

MDPB Minutes 4/28/15, MFBO, 249 Lakeside Ave., Marlborough, Ma

In attendance:

Mary Jordan - Chair
Sam Shields—Vice Chair
Darryl Williams – Treasurer
Krisanne Koebke – Secretary
Lynne Bohan—Board Member
Warren Shaw—Board Member
Dave Hanson – Board Member
Kathy Herrick—Board Member

Julia Grimaldi, MDPB Coordinator

Not in attendance:

ANF Board Member

Meeting called to order by Mary Jordan at 10:35

General Business:

Secretary’s Report: Motion to accept the minutes from 3/17/15

Motion to accept made by Darryl

Lynne 2nd to accept

All in favor

Treasurer’s Report: numbers as of 4/28/15

Total revenue 2015: \$25,051.17

Total Expenses: \$ 14,902.01

Uncommitted Balance: \$174,996.60

Unexpended: \$177,203.46

Dave moves to accept treasurer’s report

Lynne 2nd to accept

All in favor

Updates:

AMS QP Application filed on 4/22/15

Sam: Has there ever been any concerns from AMS previously, no we have always been qualified
Farm Credit East will host dairy webinar on May 4th at 11 am, farmcrediteast.com/webinars for registration

Dan Lass/UMass cost of production survey will be basis for Edible Pioneer Valley article for summer issue

Darryl: It’s a difficult concept, milk pricing, to discuss, we want consumers to understand the constraints to dairy farming, but not to be viewed as “poor” dairy farmer. Concept of wholesale milk producers is not familiar to CISA, it doesn’t speak to their audience.

Sam: We need to keep pushing the issue to educate consumers about the wholesale dairy story.

Dave Hanson: Shared an experience at Ag Club meeting that the VP of MGC called dairy farmers stupid for not making cheese, and shipping milk.

Darryl: Diane Kroll reached out to Darryl and Lucinda, farm tour for elementary school in Springfield, June event w/Sodexo will recognize dairy farmers in June at the school. A FUTP 60 school will include Patriots.

Old Business:

MDPB Grant FY16: \$151,925

All grantees have been notified of their awards

4 out of 6 Scopes of Work/Attachment A are being reviewed by legal to ensure RFR criteria is met

MCG & NEDPB are still being developed

New Business:

MADF Summer Picnic – Friday, Aug. 21 at High Lawn Farm, Lee

Warren made a motion to have a MDPB table @ Summer Picnic for \$200-\$250

Sam 2nd to accept

Sam: Julia has a discretionary budget of \$1,500 to use without the Board's approval.

Dave: If a meeting is scheduled than we should approve a budgetary request, however if we do not have a meeting scheduled than Julia has the ability to spend from her discretionary budget.

Julia: We will need more activity books.

Julia's EPRS July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Motion made by Darryl that mid-year review for Julia receives a "meets." She does a good job keeping the Board on task.

Warren 2nd to accept

Motion made by Darryl that final review for Julia receives a meets. Lynne Julia has brought new ideas to the RFR process, Dave, Annual mtg report is very efficient and informative. Warren said something good.

Sam 2nd to accept

Spring Fling on Sat, May 2nd @ Hanson Farm, 9 am. The cows get let out.

Next meeting: Oct 13, 2015, MFBO @ 10 am.

Public comment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:00

Respectfully submitted

Krisanne Koebke, Secretary