

NDGWA

Date: 12-4-18

Location: Zoom Conferencing

Time called to order: 3:35 pm

Time adjourned: 5:10 pm

Members Present: Randy Albrecht, Greg Cook, Claudette Carlson, Bob Grosz, Stan Hanson, Rodney Hogan, Allison Krieger

Not Present: Alan Verbitsky, Harlene Hatterman-Valente, Bob Thaden, Kevin Kinzel

Purpose: Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item	Reports/Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations and/or Actions
Secretaries Report	-The minutes from the 11-20-18 ZOOM meeting was sent out for review prior to the meeting. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Rodney, approved by voice vote.	
Treasurers Report	-Greg reported we currently have \$8,938.00, this is more than reported last meeting due to an issue with the PayPal account. Recent bills being paid, Flint Communications for \$920. Bob made a motion to approve the treasurers report seconded by Claudette, approved by voice vote.	
OLD BUSINESS		
Association Newsletter	-We will do a pre-conference newsletter to communicate with the membership up-coming events and proposed legislation. Issue will also include timely articles, dues renewal reminder, schedule of conference and registrations form. A copy of NDFMGA schedule was suggested as well. Articles from wineries and vineyards should be sent to Claudette. Discussed Business Card ads, free for commercial wineries and vineyards, \$10 for anyone else. It was suggested to have extra copies of the newsletter available at the conference. A link on the website to the electronic version of the newsletter was also suggested.	-Rodney and Claudette will work on this again. Would like articles and content by the end of December.
2019 Annual conference	-Continued discussion on upcoming annual conference February 1-2, 2019, proposed speakers from 11-20-18 meeting are being contacted. The schedule is coming together. Tami Bredesen has agreed to speak. Greg has a preliminary schedule from the NDFMGA and will coordinate our schedule accordingly. Discussed break out sessions, may not be necessary with the option to attend	-Greg will coordinate schedule with NDFMGA.

<p>Board Terms</p> <p>Bylaws</p> <p>2019 Legislative discussion</p>	<p>NDFMGA sessions. Discussed Vendors – Greg will check if NDFMGA is having vendors, space availability. If we have vendors we will do as in the past, no / reduced fee if they provide a silent auction item. Wine competition discussed, consider adding a category for Cider and Mead. Corkage fee at venue was discussed.</p> <p>-Randy asked Rodney Hogan and Rod Ballinger to be our nominating committee again. There will be 4 or 5 open board positions in 2019 and six in 2020. The board has determined that since the ex officio member does not vote they are not counted as one of the possible 11 voting member positions. There should be an odd number of voting members on the board for voting purposes to avoid ties. If there are more people running for the board than positions available the membership will vote for the number of open positions.</p> <p>-A link to google docs was sent to all board members to the Bylaws document. This document can be edited and should be reviewed by members prior to the next meeting and suggestions for changes made on the document.</p> <p>-See previous discussion from 11-20-18 minutes. Member wineries have started working with legislative council on writing up proposed legislative changes. Proposed changes are to increase special events to 40, Eliminate the by volume majority clause, and volume of imported wine. They are working with Rep. Ruby out of Minot. The proposing member wineries are looking for 100% backing from all ND wineries with support from the NDGWA. There was discussion regarding the industry concerns of decreased production because of unavailability of product and ingredient requirement.</p>	<p>-Greg will contact Steve S.</p> <p>-Randy has formed a nominating committee</p> <p>-All board members should review the Bylaws prior to the next meeting</p> <p>-No report on response from meeting with the Ag. Commissioner, Tax commissioner, wholesalers, mentioned in 11-20-18 minutes.</p> <p>-When proposed legislation is finished it will be available for review with the membership. It was suggested a Zoom meeting to communicate with the membership be set up.</p>
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Update Passport program	-There is interest in getting this program off the ground in the next year, especially in light of the changes in the tourism department in our state, specifically the agritourism.	
Next Meeting / Adjournment	- With deadlines at the end of the month and the conference approaching quickly. Randy will schedule a meeting in the end of December	- Randy will email

Allison Krieger