

NDGWA 2018 Annual Meeting

Grand Hotel, Minot ND

February 3rd, 2018

The 2018 annual meeting of the North Dakota Grape and Wine Association meeting was called to order at 4:47 pm by President Mark Vining.

Secretary Steve Sagaser certified that we had a quorum of 10 percent or more members present which allowed the meeting to proceed.

Minutes – The minutes were read from the 2017 annual meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Cook. The motion was seconded by Krieger and the motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurers report - The treasurer's report with explanations of income and expenses was made by Greg Cook. Financially we have done well this year. In the bank we have 13,459.20. Total Income was \$20,537. Income from the annual meeting last year was \$6714. Expenses for the year were \$17,700 which gives us a net positive of \$2836.00. Most of this was from the income we received from last year's annual conference. We mostly broke even on the Wine 'n Dine and Field Days events. They are still a few outstanding fees such as web page fees and conference phone charges for the board meetings. Treasurer Greg is planning to switch accounting programs from Quicken to QuickBooks which will do a better job of preparing the treasurer reports. Bob Thaden moved to approve the treasurer's report. Kevin Kinzel seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

- Stan Hanson of the membership committee reported that we currently have about 93 – 94 members.
- Bob Thaden of the research committee reported that the experimental plants at their winery may make it possible to have significant larger batches of wines to sample from some of the best selections that have come out of the NDSU research program. Of the two white grape varieties that he has been growing, one of them produced enough grapes to produce about 1 ½ gallons of wine in its second year. It's expected that a much larger yield will be possible from both of the two white grapes for next year. Bob reported that the wine evaluation tasting the previous evening had some very promising selections and some that were not good at all. Bob's opinion is that we have come a long way in developing the new varieties and it may be "just around the corner" when we will have the new varieties.
 - Rod Ballinger commented that we tasted about 120 wines at the evaluation last night. The results will be available for the membership to look at when they've been tabulated. There were about 18 – 19 wines that were selected out to look at for further review. Of those selected, they will be re-evaluated next year.

Prior to holding board of director elections, the president informed the membership that there are four board members two-year terms expiring. They are Steve Sagaser, Greg Cook, Kevin Kinzel, and Mark Vining. Steve Sagaser has decided not to run for reelection to the board. He was awarded a certificate of appreciation. The nominating committee appointed by the president was Rod Ballinger and Steve Sagaser. Greg Cook had

