

NDGWA Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017

3:00pm

Loftsgard Hall, NDSU Campus, Fargo, ND

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Vining.

Members attending in person: Mark Vining, Steve Sagaser, Bob Thaden, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Greg Cook,

Members attending by conference call: Randy Albrecht, Kevin Kinzel

Members absent: Alan Verbitsky, Stan Hanson

Guests attending:

Secretary's Report

Bob Thaden moved to approve the minutes and Greg Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Greg gave a brief re-cap of the income and expenses. Steve moved to approve the treasurers Report, and Bob seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Old Business

Membership – No update was provided since Stan was not present. Mark will try to reach out to Stan regarding the efforts to remind members to renew their membership.

Marketing and Research

Harlene reported that the netting is up on the vines, they are starting to sample this week and the grapes are changing quickly.

Bob reported on several of the test varieties including two white grapes 05427 and ND 213. He provided a sample cluster of the two white grape varieties they look very promising.

Bob stopped at the Minot vineyards. An infestation of Canada thistle is causing severe problems. The weeds are out of control and are creating a great deal of problems for the vines including limiting their development. Bob suggested using Rely / Liberty herbicide to kill the weeds. He has used these herbicides in his own vineyard with good success. This is a non-systemic herbicide and could be used to control the weeds in the Minot vineyard.

Marketing

The grant conditions are in the process of being written and should be done this week. They should be similar to the last grant with a few additions.

All but two positions have been appointed for the advisory council.

Wine 'N Dine

Prairie Roots Food Coop has been contacted. September 23rd or 30th are the potential days for the event. The event will be held at Mark Vining's Vineyard and Winery. The second week of October may also be a possibility. Mark and Greg will continue to work on this.

Annual Meeting and Conference

The dates for the annual meeting are February 2 & 3, 2018. The location is Minot is at the Grand Hotel. Kevin reported that a block of 20 rooms has been reserved for the NDGWA members.

Greg Cook stated that we will have a 1½ day conference.

Many topics for presentations and speakers at the conference were discussed at length.

Harlene will email Drew Horton enologist from the University of Minnesota about possibly being a presenter.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 11th.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:57