senate approved 46 bills in the last two days of the session. He also indicated a bill supporting Missouri's Agricultural growth will be introduced next year and that a transportation funding bill (for between \$50MM and \$300MM, depending on Federal matching dollars) will be brought forth with the focus on bridge and road improvements. This should help bring Missouri Agricultural products to market more efficiently.

Membership—At the time of the Spring Meeting, a membership count was not verifiable. As current records show, we count 40 dues-paying members and 7 legislative contributors. Given our budget

outlays, our organization needs stronger membership support to continue to be sustainable. This topic will be discussed at the Fall Meeting in Branson.

Scholarship—Chris Hackman announced that the scholarship fundraiser aboard the Tropic Island brought in \$8,432.00, including a generous check from Buddeez, Inc. for \$5,562.00. Chris also reported on the status of the Don Kullman Scholarship Fund, a copy of which can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Correspondence— President Dorrian read thank you notes from Kullman Scholarship recipients.

University Updates—Dr. Rick Linhardt from the University of Missouri thanked the organization for current and past scholarship contributions. He outlined initiatives and gave an update on recent graduates.

Dr. Mike Brouk from Kansas State University also expressed gratitude for current and past scholarship donations. He reported that the fund had a balance of \$25,500.00, with an expendable 2019/2020 scholarship award of approximately \$5,500.00. The KSU School of Food Science has about 100 enrollees with 60% seeking a Bachelor's degree, 37% seeking a Master's degree and 3% being Doctoral candidates. Dr. Brouk also discussed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security project for an agricultural bio-defense facility, protecting against acts of food-borne terrorism.

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

New Business—Several members commented positively on the quality and content of the speakers during the Thursday program.

Doug Pratt reminded everyone about the scholarship fundraiser at Colbert Hills in Manhattan, Kansas on September 5, 2019.

President Dorrian reminded everyone of the Fall Meeting in Branson on October 10 – 11, 2019.

May 27 – 29, 2020 were confirmed as the dates for next year's Spring Board and Membership Meeting at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

President Dorrian asked for any additional new business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Barlows
Executive Secretary/Treasurer