



2017 ANNUAL FALL BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Hilton Promenade Hotel

Branson, Missouri

October 12-13, 2017

President Ron Benefiel called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the business meeting.

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

Secretary/Treasurer Silvey asked if the members would like the 2017 Spring Meeting minutes to be read. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Silvey gave the Treasurer's report and announced that the bank balance stood at \$14,501.20, however, there were checks received that had not yet been deposited.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Hall of Honors—Gene Wiseman discussed the Missouri Hall of Honors in place of Ron Thompson, Chairman, who was absent. Gene announced the nominees for each category and encouraged members to submit letters of support for the nominees. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Chris Hackman for the Leadership Award.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—In the absence of Ron Thompson, Gene Wiseman gave a report on the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act.

Legislative—Chris Hackman gave the Legislative report, stating that his committee discussed bills that had been introduced and their stagnation with a relatively quiet year for the dairy industry. The lobbyist roll and weekly legislative updates were also discussed. Mr. Hackman also said that it was time to address the lobbyist hiring for the coming year. He recommended that the MDPA rehire the current lobbyist. A motion was made and seconded to rehire The Britton Group. The motion carried.

Membership—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey announced that the current MDPA membership stood at 84 associate members, 14 regular members and 2 honorary members.

Scholarship—Doug Pratt, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported that \$8,256.20 was collected at last year's June dinner cruise, of which included \$4,351.20 from Bundeex. Mr. Pratt also reported that scholarships in the amounts of \$2,000 would be awarded to KSU and \$6,000 to MU, which had been approved by the members. Mr. Pratt stated that he will continue to have the fall outing at Colbert Hills and proceeds would go to MDPA to benefit scholarships at MU and KSU. The fundraiser will again be held at Colbert Hills on September 6th.

Audit—Ted Barlows, Auditor, gave the audit report, stating that he approved the financial books.

Correspondence—President Benefiel and Secretary/Treasurer Silvey reported the correspondence received. Several letters were sent from university officials and students expressing appreciation for the scholarship funds received.

Old Business/New Business—President Benefiel called for any old business. There being none, he called for any new business. Dave Drennan, Executive Director of the Missouri Dairy Association, presented plans for the first FFA Ag Career Day on January 18, 2018 at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield, Missouri. MDPA could participate on the industry panel on the program. Mr. Drennan requested a \$1,000 sponsorship from MDPA. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to grant the \$1,000, including on an ongoing annual basis.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to conclude the business meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray N. Silvey
Secretary/Treasurer