

**SAGA 86th Annual General Meeting
January 09, 2021**

Online Zoom meeting

1. President Fradette called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with 34 members in attendance

2. **Agenda**

MOTION: The Agenda be approved. Bryan Harvey / Ewald Lammerding - **CARRIED**

3. **Minutes of 85th AGM**

MOTION: Approve as amended. Irene Ahner / Blair Cummins - **CARRIED**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes – none**

5. **Honorary Life Member Awards**

President Fradette provided a short introduction and overview of the HLM awards

President Fradette introduced the HLM recipients.

John Hickie

Dr. David Christensen

Both recipients said a few words and the HLM plaques were presented virtually. Recipients were invited to attend the Reunion/Banquet in 2022 for more formal presentations.

6. **Treasurer's Report- Morley Ayars**

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Paul Marciniak for doing the compilation for the 2019-2020 fiscal SAGA year. He did this on relatively short notice because Lorence Peterson became ill and was unable to complete this year's compilation.

Now I would like to make a few comments regarding the report.

The executive upon my recommendation decided to purchase accounting software to manage SAGA's finances. With that in mind Paul and I decided to provide accrual financial statements rather than cash. We thought it would work better with the software and that it would provide a more accurate picture of SAGA's financial situation.

The cheques mentioned in the compilation statement were included in the Income and Expense Statement provided but not in the Operating Statement. Thus the changes, I did not discover the Operating Statement on the spreadsheet until Paul pointed it out.

The resulting changes in income from last year and this year to bring the statements in accordance to GAAP resulted in this year's surplus of \$4,400.98 compared to last year's deficit of (\$1,707.54).

However, the interest generated in the mutual fund is not included in last year's statement which would have been \$4,208.87. (The adjustments in last year's statement are to bring this year's statement in line not to change last year's statement.)

The beginning cash in chequing was \$13,431.72 and an ending balance of \$13,761.86. The Mutual Fund at the beginning of the year was \$54,022.65 and the ending value was \$56,340.45. SAGA has a prepaid deposit for the 2022 banquet for \$1500 and an ending inventory of Sodbuster books valued at \$1,385.32. This brings our Total Assets to \$72,987.63 with no liabilities from last year's assets of \$68,886.65 less \$300 in liabilities or Net Assets of \$68,586.65. The difference between the two years is of course the net income of \$4,400.98.

The cancelation of 2021 banquet will likely result in a negative impact on next year's finances.

Hopefully, things will return to some semblance of normal shortly.

Morley Ayars BSA 1957, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORTS and STATEMENTS

In conducting the compilation I reviewed each expenditure line as there are relatively few such entries. I did not review each revenue item as there are many more such entries. I reviewed several individual revenue items, comparing the entry on the appropriate spreadsheet to the underlying document. I found no errors.

I have made relatively few changes to the operating statement, these changes are:

During the 2018/2019 year there two deposits made which equaled a total of \$320.00 The source of the deposits were four banquet tickets for the 2020 banquet and a one year membership. The revenue from the sale of the banquet tickets relates to activity during the 2019/2020 year and therefore should be included as income during that year. I therefore increased revenue during 2019/2020 by \$300.00 Income category 4c – “Banquet and Mixer”

Previous year and the 2019/2020 as presented did not include income generated by the increased value of the BMO Growth Fund. I have included an amount equal to \$2,317.80 Category 6 “Interest” Previously the income generated by the investment has been accounted for in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. One of the reasons for including the item in the Income Statement, in addition to bringing the statements closer to being in line with GAAP, is the current Treasurers intention to use an off the shelf accounting package beginning in 2020/2021. It is almost certain that such a program will be designed such that all financial statements are in balance.

Cheque #526 is for a deposit on the 2021 banquet. As presented this was included as an expense for 2019/2020. This is in fact an expense for the 2020/2021 year.

Cheque #528 and #532 were not included in the statement as presented. I therefore increased expense by \$1,064.24. Category 16b – “website”

During the year, there were four copies of the book “The Sodbusters Vision”. These books are included in inventory at a value of \$11.74 each. I therefore added \$46.96 to expenses.

Cheque # 538 – payable to U of S for Vern Racz Scholarship was not included in statement as presented. I added to expense – category 18g – miscellaneous. You may want to re-categorize this.

