



2017 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Lodge of the Four Seasons

Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

May 31 – June 2, 2017

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

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

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

Secretary/Treasurer Silvey gave the Treasurer's report, stating that the current check balance stood at \$20,527.57. He also announced that \$8,256.20 was collected for the scholarship fund.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—Chairman Ron Thompson reported on the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of 2015. He reported that the Act generated 70% of the federal payout with a maximum of \$.34 per hundred weight. Fifteen \$5,000 intern scholarships were awarded. The Missouri Dairy Association requested \$700,000 in funds to reimburse producers for 2014, 2015 and 2016 sign-ups.

He announced that Chris Chinn is the Director of Agriculture.

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 within the Legislature. He reported that fifty-five bills were passed but not much activity in dairy legislation. He stated that the Milk Board was funded but the Agriculture Budget was cut. The Right to Work law was passed along with Real I.D Travel.

Membership—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey announced that the Association currently had 84 Associate members, 14 Regular members and Honorary members.

University Updates—Doctor 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 \$24,902.36 through April 30, 2017.

Dr. Jeab Vardhanabhuti of the University of Missouri gave the names of the recipients of the MDPA Don Kullman scholarships. She also reported the names of the 2017 Missouri Dairy Products Evaluation team and the results of the National Contest held in Wisconsin by the Cheese Makers Association. The team took first place in butter.

Mr. Brent McCauley from the University of Missouri announced that the University was entering into a Fundraising Support effort to update facilities. He stated that the University was under a 12% budget cut.

Business Meeting—President Benefiel called for any old business. There being none, he asked for any New Business. Doug Pratt requested to discuss merging the Missouri Dairy Products Association with the Kansas Association. After much discussion, it was decided to appoint a committee to look into this matter. The committee will report back to the membership at the Fall Meeting.

Nominations were requested from President Benefiel to name a new Auditor. Greg Helbig nominated Ted Barlows which was seconded, voted on and passed.

President Benefiel announced that the Fall Meeting would be held at the Hilton Promenade in Branson, Missouri on October 12 and 13.

President Benefiel asked for any more new business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray N. Silvey
Secretary/Treasurer