Minutes of the December 3, 2016 Midwest ARPAS meeting

Balance of Midwest ARPAS account is $2,298

Attendance: Kenneth Cummings, Wendy Flatt, Bruce Artensen, Aaron Park,

Kenneth Cummings informed us that membership dues would not be added until first of year.

Midwest Animal Science meetings

- Turn out at grad student breakfast is not well attended we’ve sponsored in past Randy suggested we do another activity to promote Midwest ARPAS to graduate students.
- Phil Kruger said we should do something else along with several other board members.
- Next 3 months, communicate with potential industry, university and students to take ARPAS test at Midwest Animal Science meetings along with Industry Relations committee and university relations committee.
- Amber Moffett is willing to work with another person to invite Midwest ASAS participants to take ARPAS test in Omaha, NE
  - Kenneth said an email could be sent to meeting participants and a letter could be sent to department heads at the universities by ARPAS to let them know they can take the test there.
  - Both industry and university relations committee could work on this letter and get information to ARPAS.
  - Coffee sleeves with ARPAS logo are very inexpensive and a nice little promotion item.
  - In the past Midwest ARPAS sponsored a speaker for the Midwest ASAS meetings, it was usually held during the evening and was very poorly attended.
    - A meal was usually associated with it but Kenneth could not remember if the meal was sponsored by ARPAS
  - Our group decided that having an ARPAS booth, coffee sleeves and doing the test was enough, we decided not to sponsor a speaker.

Wendy asked about a poster competition for the graduate student papers, Randy will check with Megan about what is done for the ASAS Midwest meetings in relation to graduate student poster competition.

Kenneth was going to call Megan about ARPAS having a meeting room for exams, etc. and giving a sponsorship of maybe $500.00 for Midwest ASAS meetings 13 to 15th in Omaha, NE.

MN Nutrition Conference discussion for ½ day before the conference, our group discussed

- Sponsoring a speaker
- Have a seminar/roundtable
- Headline speaker sponsorship for the MN nutrition conference to well to share costs
  - Two top topics of the survey: Leadership, communication/interpersonal skills
  - Registration is approximately $100.00
• If we had 25 to 30 people to come would bring $2,500 to $3,000 which would give our group a good start on a budget
• Several suggestion were made for possible speakers including a guy from Feedstuffs, Rick Lamb from the Equine Side and a radio personality, ideas need to be sent to Aaron Park.

Bruce motioned that the board needed to move forward with planning of this new conference, motioned passed unanimously

Suggestion for ARPAS exam Monday at 5:00 PM or Tuesday at 1:00 PM, maybe have the exam given twice

Bruce adjourned meeting at 2:53 PM