The total of changes is Income increased by \$300 and Expenses increased by \$111.20

Net change therefore is \$188.80

I have updated Statement of Assets and Liabilities to reflect the above.

I have also prepared one additional statement – Sources and Uses of Funds- you may or may not find this useful.

I also note that cheque # 538, to U of S for Vern Racz scholarship, Cheque #537 to Canada Post and Cheque #536 to Crop Production show are not dated. I don't think much hinges on this but it would be better to properly date all cheques

I also notice that in the material you provided to me there is a printout from a Government of Canada web site. This printout includes the following for Corporations with Gross annual revenues of less than \$50,000 *"Members must appoint a public accountant(PA) at each annual meeting. Exception – Members may wave appointment by annual unanimous resolution. (If no PA (Public accountant) is appointed, then only a compilation is necessary.)"* - I made a fairly superficial review of minutes and could find no such resolution.

Sources and Uses Of Funds - SAGA - for the year 2019/2020

Beginning Cash		\$ 13,431.72
Net Income		\$ 4,400.98
Changes to Assets and Liabilities		
Pre paid banquet expense		-1500
Reduction in inventory (The Sodbusters Vision)	\$	46.96
Reduction in liability (pre paid banquet ticket)		-300
		-1753.04
Net Cash by Operations	\$	2,647.94
Cash generated (used) by financing activities		
Increased value of BMO Mutual fund		-2317.8
Ending Cash	\$	13,761.86

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.

Income Statement 2019-11-01 to 2020-10-31

		(Current Year)	(Prior Year)
		2019-2020	2018-2019
<u>REVENUES</u>	(Includes revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1	Membership Fees	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 2,450.00
2	Grants		\$ -
3	Donations		\$ -
4	Fundraising \$ 24,263.35		\$ -
4a	Hockey	\$ 470.00	
4b			
4c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ 23,793.35	\$ 29,995.50
4d	Banquet & Mixer at Reunion Night	\$ 555.00	
5	Other Receipts Ag in Motion		\$ 100.00
5a	Professional Development		\$ -
5b	Newsletter Subscription		\$ -
5c	Website/Newsletter Ads	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 800.00
5d	Sales of "The Sodbusters Vision" Book	\$ 145.00	\$ 355.00
6	Interest (increase in value of mutual fund)	\$ 2,317.80	
7	Total Revenue for the Year	\$ 32,001.15	\$ 33,700.50

EXPENSES (Includes expenses for which payment has not yet been made)

8	Personnel Costs (Salaries, etc)		\$ -
9	Taxes & Licences (Corporate Registry)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
10	Lease or Rental Costs		\$ -
11	Utilities		\$ -
12	Insurance		\$ -
13	Repairs & Maintenance		\$ -
14	Office Supplies & Postage		\$ 26.78
15	Bank Charges (including Moneris charges)	\$ 1,218.48	\$ 1,221.57
16	Communication to Members		
16a	Newsletter (publication & Mailing)	\$ 3,884.72	\$ 3,856.67
16b	Website	\$ 1,064.24	\$ 4,942.90
17	Social Functions		\$ -
17a	Hockey (See shown above in revenue)	\$ 72.79	\$ -
17b			\$ -
17c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ 20,247.98	\$ 23,547.54
18	Misc: Visa deduction,		\$ 207.30
18a	ASA	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
18b	Professional Development-students		\$ 785.27
18c	Crop Production Week Membership	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
18d	Sask Ag Hall of Fame	\$ 100.00	
18e	President Portrait	\$ -	
18f	Other, "The Sodbusters Vision" Book	\$ 46.96	\$ 22.01
18g	Other Misc Brochures		\$ 333.00
	Vern Racz scholarship	\$ 500.00	
19	Total Expenses for the Year	\$27,600.17	\$35,408.04

Net Surplus for the Year ** \$ 4,400.98 -\$ 1,707.54

** Previous year Net Surplus Excludes Income generated by Mutual fund

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be approved. Morley Ayars / Ewald Lammerding – **CARRIED**

MOTION: That the Executive appoint the person to do the 2020-2021 Compilation Report. Morley Ayars / Eric Johnson – **CARRIED**

7. Reports

a) Scholarship Committee – Ewald Lammerding/Hamish Tulloch

This is the second year that SAGA has awarded two \$3,000 scholarships. The 2020/21 recipients are: Baylie Yasieniuk - 2nd and final year of an AgBusiness Diploma.

