

January 22, 2016 UPPA Annual Membership Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Jim Webb, UPPA President.

Jim Webb read the minutes from July 2015 and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Ed Kluber. Mike Flasev seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Dwight Potter, Treasurer of UPPA, presented the financials. The balance in the check off account \$41,923. The balance in the non check off account \$21,908. A motion was made to accept the financials by Ed Kluber. Chris Griffin seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Membership applications were available and encouraged so that current paid members would be able to vote for available Board of Directors positions.

Board Elections were held for the Allied Industry Representative, an independent and a commercial position. Ed Kluber, Mike Flasev and Dr. Leon Orme's positions have expired.

Chris Griffin nominated Mike Flasev to fill the independent position. Todd seconded the motion. All independent voting members were in favor.

Ruben Vasquez nominated Cole Sorenson to fill the commercial position. Ed Kluber seconded the motion. All commercial voting members were in favor.

Mike Flasev nominated Dr. Clay Isom from USU as the allied industry representative. Cole Sorenson seconded the motion. All voting members of UPPA were in favor.

These 3 positions will be board members for a term of 3 years.

Updates were given on the UPPA Youth Pork Ambassador Scholarship. These updates will be available on the website the following week. Notice will be sent out when the scholarship updates have been made and are available.

Mike Flasev and Todd Ballard will be attending the 2016 Pork Industry Forum March 3-5 2016 in Indianapolis, IN. Allison Fiscus will also attend as Executive Director.

A Pork Check Off report was given by Allison Fiscus to the attendees. Jennifer Koeman, NPB was unable to attend the meeting. The report focused on the 3 components of the NPB strategic plan and how UPPA is also focusing our activities and events to coincide with the NPB strategic plan.

Jim Webb gave an update on Haven the litigation that is ongoing. He commented that when UPPA is contacted by the media, any comments are directed to Steve Styler, UPPA attorney.

Dr. Steve Patterson, a veterinarian from Shelbina MO, and Ed Kluber led a round table discussion on the new antibiotic feed directive that will become effective in 2017.

Dr. Steve Patterson spoke on the top 10 health concerns in the pork industry. His presentation included slides and discussion on several diseases and challenges facing today's farmers. He will have slides available of his presentation.

Rusty Bastain, President of Redmond Minerals, spoke during lunch. He gave an overview of his products and how they can assist in animal production. Information on his products were given to all attendees.

MATC chef, Nancy Weller, shared bacon jam and the recipe with the attendees.

Dr. Steve Patterson spoke again after lunch on products and solutions available to the farmer in helping to diagnose situations on the farm for better prevention and treatment options.

Dr. Barry Pittman, Utah State Vet, spoke on agriculture in Utah and challenges facing the state. Slides of his presentation are available.

Rhonda Miller, Composting specialist from USU, spoke on composting of deceased animals in agriculture. She had a slide deck handout for all attendees.

Steve Meyer, a pork economic analyst, joined the meeting in a conference call to discuss the economic forecast for hogs in 2016 and the other commodities in agriculture. At this time prices for hogs are down but this will turn around. He gave a positive outlook as a forecast to encourage the farmers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.