

2020 NDGWA Annual Meeting

Date 2-29-2020

Location: Baymont Inn & Suites Mandan, ND

Time called to order: 4:30

Time adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Rodney Hogen, Greg Cook, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Alan Verbitsky, Stan Hanson, Allison Krieger, Bob Thaden, Bob Grosz, Sean Ballinger, 2020 Annual Conference attendees

Absent: Claudette Carlson, Kevin Kinzel

Purpose: Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item	Reports/Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations and/or Actions
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Secretaries Report</p> <p>Treasurers Report</p>	<p>- The 2020 NDGWA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Rodney Hogen. A quorum was declared.</p> <p>-The minutes from the 2019 Annual meeting of the NDGWA were available for review on the website prior to the meeting as well as 30 minutes prior to the meeting on the screen for review. No additions or corrections were made. A motion to approve by Mark Vining was seconded by Stan Hanson and passed by voice vote.</p> <p>-Greg Cook shared and discussed the treasurers report with the group. Lisa Cook moved to approve the report seconded by Bob Thaden, motion passed by voice vote.</p>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>2017 Marketing Grant Update</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>2020 Wine Competition</p>	<p>-Greg Cook and Rodney Hogen updated the group on the marketing grant. The grant deadline had been extended by the Ag. Department and completed by Flint Communications.</p> <p>-Greg Cook announced the 2020 Peoples Choice Wine Competition results. (See attachment & Web page) There were 51 entries, 79 ballots, every entry received at least one vote.</p>	

<p>2020 Board Election</p>	<p>-The following board member terms are up 2018 to 2020. Rodney Hogen, Bob Grosz, Greg Cook, Kevin Kinzel, Claudette Carlson and Allison Krieger. All but Claudette Carlson are willing to remain on the board. The nominating committee represented by Sean Ballinger presented Jason Kesselring as a nomination in addition to the already listed.</p> <p>Stan Hanson, halfway through his current 2-year board member term (2019-2021) addressed the membership and requested to leave the board. He nominated Aaron Opdahl to the board to complete his term.</p> <p>Steve Sagaser moved nominations cease seconded by Stan Hanson passed by voice vote.</p> <p>Bob Thaden made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot seconded by Allison Krieger, passed by voice vote.</p>	<p>-Board Member Term 2020-2022 Rodney Hogen Bob Grosz Greg Cook Kevin Kinzel Allison Krieger Jason Kesselring</p> <p>Board Member Term 2020-2021 Aaron Opdahl (to complete Stan Hanson's term)</p>
<p>2020 Election of Officers</p>	<p>The 2019 officers were listed, there were no new nominations.</p> <p>Steve Sagaser moved nominations cease seconded by Mark Vining, passed by voice vote. Bob Thaden moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the current officers seconded by Greg Cook, passed by voice vote.</p>	<p>-2020 NDGWA Officers Rodney Hogen – President Bob Grosz -Vice President Greg Cook – Treasurer Allison Krieger -Secretary</p>
<p>Wine Association of ND (WAND)</p>	<p>-Mark Vining informed the NDGWA membership 17 wineries of ND have met to explore the idea of a Commercial Winery Association. This new association would be a 501c6 IRS trade organization rather than the 501c3 IRS designation of the NDGWA, It's purpose would be to influence and develop public policy. No member winery of this group would be allowed to speak on public policy without the approval of the group. A benefit, they would be able to help each other as they maneuver through the various regulations from the TTB, state and local governments. Bylaws are currently being drawn up by Rod Ballinger, Mark Vining and Jeff Peterson. There was discussion on if this new wine association group could be a committee of the NDGWA. Mr. Vining felt this was not possible.</p>	<p>-Mark Vining will inform the group of any new developments.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>-Stan reported NDGWA currently has 83 members.</p>	<p>-A new membership chair will need to be named as Stan has resigned from the NDGWA board.</p>

Montana G&W Association	-Bob Thaden proposed the idea of a future joint meeting of ND and MT Grape and Wine Associations.	-Bob Thaden will keep the group updated
ND Wine Trail	-An I-94 wine trail was discussed / proposed. The Red River Valley Wine Trail went well in 2019.	
ND AVA	-Sean Ballinger is working on a ND AVA map, please see him to make sure you are on it.	
Comments	-Rodney Hogen reminisced about the early days of the NDGWA and all Rudy Radke did to help start the association and is now in failing health.	
Meeting adjourned	-Motion to adjourn the meeting by Steve Sagaser, seconded by Bob Thaden, passed by voice vote. Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.	

Allison Krieger NDGWA board secretary