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Articles of Incorporation o
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The Middle River Co-operative Churn Station Assn.

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Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.

We whose names are hereto subscribed,do hereby associate our selves together as a co-operative association laws of the State of Iowa to which we have adopted the followin Constitution,Viz.

Article 1.

The name of the association shall be the Middle River Co-operative Churn Station Assn. of t the Smith Plan.And the place of business shall be at Middle River Madison County,Iowa,and to begin business June 1,1901.and continue for twenty years unless sooner dissolved as provid in the articles.

Article 11.

The object of this association shall be to manfacture butter from creame seperated fro the Smith Cream Seperator.No Hand skimed or mix water cream accepted at all.

Article 111.

The officiers of this association shall be a president,Vice President,Secretary,Treasurer and three Trustees,who shall be elected annually at the regular annual meeting of the associ ation,to be held on the first Monday of January of each year.and their term of office shall be for one year and untill their successors shall have been duely elected and qualified.

Article 1v.

The duties of the respective officers shall be as follows:The Persident shall preside at all meetings of the association,he shall have power to coll special meetings,when in his ju judgment the good of the association demands it.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when he is absent or othe wise unable to attend to them.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the association,and make and sign all orders upon the Treasurer and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys which comes into his possession,taking the Treasurer's receipt therefor.

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys belonging to the association and pay out the same only upon orders,which shall be signed by the secretary.The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds insuch sums as the board of directors shallprovide.

The President,Vice President,Secretary,Treasurer and three Trustees shall constitute the Board of Directors,whose duties shall be to audit and alow all just claims against the ass association.They shall compute the amount of cream receipts,the amount of product sold,

and the moneys received therefore and, after deducting from the total receipts, the percentage herein provided for as a sinking fund and also the running expenses, on the 15th day of each month, divide the remaining receipts of the proceeding month among the members of the association porpertionately to the amount of cream (butter fat) furnished by each.

The Board of Directors shall cause the secretary to make, in writing, a peport to t the annual meeting of the association, setting in details the gross amount of cream receipts, the net amounts of the receipts from products sold and all other receipts, the amount paid out for running expense, the sums, if any, paid out, for cream and also showing the amount received from out side patrons for churning and marketing same, and all other matters pertaining to the association.

And a like statement in full to be posted in the creamery monthly, and a copy to presented to the board.

Article V.

The association will also receive cream from others than the patrons as provided in article (2), churn and market the same, for a specific charge ¢ pound as said board may see fit to charge, and proceeds distrbuted as provided in article 1v.

Article vI.

The shares of this association are non-assessable, and on one member can own at any one time to exceed (5) five shares of stock of this association, and the total number shall not exceed (60) sixty shares.

Article VII

Each member shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock owned by he or her, either in person or by proxy, the stock herein is transferable on the books of the association, to the members, and to the out side parties by consent of 2/3 vote of the board, upon the Secretary being ser/c in writing at least 30 days prior to the transfer

Article VIII.

The individual property of the Stockholders shall be exempt from all liabilities incured by the association, except as provided in the articles of incorporation, and the Board shall have power to borrow at any time an amount not exceed ($500.00) Five-Hundred Dollars, in case the sinking fund is insufficient, and to be used in the manner as provided in the by-laws.

Article IX

The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, Provided that two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of such change: provided 30 days be given the Secretary of such propose d amendment.

Article X

The first officers and Board of Trustees shall be as fol[illegible].

President C.H.Sawyers. Vice-President J.N.Drake.
Secretary Osmond Mosby Treasurer W.B.Jones.
Trustees, John B.Sawyers.
A.Mosby.
A.D.Weaver.

"Charter Members Signatures"

J.J.Hollen
C.E.Barnett
A.Ramsy
A.D.Drake
H.L.Smith
A.Wilcox
A.J.Phillips
S.Wiggins
A. Pelurta
Sam Sawyers
F.E.Bush.

STATE OF IOWA, }
Madison County, } ss.

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of Augst A.D.1901 the undersigned M.J.Johnson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came the a Bove names Personally to me known to be their voluntary act and deed.

M.J.Johnson
A Justice of the Peace in and for Madison Co.
County, Iowa.

By Laws of the Association.

No business of whatever nature shall be transacted at this plant on Sunday.

Article II.

The Secretary and the Treasurer shall give bonds in the sum of ($1.000.00) One THousand Dollars each, same to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Article III.

The operator shall proserve samples of every delivery of cream made from each patron, and test the same at proper intervales, and the test book shall be kept in a Puolic place for the convenience of the patrons.

Article IV

During the Monthhof January of each year the buttermilk for the ensuing year shall be sold to the highest bidder, for cash or note, as the Board think best.

Article V

The Boaid shall have full power to use any or all the money in the sinking fund for the purpose of improvements of whatever nature to the Cnurn Station Building or machinery, and for the purpose of insurance.

Article VI.

Any patron of this association found watering his cream, or in any way adulterating the same, shall upon the first offence be fined $10.00 and second offence $25.00, and third offence shall be expelled from this association. No fine shall be attached to any supposed offender, until first allowing the accused a fair trial. Any patron found sending and cream to said station from any unhealthy cow or within 4 days after calving, shall upon being convicted of this offence forfeit as above.

Article Vll.

ONe per-cent of all butter sales made is to be placed in the sinking fund until said ~~sum~~ reaches ($500.00) Five-Hundred Dollars, and the proceeds from all buttermilk sales to be placed in the said sinking fund until the said amount reaches $500.00 And there fter all the money from the sales to be disposed of as provided in Article lV. of the constitution.

Article Vlll.

It is the duty of the Board of directors to hire the butter maker and to establish a price to be paid, but the butter maker must be apossessor of a certificate of some school of training, or some reference showing him to be amply qualified to take complete charge of a cremery and it is the strict duty incumbent upon this board, to call at intervals and see to it that the work of the butter maker is such as to elevate the standing of this association, but in the event said butter maker fails to reach the desired point of work, the said Board is to discharge him at once and secure others.

Article lX.

Notice of any proposed amendment to the comstitution shall be in writing and shall be kep posted prominently in the creamery building.