

NDGWA Meeting

Date 3-14-2024
 Location: ZOOM Conferencing

Time called to order: 7:00 p.m.
 Time adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Kinzel, Rodney Hogen, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Steve Sagaser, Brent Tela, Haley Moen, Aaron Opdahl, Allison Krieger, Mark Lunde

Purpose: Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item	Reports/Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations and/or Actions
<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Welcome to new board member Brent Trela.</p> <p>-Minutes from the January meeting and the Annual Meeting were sent out for review prior to the meeting. A motion to approve by Rodney was seconded by Steve passed by voice vote.</p> <p>Harlene was out of town and didn't have a bank balance for the report. Allison reported \$985.00 in the PayPal account. Deposits from the conference were \$2,671.88 from Eventbrite and \$1839.00 from the event. All bills from the the conference have been paid. A motion by Mark, seconded by Steve to approve the treasurers report passed by voice vote.</p>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>2024 Annual Meeting and Conference</p> <p>2023-2025 Ag Department Grant</p>	<p>-Growing Small Towns – Oakes ND, January 26-27, 2024. There were 32 attendees, 29 at the Saturday evening buffet meal. There were 55 entries (20 Red, 16 White, 15 Fruit, Non-Grape, 4 Ciders, 0 Mead) in the wine competition with 58 ballots cast. There were about 75 attendees, 32 from the conference and 43 from the community.</p> <p>-Grant was awarded August 2023 and will run until June 30, 2025. The amount awarded was \$27,410.00. Grant reimbursement requests are due by the 15th of the month after the quarter. We will be sending one in April. Funds will be used to promote the grape and wine industry in our state with sponsorships and co-sponsorships, education and promoting that Yes! Grapes do grow here. Up-coming event sponsorships include Gardening Saturday in Grand</p>	<p>-Contact Haley, Roberta or Allison with any suggestions or questions.</p>

	Forks, Cogswell Garden party, both on April 6, Garden Palooza in Fargo, April 27. Past events include the discount for the Annual meeting and the Wine Competition with the Oakes Chamber of Commerce. An event with Cellar 624 is hopeful. Event with the brewer's guild? Arthur Market, Aronia Festival, Uffda-day, Shuffle Off to Buffalo. Winery events we can co-sponsor. Event with Cow's and Co.?	
2020 Wine App	-The wine app was shown at the Annual Meeting. The group was interested in opening the app to breweries and distilleries to fit the NDdrinklocal.com and the DrinklocalND.com	-Kevin will be talking with Scott Meske of the Brewer's Guild and discuss possibilities and set up a meeting.
NEW BUSINESS		
2024 Pruning Workshop	-Last year's was May 7. There was discussion of the nice weather and early pruning. It was suggested to try doing Pop-up workshops as we are planning to prune and post them on Facebook.	-The Pop-up Pruning Workshops will be posted on our Facebook page.
2024 NEWSLETTER	-Haley volunteered to coordinate a spring newsletter. She will be compiling information.	-Contact Haley for more information
2025 Annual Meeting and Conference	-Steve suggested we ask Bob and Marilyn Thaden to speak at next years meeting, they recently returned from a Wine Tour in Argentina.	
2024 Membership	-As of 3/14/24 we have 56 members. We gained 3 new commercial members. One new couples membership from the wine competition.	-Allison will email the membership with an Annual Meeting Update and a dues reminder,
Next Meeting	TBD.	
Meeting adjourned	A motion to adjourn by Steve, seconded by Haley passed by voice vote.	

Allison Krieger NDGWA board secretary