Jourdyn Sammons - 4th year BSA majoring in Animal Science with a minor in Range Resources.

The scholarships are open to continuing degree and diploma students in the College of AgBio and are a fundamental way for SAGA to support these students. They increase the SAGA footprint and encourages the students to make us a part of their post-graduate and professional lives. As well as scholastic standing, involvement within the local community, the college and university, and the wider agricultural industry is an important selection criterion. The Award is funded completely by ongoing annual donations from Ag grads and other supportive individuals. The response to the Award has been quite positive, thanks to generous support from SAGA members. Contributions to date are approximately \$12,500. Our near-term goal is to raise an additional \$6000 to ensure two more recipients next year.

SAGA Scholarship Committee

Hamish Tulloch report at meeting:

There is a new database that Hamish does not have complete access to at the moment. He can see that there have been a number of transactions but he can't see the specifics so the numbers in the report are the latest he had access to and the \$6000.00 noted as required for next year will be a bit out of date.

b) ASA – Dylan Stang

As a student body, our ability to adapt and overcome has truly been tested over the last few months. We have cautiously, yet proudly continued to prioritize community involvement. In addition, we have prioritized the mental health of our student peers. We held a Mental Health Awareness week from October 4th – 10th during which we compiled a mental health video message on behalf of the ASA that we shared on our social media streams.

Leading up to Christmas, we once again held our annual Toy Drive. We also held blood drives in October and November. With the cancellation of Foam on The Range last March, we held a month-long window for ticket refunds. We vowed to donate any refunds that were not requested to a local charity. Despite not being able to hold Ag Bag Drag this past October we still held a Drag slogan contest and got T-shirts with the winning slogan "Your nose can't be runny for Drag 2020" printed on the front of the shirts. Together with the profit collected from Foam on the Range and some residual profit, we donated Drag T-shirt profits to YXE Food Bank, YWCA Saskatoon, Ronald McDonald House, Secret Santa, Life is Worth Living, and Do More Ag.

To close out Drag month and kick-off our Movember fundraising, we held a virtual shave-down over Zoom. Later in the month, we challenged the Dalhousie Aggies to a virtual milk-chugging challenge. With sponsorships from SaskMilk, South Country Equipment and SAGA and pledges collected to

nominate chuggers, we received a significant boost to our fundraising total. We also had a respectable amount of student involvement totaling 15 milk chuggers from the U of S and 8 from Dalhousie. Combining the spectators with the participants we had over 60 participants join the event and plenty of impressions on our Facebook page. By the end of the month, we had shattered our \$3,000 goal raising a total of \$6,594 for men's health!

We are looking at similar virtual events to the Milk Moustache Challenge to keep the Agro spirit alive and to go towards our March for STARS air ambulance fundraising campaign coming up this March. We are also considering a drive-in movie for all the Agros. We as an ASA value the support of SAGA and are always proud to reciprocate our support when the opportunity arises.

Dylan Stang

c) Membership – Henry de Gooijer

SAGA membership as of Oct 31, 2020 was 1847. There were 123 Annual Members, 47 Honorary Life Members, 6 free memberships and 1671 Life Members.

In 2020 there were 3 free, 47 Annual and 43 Life memberships issued.

There was a net increase of 36 members in 2020.

I would like to thank Keith Head for taking on the role of Registrar in the past year and for doing an excellent job of not only maintaining the membership list but for also providing evaluation, guidance and direction for needed enhancements and improvements to our processes.

Maintaining current contact information for the membership is a constant and necessary requirement for SAGA to be able to contact all its members. Currently we don't have current contact information for approximately 2% of our members. However, thanks to the efforts of Ewald and the rest of the executive, we were able to track down new information for many and re-establish contact with them.

A focus for the coming year will be communications with members with either annual or free memberships to renew their membership or convert to a Life Membership.

c) Hockey –

As there was no 2021 tournament, there is no report

d) Newsletter – Ewald Lammerding

A breakdown of costs associated with the Dec. 2020 issue only.

