

# Minutes from the Grassworks meeting of 11-22-13

Schmeckle Reserve Center, Stevens Point

10:07 a.m.

Paul Daigle, Dave Johnson, Peter Arnold, Brian Pillsbury, Bob Winkle, Kay Craig, Dave Vetrano, Gerald Jaeger, Kevin Mahalko, Jerold Berg, Lanice Szomi, Vance Haugen, Jill Hapner, Julie Engel.

Minutes- Motion made to approve minutes from last meeting by Kay Craig. Seconded by Bob Winkle, passed.

Treasurers report-Kay Craig

Profit and Loss statement and Net Income.

As of November 19, 2013 of \$16,758.71.

Acceptance of treasurers report. Motion by Dave Vetrano. Seconded by Julie Engel.

Conference Committee-Lanice

Agenda is almost completed. Good returns on both the booth and pledges for convention.

Rules on Non-Profits legal responsibilities- Bob Kryshak

Grassworks organization state records are up to date. When looking at Grassworks operation, financial accuracy and management records. There are new department of safety and financial services requirements for non-profits. Non-profits must report to the state their donations received if they total over \$5000.00 per year if they publicly ask for these donations. They must create a conflict of interest statement and be covered by errors and omissions insurance.

Apprenticeship program-Peter Arnold and Lanice

We have received donations for the program with usage perimeters attached. They have twice as many apprenticeship applicants as master graziers in the program.

The summer picnic will be at Dave Johnson's Farm.

The Ag Coalition Membership is worth the effort to be a part of. Working with and knowing what is going on at the state level is very useful.

Dave Johnson will send a letter to Sheila Harsdorf with board review addressing her failure to bring up grazing issues in the legislature which she had promised to do for us.

Secretary- Jill

A new research paper "The Benefits of Management Practices". Pat Murphy will present and explain the paper to the Ag-Coalition.

Several grants are now in the works.

Speakers Bureau-Information for the speakers use is in the final stages. Several speaker appointments are now scheduled.

Nominations for new perspective board members from the south-east and north-east area of the state will be accepted until convention time.

We will update our present mailing list with assistance from Gerald Jaeger.

The board decided what other state conferences we should take our GrassWorks booth to.

Motion to adjourn Dave Vetrano. Seconded by Kay Craig. Passed

Submitted by Gerald Jaeger in the absence of Secretary Wendy Galbraith