

NDGWA

Date 4-15-19

Location: 260 Loftsgard Hall and ZOOM Conferencing

Time called to order: 3:40 p.m.

Time adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

Members Present: Rodney Hogen, Greg Cook, Claudette Carlson, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Alan Verbitsky, Stan Hanson, Kevin Kinzel, Allison Krieger, Bob Thaden, Sean Ballinger

Not Present: Bob Grosz

Guest: Liz Krabbenhoft, Cheryl Elliott, Greg Krieger, Mark Vining

Purpose: Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item	Reports/Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations and/or Actions
<p>Secretaries Report</p> <p>Treasurers Report</p>	<p>- The minutes from the 2-25-19 meeting had been sent to the board members prior to the meeting for review. Motion to approve by Claudette seconded by Greg C., passed by voice vote.</p> <p>-Greg C. reviewed the treasurers report sent out prior to the meeting with the board. Conference bills have been received and reviewed by the treasurer and will be paid. Motion to approve by Stan seconded by Sean, passed by voice vote.</p>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>2017 Marketing Grant / Flint Update</p> <p>Red River Wine Trek</p> <p>NDGWA Spring Newsletter</p> <p>Pruning Clinic</p>	<p>-Liz Krabbenhoft discussed with the board the goals of the website, social media campaign and calendar of events. Upcoming public events – Wine Trek and Summer Picnic. Goals – update website in May, when available get information on the Wine Trek and the Summer Picnic</p> <p>-next group meeting May 1. Organized through eastern ND wineries, cideries and meadery. Not to be confused with the Wine trail passport program the NDGWA considered last year.</p> <p>-Deadline for articles – April 15. To print by May 1. Content discussed.</p> <p>-Anyone wishing to host a “Pop-up pruning” Clinic please put it on the list-serv. Will look into hosting at the NDSU Experiment Station, first or second week in May.</p>	<p>-Rodney will contact the Ag Commissioner regarding the parameters of the 2017 Marketing Grant managed by the Grape and Wine Advisory Committee. Greg & Lisa Cook who currently manage the website and social media will stay in touch with Liz at Flint.</p> <p>-Bob Grosz will update the group at the next meeting</p> <p>-Claudette and Lisa will continue to update and work on this project</p> <p>-Harlene will look into the NDSU Experiment Station in Minot and Alan V. will reach out to Tim Efferts regarding his vineyard.</p>

Summer Picnic Tour	-August 20, 2019, Tuesday. Proposed stops – Wild Vines Vineyard, Absaraka, Cottonwood Cidery, Bear Creek Winery, Dakota Vines. Picnic at one of the wineries at the end of the tour. Charge, \$20-member, \$30 non-member, more if we reserve a bus?	-
NEW BUSINESS		
AVA Plan	-Discussed what an AVA is and what is required to become an AVA. Propose to make ND a general AVA with Sub AVAs throughout the state and specific sites. This would be a 5-year plan. Register with the TTB. Divide ND into 5 areas.	-Sean Ballinger will work on this project with a committee of those interested in helping, with a representative from each proposed area of the state.
Petiole Testing	-Underutilized member benefit, none since 2015 due to cumbersome reimbursement process. There will be an article in the spring newsletter explaining how to obtain a good sample. Greg Cook made a motion to offer members up to 3 petiole tests during the 2019 growing season, seconded by Bob T. motion carried by voice vote.	-Greg Krieger will help / advise those interested in getting a petiole test. Greg will compile the data and compare it with past years information and give a presentation at a future NDGWA membership meeting.
NDSU grape list-serv	-Kevin K. reminded the group that the NDSU grape list-serv is a public entity.	-Greg Cook will check if our website supports a discussion spot /list-serv for members only, that could be enabled.
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
2019 Membership	-66 paid members – updated at 2019 membership meeting, down from 90 in 2018.	-Stan will send a dues reminder to those members that haven't paid. A reminder will be put in the spring newsletter.
2020 NDGWA CONFERENCE	-February 6-7, 2020 Site – to be determined Share with NDFMGA again? Or every other year?	-Greg Cook will contact Jamie Good regarding NDFMGA site for their 2020 meeting.
FFA Scholarship	-Motion by Alan V. to fund our \$300, 2019 FFA Scholarship for Fruit Production Proficiency, seconded by Sean, motion carried by voice vote.	
Next Meeting	End of May or early June.	
Meeting adjourned	-4:55 p.m.	