<u>Dec. Newsletter Costs:</u>		Rounded to the nearest full number		<u>623</u> mailed Newsletters	
Layout	\$422	divided by 623	=	\$0.68/copy	
Printing	\$764	" "	=	\$1.22/copy	
Mailing	<u>\$459</u>	" "	=	<u>\$0.74/copy</u>	
TOTAL	\$1,645	" "	=	\$2.64/copy	

However, we receive \$650 per issue from advertising. (FCC, SMHI, BrettYoung)

TOTAL	\$1,645			
	- <u>\$650</u>			
New TOTAL	\$995	divided by 623	=	\$1.60/copy

From Dec. 2019, Keith Head, and Henry de Gooijer whittled the mailing list membership down by 62. Most were older grads opting to switch to the electronic version.

There are **1,199** members receiving the electronic Newsletter as of Nov. 22, 2020

Minimal input from SAGA members remains a large problem for the Newsletter. In years past, members would send notice of grads doing this or grads accomplishing that. Many of you will recall the Thundering Herd and the Pooped Deck, which let us all know who did/produced/accomplished something of significance, or who finally stepped from years of a post graduate life's work, into one of luxury. This kind of Agro doings' is sorely lacking, and we would really like to know. Please send us this information.

Thank you to Irene Ahner for her two-part Prairie Chicken. (That's the kind of stuff we want). The Carruthers (all Agros!) for telling us how this particular year has affected so many things for the family. Several of the '53 S guys for their Tale of shenanigans. Hamish Tulloch (AgBio Development Office) for providing us with photos of the 19/20 – 20/21 Saga Scholarships recipients.

Thanks to Keith Head (trying to retire) and his new understudy Ward Headrick for setting up the Webpage to reflect the major stories of the Newsletter, and always (unfortunately) updating Empty Saddles as we go along. To Louis Bossaer and Mayson Maerz for updating Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you to those who did contribute to the Newsletter and Webpage. And the proofreaders.

Many thanks to our retired Dean of AgBio, Mary Buhr, for her very thoughtful parting Dean Speak, and incoming Dean, Andrea Bedard-Haughn for her equally forward-looking first Dean Speak.

And many thanks to Sask Municipal Hail (6 yrs.), Brett Young and Farm Credit (both 3 yrs.) for advertising with us again.

Ewald Lammerding '88 S

e) Banquet/Reunion – Ewald Lammerding

(See also – Vice-President Report)

The meal was great, so too the speeches, the camaraderie was evident, the pictures did us all a service.

But, all of the program took way too long. Our apologies for that. Try as we might, each HLM intro and acceptance speech (myself certainly included) though great to hear, were longer than any of us wanted. Multiply that by three instead of the usual two; we were behind from the get-go. We also tried something new with the photography, letting classes choose; class only, class with spouses, and an 'Action' photo.

VP Deanne Belisle asked all classes to fill out a form for their choices during cocktail and dinner hours, which did speed things to a certain extent, and MAL Louis Bossaer did a great job marshalling the mob, but alas, we tried to do too much. Imagery Photography did the best they could, and now we know what not to do.

Louis again, with Barbara Stefanyshyn-Cote organized a great sampling evening with Black Fox Distilleries, Nine Mile Legacy and Living Sky Winery. Former Prez. Don Mitchell had a friend who had a friend who loaned us old Ag tools for our "What's the Purpose" discussion, plus the WDM and Amanda Louie once again supplied Photos and Ads from the Days of Yore.

Thanks to Fred Fulton for organizing the 1950 class, the oldest class attending. Unfortunately, since then, from that group, not only have we lost Fred Fulton; Fred Langley and Eiler Humbert have also recently passed.

Thank you to Linda's Printing and Artistic Framing for the HLM plaques. To Keith Head and XL Printing for the sharp looking programs. Thanks to all the 2020 Chairs for keeping their classes from extra-circular rowdiness, though that '55 C guy had to be told several times to tone things down.

Many thanks to the Saga Executive and any partners that were aiding, there was always 2-3 people doing any job that needed doing, running things as smoothly as we could get them to go. Raelene Petracek, and all who helped her set up the dining tables. Dennis Ewanus had his entry table system operating its best yet. Keith and Hazel took great care of the ribbons and pins tables. And Deanne also did an excellent job setting up the WDM displays.

