



2015 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tan-Tar-A Resort

Osage Beach, Missouri

May 27-29, 2015

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2014 Fall Meeting and that the minutes stand as received through an e-mail. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey gave the Treasurer's report and reported that as of April 30, 2015 the checking account balance stood at \$30,966.61.

Missouri Hall of Honors—In the absence of Chairman Steve Davis, Dr. Robert Marshall gave the report. He stated that the following awards were presented to the following individuals on February 6, 2015:

Dairy Leadership—Lloyd Gunter, a dairy farmer from Webster County, MO and Vice-Chair of the Missouri Dairy Association.

Meritorious Service—Dale Ludwig, Vice President of the MU Foundation, Treasurer of Missouri Farmers Care and Chair Emeritus of the Missouri Biotechnology Association.

Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder—Janice Ling of the Robinson Farm: World record in milk production, nominated as an all American and bulls that excel in the AI industry.

Pioneer Dairy Leader—Wilbur Feagan: Outstanding contribution to much of the dairy industry and its organizations, especially to the Dairy Hall of Honors Foundation.

Dr. Marshall reported that there are currently 141 persons on the list of foundation endowments and that each has been honored by a gift or gifts (minimum of \$100) by friends.

He also reported that Trustees that represent the Dairy Breed Associations, the dairy processing industry, MDA, MDPA and the faculty at the University of Missouri are responsible to oversee the two dedicated rooms in the Animal Sciences building at MU and to bring new persons to be honored for the four awards each year.

Treasurer Rex Ricketts gave a brief report showing approximately \$18,000 in the checking account and \$45,000 in investments.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—In the absence of Chairman Steve Davis, Dave Drennen gave a report on Missouri's milk production.

Legislation—Chairman Chris Hackman gave a report on the legislative bills that had been introduced during the year. He recommended that the current lobbying firm be retained for another year. A motion was made and seconded to retain the current firm for a year. The motion carried.

Scholarship Fund—Co-Chairs Chris Hackman and Doug Pratt reported there were three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 awarded to the University of Missouri. Kansas State also received scholarship funds. They reported that \$5,957 in donations were collected on the dinner cruise.

Membership—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey reported that the Association currently had 14 Regular members, 83 Associate members and 2 Honorary members.

Correspondence—President Benefiel and Silvey reported on correspondence received. Several letters were received from University officials and students thanking MDPA for the Association's financial aid.

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

New Business—Jeab Vardhanabhuti and Bret McCauley of the University of Missouri reported and handed out a report that showed the Don Kullman Scholarship Endowment Fund stood at \$57,105.56 and the distribution balance (available to award) \$6,788.56. The report also showed the past recipients from the fund. Vardhanabhuti reported on the various competition results.

Kathy Broniecki, our website guru, gave a brief tutorial on how to find things on the MDPA website and the updates that will be made for the fall meeting. She also passed around a list of members for updating. She asked anyone that wished to be in the membership directory to go to the website and complete their information. Chris Hackman requested that it be made clearer that the links are embedded in the newsletter. Brent McCauley from MU will add the internship contact information to the website.

There was discussion regarding where to hold next year's spring meeting. A motion was made and seconded to hold the meeting again next year at the Tan-Tar-A Resort. The motioned carried. The MDPA 2016 spring meeting will be held from June 1st to June 3rd.

There being no further business, President Benefiel dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray N. Silvey
Secretary/Treasurer