

**CONNECTICUT POULTRY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**General Meeting**  
**7 PM, Wednesday, October 18, 2017**  
**York Room, George White Building (Animal Science)**  
**University of Connecticut, Storrs 06269-4040**  
<http://www.ctpoultry.com>

**MINUTES - DRAFT**

**Call to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by CPA Secretary Mike Darre

**Members Present:** Katie Adkins, Dale Allen, Steve Bspuda, Morris Burr, Mike Darre, Melanie Exley, Nicole McKay, Jim Murdock, Wendy Nichlos, Eleanore Provencal, Ken Rapoport, Don Robinson, Charles Rowland, Erica Sherzer. (Regrets: Mazhar Khan, Mike Pennington, Rich Ray)

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting of May 17, 2017 was not recorded as there were few in attendance. However a few people looked at the MPPU.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no report.

**MPPU Update :** Michael Darre led a discussion of the status of the MPPU. He introduced Brian LaVoie who has volunteered to be the driver/unit manager. He has more than 15 years of experience with small poultry flock processing . He holds a current CDL and is able to drive and manage the unit. The unit is still at the UConn Poultry Farm and is awaiting the formation of the Board of Directors and the formation of the LLC to run the unit. We have funds to insure the unit and have the logos painted on the unit.

The formation of the Board for the LLC was discussed and the following were proposed as members: Brian LaVoie, Gary Proctor, Stephanie Leaphart, and Charles Rowland.

The next step is for the Board Members to meet with the attorney's to discuss and form the LLC.

Mike Darre and Brian LaVoie will then finish the HACCP and other additions to the MPPU to make it ready to use.

**Activities and Events – Cornucopia Oct 2, 2016** – Morris Burr said that the Cornucopia Chicken BBQ appeared to be a success, with only about 15 chicken halves not sold at the end. He thanked all those who participated and helped to make it a successful event. We await the final accounting to see how much was made for the scholarship fund. Rich Ray will take over the set up and running of the BBQ pit for next year. He also found \$8 in his pocket from selling soda and brought that to the meeting and gave it to Morris Burr.

***Other Business/Reports: as needed***

**Avian Influenza Situation** – Dr. Khan stated that there was no HPAI in the US at present, but it is ongoing in Belgium, France, Budapest, and India.

**Poultry Health Report:** Mazhar Khan DVM – He reported that most of the cases they are seeing at the CVDL are from small flocks. Nothing major, some Marek's, some MG.

Poultry Extension Report: Mike Darre reported that in October the final meeting of the Northeast SARE Applied Poultry Science Professional Development Project – Phase II was held in Maine. There were about 22 extension professionals, service providers, and state inspectors that were trained over the past six years to assist small poultry flock owners in managing their flocks and becoming more profitable. These people formed a network in which situations on these small poultry farms could be discussed and problems solved. This help to reduce the load on the only extension specialist in New England.

### **New Business:**

A good discussion was held about the recent passage of the Question 3 ballot initiative in MA which prohibits the sale of eggs, veal, or pork from animals raised in confined spaces that does not allow them to stand up, lie down, fully extend their limbs or turn around freely. This also applies to businesses that knowingly sell products from animals raised that do not meet the new standards, even if sourced from outside of the state of MA. This law takes effect in January 2022, five years from now. The largest commercial poultry farm in CT is already under way constructing housing for cage free birds that will meet the standard. This may have an effect on egg prices in the future.

The group also discussed ways to increase active membership in the CPA and meeting attendance. It was suggested to survey the poultry growers in the State to see what would make them want to attend meetings. It was also suggested that we have some sort of short 10-15 minute or so training on a poultry topic at each meeting. How about moving the venue to a more central location in the state? Any suggestions will be welcomed. We are in need of the next generation of leadership for the association.

It was also suggested that it is time to change the leadership of the CPA and we need to solicit nominations for the officers, such as president, vice-president, secretary, etc and leadership for the different sub-committees. (Small Flock Egg Marketing, Education and Communications, Legislative and Lobbying, Meat Bird Production and Processing, AEB representative).

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michael J. Darre, Secretary to the CPA.

**All CPA meetings are open to all who have an interest or stake in the poultry industry. All poultry producers are encouraged to attend and provide input to the business of the association.**