And finally, many thanks to TCU Place and all the crew for their ongoing assistance to set up the Centennial Halls for our use. They made several last minute adjustments for our benefit. And to the Chef and staff for a delicious meal with minimal snags.

With the 2021 Reunion Banquet postponed, the Saga Executive have spent lots of time trying to decide on a plan for our missed year. It is highly unlikely that SAGA, or anyone, can pull off a mid-year celebration, though we have been advised that some of the classes may try to organize something themselves, should the opportunity arise. Much more possible with a small group.

The Executive needs to work with both TCU Place and Imagery Photography. TCU is willing to try just about anything that will get us into their building, along with as many grads as will attend. To that end we have been focusing, with no decision as yet, on a combined 2021 and 2022 Reunion. TCU would be onboard, and tell us they could manage 700 – 900 people, if need be. Imagery, however, could not photograph that many classes in one evening.

One suggestion, for a one night bash of up to 500, would be to begin photography during the cocktail hour, getting as many of the individual and small group pics possible done before the banquet. Then the large class photos after the program concludes. This idea would certainly ease the post program crush.

A second suggestion, is holding the Reunion Banquet over two nights. Fri. Jan. 7, 2022 for the 2021 classes, Sat. Jan. 8 for the 2022. That would require a lot more work over the weekend. Volunteers would be most welcome. TCU is on board with this idea.

So, we now have First Hold for Fri. Jan. 7, 2022; awaiting our choice/decision. While Sat. Jan. 8, 2022 has already been booked via our 2021 deposit rollover.

Ewald Lammerding '88 S

f) Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame – Bryan Harvey

COVID 19 has had a significant effect on the Hall of Fame Board this year. The presentation ceremony for 2020 was cancelled and the inductees will be invited to the next in person ceremony. Plans for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hall have been put on hold for the time being. A meeting is planned for early January 2021 to select the next group of inductees. It is not yet clear when the next in person ceremony will be held.

Bryan Harvey

Additional presentation at meeting:

They will also bring forward the inductees from this year to next year and are in the process of considering the inductees for next year.

There is a question re: the space available and its limitations. They have made some adjustments to the space available to accommodate for a few more years.

g) Crop Production Week – Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein

The Crop Production Week (CPW) Saskatchewan Inc. is a non-profit organization formed in 2005. The corporation is a membership-based corporation, with three classes of membership: Regular, Associate, and Advisory. SAGA holds a Regular Membership. The AGMs for the Crop Production Week Saskatchewan

organizations are typically held in Saskatoon in early January, a time coinciding with the combined Western Canadian Crop Production Show, Crop Production Week and CropSphere Conference.

2020 marked the 37th Annual Western Canada Crop Production Show, held January 13 – 16th, and the 85th annual SAGA Reunion and AGM, held on the Saturday night before the official agricultural week events. Other CPW Saskatchewan Inc. organizations held their AGMs and information meetings at various Saskatoon locations, including the Prairieland Park Halls A and E, Saskatoon Inn, TCU Place, and the Delta Hotel.

What is memorable about the 2020 annual agriculture gathering is that despite air temperatures ranging from -29C to -39C, close to 17,000 people attended the Western Canada Crop Production Show. Attendees were able to park their vehicles and took advantage of the free shuttle services between Prairieland Park and the hotels that hosted the AGMs and CropSphere conference presentations.

The 2020-2021 year will be recorded as the one coinciding with the Covid-19 pandemic. The first impact was the CPW Saskatchewan activities was holding a virtual AGM on July 7, 2020.

