



2022 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Lodge of Four Seasons

Lake Ozark, Missouri

June 1-3, 2022

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

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

President Dorrian asked Interim Secretary/Treasurer Ron Benefiel if there were any minutes from the previous meeting. Ron explained to the members that a copy of the minutes from the 2021 MPDA Fall Meeting are posted on the MDPA website for public review. The minutes stood as received via the MDPA website.

Interim Secretary/Treasurer Benefiel gave the Treasurer's report, stating that the current check balance was \$56,242.08, this is pre-expense charges for the 2022 Spring Meeting venue. Benefiel announced that \$9,830.00 was collected for the MDPA Don Kullman Scholarship Fund – \$2,450.00 from the Kansas Dairy Tech Fundraiser in the fall of 2021 and \$7,380.00 during the dinner cruise held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act—In Joe Brinker's absence, Jon Bebermeyer gave a brief update on the Revitalization Act.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council— In Joe Brinker's absence, Jon Bebermeyer gave a brief update on the Growth Council.

Missouri Hall of Honors—No report.

Legislative—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 yet another strange session. Mr. Durham gave a detailed report on the legislative activities.

Membership—Interim Secretary/Treasurer Benefiel reported that as of June 3, 2022, the MDPA is still short 70% of the 2022 membership dues. Only 23 members are current on their dues payment and **77 members are past due**. Those members delinquent on the 2022 dues were urged to submit their payments ASAP.

Scholarship— Pete Hood gave a report on the current scholarship activity:

- Dr. Brouk with K-State has retired and Hood stated he will get the new contact for K-State University.
- The scholarship monies raised from the 2021 Fall and 2022 Spring fundraisers will be discussed and allocated at the 2022 MDPA Fall Meeting.

Audit—No report.

Correspondence— No correspondences received.

University Updates— Rick Linhardt, University of Missouri, distributed a handout and gave an update. He thanked MDPA for their support of the Don Kullman Scholarship Fund.

- The Missouri students competed in the 2022 National Dairy Judging Contest hosted by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association.
 - The Mizzou Team placed 2nd in Ice Cream, 3rd in Butter, 3rd in Cottage Cheese, and 4th in All Products. Undergraduates included Neilson Haddock (3rd in Butter) and Michael Tran (4th in All Products). Graduate student Yu Wang placed 3rd in Butter.
- The Mizzou Dairy faculty are currently seeking the funds to re-establish the ice cream parlor at the university.

Website Sponsorships—Kathy Broniecki gave the group a website update and thanked the sponsors for their support to the website. Website sponsorships are \$100.00 annually.

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

New Business—New business topics included:

- Interim Secretary/Treasurer Benefiel presented to the group that they should have a discussion on transferring some cash from the checking account to an interest-earning account. Discussions were held and decided to leave a balance of \$10,000.00 in the checking and explore the options that would best benefit the MDPA. Chairman Hackman made a motion and Chairman Bebermeyer seconded the motion, to allow Bill Wilberding (incoming Secretary/Treasurer) and Greg Helbig (incoming President) the authority to investigate what fund would be appropriate for the excess balance greater than \$10,000.00. The motion was carried.
- Discussions were also held to move banking operations once Helbig and Wilberding begin their roles as President and Secretary/Treasurer to allow for easier access. Currently, MDPA's bank institution has limited branches to access, with none in the locations of Edwardsville, IL (Wilberding's location) or Springfield, IL (Helbig's location).

- It was moved and seconded to hold the 2023 MDPA Spring Meeting from May 31 – June 2, 2023, at The Lodge of Four Seasons. The motion was carried. (Details will be posted on the website.)

President Dorrian asked for any additional new business. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to conclude the business meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Benefiel
Interim Secretary/Treasurer