ARPAS teleconference June 22nd

Present members: Randy Walker, Bruce Artensen, Wendy Flatt, Amber Krotky, Chris Hostettler, Chad Risley and Aaron Park

Members not present: Judy Reynolds, Don Martell, Phil Krueger, Joanne Knapp, Kenneth Cummings,

Treasurer’s report: Total Revenue as of 05/31/2016 $4, 990, the Midwest ARPAS Chapter Dinner was paid and cost $4, 095 leaving a balance of $2, 352.16 in our account.

Approval of minutes—corrections noted, need to change Midwest Chapter meeting from “to attend” verses “not to host.” Three board members are cycling off. Bruce motioned, Chris seconded motion, motion passed.

Treasurer’s report from Tri-State Dairy Conference, received five sponsors, still missing check from one sponsor of $500.00. Do not know where the 2015 ticket sales were, will find out and report that number.

Midwest ARPAS, membership is 167, we have three more members that took the test, out of those 1 has since joined Midwest ARPAS. Wendy sent new ARPAS members a thank you email and asked them to consider joining Midwest ARPAS Chapter for $15.00 per year. Our group discussed “opting out” of Midwest ARPAS instead of “opting in” when membership renewal comes up every year. People are more likely to stay “in” if they are already. Wendy reported that she would talk to Dr. Jim White, the MFA Nutritionist at Headquarters to join Midwest ARPAS.

Chapter elections deadline is June 24th, Kelsey is going to tabulate ballots and notify the winners, need 3 new directors which includes the President of Midwest ARPAS.

Four State Nutrition Conference, provided a free booth space for ARPAS the trade show, which was manned during the conference, 1 person took the dairy ARPAS test during the conference.

MN Nutrition Conference----Midwest ARPAS wants to sponsor the graduate student competition during this conference to increase participation into ARPAS, which would be a better venue verses a breakfast or lunch so that there is more and better interaction with the grad students during the slotted times. John Goyle is the contact ???? and they will get back to our chapter about us sponsoring this competition for graduate students.

Industry relations committee report
Amber said she is trying to figure out how to include more people including graduate students, ID benefits and goals for ARPAS to those folks that are in private industry that aren’t in front of producers, consulting, tech services or research and development of new products, etc. One of her ideas is making sure that people are part of ARPAS and add the letter to their last name of PAS, how do we encourage members to use PAS designation more effectively??

Professional development committee report
Discussed doing survey sent about availability of having a piece in another part of a conference, progress on getting speakers and promotion, the idea was brought up about having something during the 2017 MN Nutrition Conference (it would be collaborated with).
JAM report
ARPAS governing council will meet
Randy will give the Midwest ARPAS area report and he asked the board for help
He wants to purpose ARPAS members opting out of Midwest ARPAS instead of opting in

Governing Council
All day meeting
20 different reports in the morning and afternoon sessions
Membership renewal is talked about but mainly the meeting consists of reports
By-Law changes were sent to us to vote on

July 1 2016 to June 30 2017 is fiscal year, Bruce will be president

Randy gave thanks for our participation thru out the year
Our Midwest chapter of ARPAS is about 5 years old and membership is continually growing

Social media for ARPAS??
New Development might have new member who could help us with this as currently ARPAS does not have a presence on social media of any kind.

ARPAS International membership was brought up during this weekend
There is currently a sister organization in South America and South Africa,
Anyone can join internationally
Randy didn’t know if Canada has this type of organization

Any other discussion??
Amber did follow up about social media and wondered who would manage it?
If a social media presence is something ARPAS decides we need to have in the Midwest region
who would be responsible for updated it on a timely manner.
Someone needs to follow up with the National ARPAS Headquarters on this topic

Randy thanked everyone for participating
Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting, motion passed.