Participating members and those not in attendance

Randy Walker, President, Bruce Arentsen, President Elect, Wendy Flatt, Secretary/Treasurer, Joanne Knapp, Past President, Phil Krueger, Director, Chris Hostetler, Director, Don Martell, Director, Judy Reynolds, Director, Chad Risley, Director, Aaron Park, Director, Kenneth Cummings, Executive VP of ARPAS. Amber Moffet, Director not in attendance.

Introductions:

Aaron Park, new director

Wendy Flatt, new ARPAS Midwest Chapter secretary/treasurer

Approval of Minutes (August 31, 2015 conference call), no additions or corrections, motion to approve minutes by Judy, Bruce seconded, motion approved.

Agenda items:

Treasurers report – Wendy Flatt

Membership update - People are registering and renewing membership. On November 6 ARPAS Midwest had 141 paid members, 4 that renewed did not renew with Mid-West Chapter. It was reported by Randy that a lot will happen on membership between now and end of the year.

Chad reported about the MN nutrition Conference on September 16th and 17th. He reported that attendance was good, the conference was very organized, ARPAS did a 5 to 10 minute presentation about the organization and why people should join. He reported that there were some good questions asked, it was a very positive place for ARPAS to be presented, a good venue for non-ruminant nutrition folks, there were about 50 to 60 people in the room. Some of the questions asked during the ARPAS session were: how hard is the exam, how are people reminded about membership renewal, etc.

The ARPAS MW Chapter sponsored a speaker during the general session on the 1st day. Breakout sessions on the 2nd day were equally divided between ruminants, equine and non-ruminants. Judy asked about getting more ARPAS exams given at this event. Couple of issues with this conference was the length and time constraint of the conference, the general meeting had around 200 people.

Tri-State Nutrition Conference in Fort Wayne, IN

Joann and Don are part of the organizing conference group. There will be a graduate student dinner and networking opportunity with ARPAS at no cost to the graduate students and their advisors. In the past about 75 attended and about 10 to 12 exams were given during the conference. A presentation was given to the graduate students to teach them about the value of ARPAS. Motion made and seconded to approve 2016 sponsorship. Motion carried. Conference brings in around 300 to 400 people and will be April 18 to April 20, 2016 at the Hilton Convention Center.
Midwest ADSA/ASAS in Des Moines, IA

Randy reported that last year, ARPAS, Midwest participated in a graduate student learn & dinner, an information table was also provided in the hall during the conference and ARPAS gave a $1,000 sponsorship. Joanne requested that a room for the exam be provided for privacy and quiet for test takers, she also thought it would be a good idea to try and get some sponsorship for the graduate “learn & dinner” portion of the meeting. Bruce suggested a pre-meeting printing of the exam times, how to prepare for the meeting, prepare people for the test and to work with FASS office to email participants of the conference to get them interested in taking the test and becoming members of ARPAS. Joanne motioned to have an ARPAS Midwest presence at the ASAS/ADSA Midwest meetings. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting is March 13 to 17 2016 in Des Moines, IA.

Industry Relations Committee update from Amber Moffet not available.

University relations committee,

Joanne agreed to serve as a co-chair, and said we needed to get out in front of faculty and student organization about what ARPAS is and does. Reaching out to university faculty, extension specialists, students and student organizations to coordinate and facilitate with ARPAS members that are located in the Mid-West region who are not part of ARPAS Midwest Chapter.

Action List from August Meeting

1. Itemized expenses/income were received from FASS
2. Comments from those attending the 4-State Nutrition Conference were short and brief, 3 people took exam, this meeting is in 1st week of June
3. Proposal regarding opt out option for membership renewal - Joanne didn’t write a proposal but Kenneth did to take to executive committee. This will require action by the ARPAS Governing Council and we should have report for next meeting

Discussion topics

MW Chapter Directors at Midwest ADSA/ASAS meetings, Joanne thought it was very productive, no expense incurred to chapter to talk face to face.

Town Hall meetings at sponsored events discussed and most thought it was a good idea to provide a Midwest Chapter update. This was done at Tri-State this last year and it seemed productive and worthwhile with about 20 people

JAM reinstatement – Joanne discussed Jam 2019.org grassroots effort. Joanne said there have been a number of reports and email lists generated. Next week (November 13) there will be emails sent out asking for resolutions with legal standing to reinstate JAM (Joint Animal Science Meeting), do not have official go ahead from ASAS or ADSA.

Randy Walker thanked the participants and meeting was adjourned.