



**2020 SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**(IN LIEU OF GENERAL FALL MEMBER MEETING DUE TO COVID-19)**

**Sunrise Beach, Missouri**

**October 1-2, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Dorrian.

In Attendance: Mike Dorrian (President), Greg Helbig (Vice President), Ron Benefiel (Interim Executive Secretary/Treasurer), Chris Hackman (Board Member: Legislative/Scholarship), Randy McGinnis (Auditor) and Kevin Harrah (Board Member: Nominating).

Absent: Doug Pratt (Board Member: Nominating/Scholarship) and Jon Bebermeyer (Board Member: Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors/Missouri Dairy Growth Council).

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit**—The audit report was given by McGinnis, who presented financials, noting the fiscal year-end balance is \$10,791.49. McGinnis offered the books ended in good order. Benefiel reported numbers, stating that he has worked extensively on an excel spreadsheet that will be used for tracking moving forward to run congruent with written records. It was announced that there are two outstanding checks open/not deposited (Belfonte Dairy and Corbion).

**Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors/Missouri Dairy Growth Council**—Hackman noted that to the best of his understanding, these are on hiatus until 2021 due to COVID-19 (both are inactive and no communications have been put out at this time).

**Membership**—2020 Membership includes 37 paid memberships (14 processor, 22 supplier and 1 government). It was noted that the new Denali Ingredients contact is Doug Allen.

**Legislative**—Hackman presented the end-of-session legislative liaison report from The Britton Group. The board had a discussion on raw milk efforts of Missouri and Iowa industry groups' efforts on prevention.

**Scholarship**— No money went to the University of Missouri due to the cancellation of the 2020 MDPA Spring Meeting and scholarship fundraiser. Kansas State University Foundation was paid \$2000.00 in June for scholarship funding. At end of the fiscal year (August 31, 2020) the check had not yet been deposited by the foundation. An additional \$2,400.00 was raised in September (post-fiscal year end) in Manhattan for Kansas State University, which will be presented during the 2021 MDPA Spring Meeting for membership to authorize awarding.

**Nominating**—The board discussed the open Executive Secretary/Treasurer position currently being filled in the interim by Benefiel. McGinnis stated he has a contact that has subcontracted for multiple groups for bookkeeping and would be willing to investigate the idea further. Bill Wilberding is also in consideration post-retirement, but Benefiel will stay on as Interim Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the time being.

**Correspondence**—No report.

**University Updates**—No report.

**Old Business/New Business**—The 2021 MDPA Spring Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 2-4, 2021 and the 2021 MDPA Fall Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 7-8, 2021. There was a discussion about having the 2021 Spring Meeting at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Dorrian will reach out to the Chairman of the Spring Meeting, Terry Hughes, to look into Margaritaville as a venue for the 2021 Spring Meeting, as Benefiel and Harrah reported problems with The Lodge of Four Seasons accommodations (lack of water pressure and hot water).

The board discussed the Spring and Fall Meetings being revenue-neutral and how to avoid expenses from being paid out of general fund. Based on review of past meetings, expense obligations for the meetings appear to have been needed to be paid from general fund, and 2021 meeting planning needs to take it into consideration on when setting meeting fee charges.

Hackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Benefiel  
Interim Executive Secretary/Treasurer