

Members of the NDABA met February 18, 2012 at Quality Inn and Suites at Jamestown. Those present were Ed Bardhardt, Scott Heintzman, Kent Meidinger, Duane Geir, Clarence Meidinger, Larry Teters, Clyde Nelson, Tom and Lana Ose.

The secretarys report was read and approved.

The treasures report was approved.

Magazine report: Clyde Nelson continues to needs your support with articles for the magazine. He has three new advertisers but without content in the magazine they won't last long. Discussion followed.

Scholarship 2012: Recipient names have been received this year from BJC and NDSCS. They will be introduced at convention. BJC has a scholarship foundation where NDABA will send money each year. They will then contact NDABA with the recipients name who then will be invited to the convention. Kent Meidinger will work with NDSCS and set up a similar arrangement.

Convention 2012: March 22 and 23 at the Holiday Inn in Minot. Rooms have been set aside but get your reservations in. Twenty one vendors have paid thus far and have their names listed on the web site. Everyone needs to promote the convention to the shops and vendors.

Rick Carroll will present a hybrid repair seminar and an estimating best practices course will be presented by Mike Anderson.

Tech night will be open to all techs whether or not they belong to the organization. Once again there will be food, refreshments, and prizes.

A discussion was held on raising the registration fee as it has been the same for many years. Another discussion was held on changing the days of convention from Thursday- Friday to Friday- Saturday. Both were tabled to be discussed at the board meeting.

A discussion was held on where to have convention in 2014.

The recipients of the tech of the year award, promoter of the year award and Hall of Fame award were voted on.

Convention 2013: Larry Teter was present and has the dates set for April 11 and 12 at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks. Speakers are needed--if you have ideas contact Larry Teters or a board member.

There are many offices up for election. Contact Ed Barnhardt or a board member if you are interested. We have had two volunteers for district reps. They are Len Sadler and Brad Martinson.

The next meeting will be March 22 at 10 AM at convention.

Lana Ose

Verla Rostad has organized some activities for the ladies: Thursday March 22 at 1 PM is a tour of the Pointe of View Winery. Friday at 9:30 AM we will tour the flooded areas of Minot. At 1 PM there will be three speakers on Minot's Flood Recovery.