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Articles of Incorporation of The Middle river)
Creamery Co-Operative Creamery Association)Art. of Inc.(
Filed for Record Sept. 5th A.D. 1903 at 1:00 o'clk P.M.
W. H. Vance,
Recorder.

We whose names are hereto subscribed do hereby associate ourselves together as a co-operative association under the laws of the State of Iowa, to which we have adopted the following constitution, viz:-

Article I.

This Association shall be known as the Middle River Creamery Co-operative Creamery Association, and the place of business shall be at Middle River, Madison County, Iowa.

Article II.

The purpose of the Association shall be to locate establish and carry on the manufacture and sale of Milk Products in such a manner as will conduce to the greatest convenience and profit to the producers over the greatest amount of territory in the town of Middle River and vicinity. Also to purchase use and hold real and personal estate necessary for the transaction of the business of the association.

Article III.

The capital stock of the Association shall be One Thousand Eight Hundred (1800) Dollars, divided into shares of Twenty-five (25) Dollars each.

Article IV.

This association shall be co-operative. Cream or milk shall be purchased or accepted from any person not a stock holder on the same terms and conditions as may be prescribed for stock-holders.

Article V.

The regular meetings of the association shall be held semi-annually, viz: on the first Monday of January and July of each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may determine; and notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary to each member by mail seven days at least previous to the date of said meeting.

Special meetings may be called by the president or any two directors.

Article VI.

The officers of this association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Three Trustees, who shall be elected at either of the regular meetings or at a call meeting by the president when there is a vacancy.

Article VII.

The duties of the respective officers shall be as follows: the president shall preside at all meetings of the Company; he shall have power to call special meetings, when in his judgment they are demanded. The vice President shall preform the duties of the President when he is absent. 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 come into his possession taking the treasurer's receipt therefor.

Article VIII.

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all money 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 in such sums as the Baord of Directors shall provide.

Article IX.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three trustees shall constitute the board of directors; whose duties shall be to audit and allow all just claims against the association.

Article X.

The Secretary shall on the (first and fifteenth, of each month) compute all butter and cream receipts and deducts one per cent of all butter sales and the sale of the butter-milk for a sinking fund: then deduct the running expenses with a reasonable per cent for profits and divide the remaining receipts for the preceding month among the patrons of the association proportionately to the amount of the cream (butter-fat) furnished by each.

Article XI.

The Secretary and treasurer and the trustees shall have two full settlements one on each semi-annual meeting day.

Article XII.

A share in the association shall be twenty-five (25) Dollars, and any person male or female shall be entitled to as many shares as they want with the consent of the trustees and each member shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock owned by him or her. And the president has also the right to settle all tie votes by a second vote: All votes must be cast in person.

Article XIII.

The stock is transferable on the books of the Association by the consent of a full board with seven days notice in writing.

Article XIV.

All creamery stock is Non-assessible, the individual property of the stock-holder shall be exempt from all liabilities in curred 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 to exceed Five Hundred (500) Dollars; and the same to be applied on any needed repair or new improvement.

Article XV.

The Constitution may be amended at any meeting provided that two-thirds of all members present vote in favor of such change, provided seven days notice be given, the secretary in writing.

G. H. Sawyers President.
Arthur Roberts Vice Pres.
J. B. Sawyer Secretary.
J. M. Drake Treasurer.
G. H. Sawyers Trustee.
A. Ramsey Trustee.
A. D. Weaver Trustee.

State of Iowa, Madison County,)SS.

Be it remembered that on the 27 day of June A.D. 1903, before the undersigned John M. Drake a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally came G. H. Sawyers, President; Arthur Roberts, Vice President; John B. Sawyer, Secretary; J.M.Drake, Treasurer; G. H. Sawyers, A.D.Weaver, and A. Ramsey, Trustees; persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing instrument as incorporators and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed, for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand, the day and year last above written

John M. Drake
A Justice of the Peace in and for said County.