



2019 ANNUAL FALL BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Hilton Promenade Hotel

Branson, Missouri

October 10 – 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Mike Dorrian, who welcomed all members and guests.

The calling of a role was waived and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee Reports:

Audit Report—The audit report was given by Randy McGinnis, who reported reviewing the association’s check register and found things to be in order. Executive Secretary/Treasurer Ted Barlows added that at fiscal year-end, MDPA had a balance of \$7,409.03 and that the board was requested to stay after the culmination of the regular meeting to further discuss the association’s finances.

Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors—The Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors report was given by Jon Bebermeyer, who recommended past DFA employee, Ron Thompson, be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award at the 2020 Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors installation luncheon. Jon Bebermeyer offered a motion recommending the same and it was seconded by Ron Benefiel. The recommendation was voted on and passed.

Membership—The membership report was jointly given by President Mike Dorrian and Executive Secretary/Treasurer Ted Barlows, reporting that the association has 31 paid associate members and 12 paid processor members. It was discussed that in order to stay viable, the organization needs more members of both classifications. Potential processor prospects include Pacific Dairy, Jasper Products, Aurora Organic Dairy and Blue Bell Ice Cream (which has actively participated in our last two meetings as a guest).

Legislative—The legislative report was given by Chris Hackman, who reported that compared to the last two sessions, 2019 was relatively calm with few proposals directly related to dairy and dairy processing. The Britton Group, our legislative liaison, and their fee were discussed. It was agreed that they’ve done an acceptable job of keeping the association informed of proposals effecting our industry. Chris Hackman made the motion to retain them again for the 2020 session, which was seconded by Rick Beaman. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Scholarship—The scholarship report was also given by Chris Hackman. He provided an update on the Don Kullman Scholarship Fund and reported a balance of \$60,239.98 with a distribution balance to award of \$5,122.35. At this point, President Mike Dorrian added comments about the Harold Roberts Scholarship Fund as Dr. Brouk was not able to attend. The Roberts Scholarship balance stands at

\$26,674.97 with an expendable balance of about \$4,500. Both funds offered information about recipients of recent awards and their respective achievements. Chris Hackman made a motion that MDPA award \$6,000 to MU and \$2,000 to KSU funds for the association's 2019-2020 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Randy McGinnis and carried by voice vote. President Mike Dorrian entered that \$3,280.00 was raised in Manhattan, Kansas, in September under Doug Pratt's prior Dairy Tech event format. Disbursement of this amount was tabled pending executive committee meeting.

Correspondence— President Mike Dorrian shared that beyond Dr. Brouk's letter, there was no further correspondence.

University Updates—In attendance from Missouri University were Dr. Rick Linhardt and students Allison Martin, Brandon Mallinckrodt, Hunter Rohlf and Jackson Weskamp. The team made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting their activities and accomplishments the past year. The students treated MDPA membership and guests to an original ice cream flavor they developed for a social event the Dean of Agriculture was hosting. MU Paw-Paw ice cream (with flavor akin to a mango/banana) was enjoyed by all. Those in attendance thanked the students for an education on the use of a native Missouri fruit.

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act—No report.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—No report.

Old Business/New Business—All in attendance were reminded about the MDPA Spring Meeting at The Lodge of Four Seasons, May 27-20, 2020. Also discussed was when/if the processor membership grows, the association will consider moving the Fall Meeting from time to time to visit new member locations. That being said, the motion was made by Randy McGinnis and seconded by Jon Bebermeyer to hold the 2020 Fall Meeting at the Hilton Promenade Hotel in Branson, Missouri. The motion carried.

Due to a conflict with schedules, the 2020 Fall Meeting will be held at the Hilton Promenade Hotel in Branson, Missouri, on October 1-2, 2020.

The general meeting was adjourned with a request that board members stay to discuss association financials afterward.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Barlows
Executive Secretary/Treasurer