

**Grassworks Annual Meeting  
January 15, 2016  
Chula Vista Resort**

Meeting called to order by President Kevin Mahalko at 12:35 pm.

Acknowledgement of food sponsors.

Review and approve 2015 annual meeting minutes

Secretary Laura Paine reviewed the minutes.

**Motion to approve the minutes. Paul Onan/Vance Haugen. Motion carried.**

Review and approve Treasurer's report

Treasurer Julie Engel reviewed the Treasurer's report.

**Motion to approve Jim Quick/Bob Winkel. Motion carried.**

President's report Retiring Board President, Kevin Mahalko provided the following comments:

- Introduction and acknowledgement of contributions of board members: Andy Jaworski, Matt Hartwig, Julie Engel, Dave Heidel, Dave Vetrano, Larry Smith, Matt Hartwig, Cheyenne Christianson, Peter Arnold, Laura Paine
- Acknowledgement of Advisors: Brian Pillsbury, George Reistadt, Jerold Berg, Paul Daigle, Angie Sullivan, Theresa Feiner, Vance Haugen
- Acknowledgement of staff: Jill Hapner, Heather Flashinski, Kirsten Jurcek
- Leaving the board: Matt Hartwig, Julie Engel, and Kevin Mahalko.

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director, Jill Hapner reported highlights of 2015 GrassWorks activities

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grazing Conference
- Electronic and GRAZE newsletters
- Annual Picnic and Pasture Walk hosted by the Mahalko Family
- Update on the GrassWorks Foundation Fund
- Recognition of 2016 GrassWorks members and donors
- Traveling GrassWorks displays and exhibits
- GrassWorks website resources and social media outreach
- Grazing Ambassadors Program
- Current grant awards and projects
- Sales of year-round grazing guides and pasture sticks
- Board of Directors representation and meetings

Elections of board members

Motion to reelect Dave Vetrano to the GrassWorks board. Dave Johnson/Bonnie Haugen. Motion carried.

Motion to reelect Julie Engel to the GrassWorks board. Paul Onan/Bonnie Haugen. Motion carried.

Nomination to elect Jim Quick to the GrassWorks board. Laura Paine/ Paul Onan. Motion carried.

Nomination to elect Dan Olson to the GrassWorks board. Kevin Mahalko/Wally Sedler. Motion carried.

Other discussion

- President Mahalko suggested that GrassWorks might consider changing the by-laws to allow non-producers to serve on the GrassWorks board.
- Speaker from Virginia: this is a great conference.

**Motion to adjourn. Paul Onan/Dave Vetrano. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.