

2024 Annual NDGWA Meeting

Date 1-27-2024

Time called to order: 4:15 p.m.

Location: Growing Small Town, Oakes ND

Time adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rodney Hogen, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Steve Sagaser, Roberta Forward, Allison Krieger, Mark Lunde, 2024 NDGWA Conference attendees / members.

Absent: Kevin Kinzel, Aaron Opdal

Purpose: 2024 Annual Meeting

Agenda Item	Reports/Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations and/or Actions
<p style="text-align: center;">Quorum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary's Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>-President Rodney Hogen called the meeting to order and asked the secretary if there was a quorum; 28 of our 44 members were present.</p> <p>-The minutes from our 2023 Annual Meeting were posted on the website and available for review prior to the meeting. Allison went over the highlights. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to approve by Harlene H-V., seconded by Greg K. passed by voice vote.</p> <p>-Harlene reported \$9205.84 in checking account and \$765.97 in our PayPal account. Dues have been coming in via Eventbrite, PayPal, mail, and cash. Motion to approve the treasurers report by Steve S., seconded by Roberta F. passed by voice vote.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">OLD BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2023 Summer Tour Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2023 Grape Pruning workshop and social</p>	<p>-The NDGWA Summer tour was August 20, 2023. We met in Carrington, ND at the Chieftain Hotel and Conference center and caravanned to Cows and Co. Creamery store and barn, Carrington Research Station and ended the day with at Dakota Sun Winery with a tour, tasting and supper.</p> <p>-The Grape Pruning workshop and social was held on May 6, 2023 at the Red Trail Vineyard. John Thull, University of MN cold climate grape and wine researcher presented for the group and provided a hands-on experience. Wine tasting and a meal by RTV followed.</p>	

<p>2022-23 Ag Department Marketing and Promotion Grant</p>	<p>-The 2022-23 Grant was completed on May 15,2023. Many events were sponsored to help promote the Grape and Wine Industry in ND.</p>	
<p>Montana Grape & Wine Association</p>	<p>-There is no tri-state meeting being planned. The Montana Grape and Wine Association Meeting and Conference will be in Billings, MT the end of April. All are invited to attend. See their website for information.</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>		
<p>2023-2025 Ag Department Marketing and Promotion Grant</p>	<p>-Haley M. reported that the NDGWA applied for \$37,200.00 for Marketing and Promotion of the Grape and Wine Industry in our state. The NDGWA was awarded \$27,410.00 to be used by June 30, 2025. Details of the grant were outlined; 2 campaigns, NDdrinklocal and Yes, Grapes do grow here! This grand will not cover website, Rest Area Program or newsletter expenses. Haley, Roberta and Allison will administer this grant.</p>	<p>-Please contact the board if you wish to help with the grant.</p>
<p>2024 Membership update</p>	<p>-January 27, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. currently 44 members. Welcome to our new commercial members, we have 3 new commercial memberships.</p>	<p>-Claudette Carlson is willing to continue as our Membership coordinator.</p>
<p>Winery update</p>	<p>-Maple River Winery in Casselton ND has been sold. -Dakota Sun Winery in Carrington, ND was for sale at our summer tour. -Red Trail Vineyard – for sale, sale pending. -Bob Wallace Tasting Room in Hankinson has opened fall of 2023.</p>	
<p>2024 Election of Board Members and Officers</p>	<p>-2024 Nominating chairs are Harlene H-V. and Aaron Opdahl (absent). There is one board vacancy to fill for 2024. Roberta Forward (22-24) did not wish to run for another term. Roberta was thanked for her service to the board.</p> <p>The nominating committee presented the following names for the ballot of board members for the 2024-2026 term: Kevin Kinzel, Mark Lunde, Steve Sagaser, Brent Trela. There were no nominations from the floor. Greg K. moved that nominations cease and that we cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of board nominees. Motion seconded by Haley M. passed.</p> <p>Election of Officers – There was one nomination for each</p>	<p>-2024 Board Members, Officers and terms: President – Kevin Kinzel (24-26) Vice President – Mark Lunde (24-26) Treasurer – Harlene Hatterman-Vanlenti – ex officio Secretary – Allison Krieger (23-25) Rodney Hogen (23-25) Steve Sagaser (24-26) Haley Moen (23-25) Aaron Opdahl (23-25) Brent Trela (24-26)</p>

<p>2024 People's Choice Wine Competition Results</p>	<p>office, no nominees declined nomination. There were no nominations from the floor. President – Kevin Kinzel (24-26) Vice President – Mark Lunde (24-26) Treasurer – Harlene Hatterman-Valenti – ex officio Secretary – Allison Krieger (23-25)</p> <p>Larry W. moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Motion was seconded by Haley M., passed.</p> <p>-There were 55 wine entries and 58 ballots turned in for the 2024 People's Choice Wine Competition. Commercial and hobbyist wine makers competed side by side in a blind tasting. As in the past, tasters were to select their top three wines in each category. Entries in each category were as follows: 20 red, 16 white, 15 fruit, 4 ciders. Two meads donated by Prairie Rose Meadery were available to taste. The event was part of the conference and open to the public as well. Here are the results:</p> <p>RED GRAPE WINE Hobbyist Wine First Place – Mark & Nancy Lunde – Red Blend – Crimson Pear / St. Pepin Second Place – Greg & Allison Krieger – Long Shadow Vineyard – Frontenac '23 Third Place – 3-Way-Tie Tim & Hunter Bernson – Crimson Pearl Greg & Allison Krieger – LSV TLC Red Nordic Oaks – Frontenac Noir 2022</p> <p>Commercial Wine First Place – 4E – Rail Line Red Second Place – 4E – Bison Tale Third Place – Red Trail Vineyard – Marquette</p> <p>2024 Best of Category, Over-all Winner Red Grape Wine – Mark & Nancy Lunde – Red Blend – Crimson Pearl / St. Pepin</p> <p>WHITE GRAPE WINE Hobbyist White Grape Wine First Place – Mark & Nancy Lunde – Frontenac Gris Second Place – Nordic Oaks – La Crescent 2022 Third Place -Mark & Nancy Lunde – Itasca with Am. Oak</p>	<p>-The wine competition results will be posted on the website.</p>
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NDGWA Website	-The new website was launched in early January. Thank you, Haley Moen, for all your work.	-Anyone wishing to volunteer to help maintain the website, please contact Haley, or a board member.
Next Annual Meeting	To be determined. There was discussion to look into joining with the Farmers Market and Growers Association again if they are meeting in Bismark in 2025.	
Meeting adjourned	-Motion by Nick M. seconded by Haley M. passed.	