- The 2020-2021 Board of CPW Saskatchewan directors agreed to remain in their current positions including: Darren Yungman (Chairman) and Danny Petty (Secretary/Treasurer), both elected by acclamation. Mike Shewchuk, Darren Yungman, and Danny Petty were appointed as signing officers.
- The Financial Position, on an accrual basis as of March 31, 2020 is reported as follows:
 - TOTAL ASSETS \$ 48,202.35. Chequing Account balance of \$18,202.35 GIC Renewal a one-year non-redeemable Term Deposit (\$30,000 at 1.000 %).
 - TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$48,202.35. Opening Balance Equity \$ 59,961.37, Unrestricted Net Assets -\$13,443.86, Net Income 1,684.84.
 - TOTAL INCOME \$7,716.03 derived from: Sponsorship (\$5,000 provided by the Ministry of Agriculture for advertising and promotion of meetings of the CPW Board members.), Membership Fees (\$2,250 – 9 Regular membership fees @ \$250) and Interest (\$466.03).
 - TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,031.19. The main expense is advertising the AGMs in the CPS Show Guide \$4,500.00. Other expenses include Contract Services for administration (\$682.50), Website Maintenance by Mooseworld (\$532.13), Operations such as postage, director meeting expenses, telephone (\$260.36) and Banking Fees (\$56.20).
 - NET INCOME \$1,684.84, reflecting a change of \$8,606.06 from previous year. Primary sources of change are Membership Fees (reduced by \$1,750.00), administrative costs from Contracted Services shifted to volunteer commitments (reduction of \$7,507.50) and reduced Operating Costs (-\$215.47 due to less travel and director meeting costs and telephone/telecommunications via free Zoom account).
 - TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME \$7,750.00. Sourced from Membership Fee invoices for 9 members @ \$250, total budgeted 2020/21 \$2,250; Sponsor Income \$5,000; Interest Income \$500.00.
 - TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES \$7,505. Promotion/Advertising \$4,500; Website \$1,000, Administration expenses \$400.00; bank service charges \$60.00, Incorporation Fee \$45.00. A Covid Contingency Fund of \$1,500 was added to the budget in lieu of the Networking Reception line expense item in previous budgets. The CropSphere Group is acknowledged for covering the cost of the networking reception January 13th, 2020.
- PROJECTED SURPLUS 2020/21 Budget \$245.00

The financials suggest that Covid-19 impacted the CPW Saskatchewan Board in several aspects, but one other area is noteworthy, the working relationship between the larger commodity organizations within the CropSphere group and the smaller commodity organizations and the SSGA as members of the CPW

Saskatchewan Inc. It is the opinion of the SAGA representative on CPW Saskatchewan Board that the relationships between the groups grew stronger.

Each organization, big or small, struggled with the concept of not having face-to-face meetings and 'planning the pandemic-AGMs.' The leadership of the CropSphere group had committed early to have virtual AGMs and shared their plans with the CPW Saskatchewan Board. Through their communications, the smaller CPW Saskatchewan groups were in a better position to better understand and deliver their AGMs in new ways, while accounting for suboptimal rural internet connectivity.

Meeting times for the Crop Sphere and CPW Saskatchewan AGMs were scheduled for three days. Observers and voting members would have the opportunity to attend any of the AGMs organized by the twelve crop commodity groups and SSGA and do so from the safety and comfort of their homes, bearing neither travel costs nor registration fees. The registration process was streamlined with attendees registering for the AGMs at a central website – saskcrops.com. and common advertising messages were available for use by all organizations as they published their AGM notices in newsletters, etc. Consensus was also reached to use a common platform for on-line delivery of the AGMs-Zoom Webinar.

The final chapter on 'planning the pandemic-AGMs' is yet to be written, but it is safe to say, the organizations within the Crop Production Week Board have grown together as a community of Saskatchewan agriculture organizations, Despite the diversity of the individual groups and the Covid-19 restrictions placed on our social and business gatherings, we worked and built a solution to continue our annual meeting traditions and honour our governance commitments.

J. Relf-Eckstein

Additional report at meeting:

COVID has affected the AGM's. Prairieland Park has risen to the challenge and are running the tech, handling the voting and have set up a room for virtual AGMs. The conflict of COVID has brought all together to make it as easy as possible for rural populations and AGMs.

h) Social Media – Mayson Maerz

Presented verbally at meeting

As an example, the Bedpush had great participation from Ag Grads and ASA so it worked well. There lots of pictures and video posted to the Facebook site – great success. The key is to get people to share as it spreads.

Have some people posting virtual reunions and toasting fellow alumni

Twitter has 1001 followers, Facebook is fairly static

i) Past President – Eric Johnson

The primary role of the Past-President is to: "bring forward to the Executive, the names for consideration for Honorary Life Members and other awards. The Past-President shall see that the Honorary Life Member Plates are engraved".

Honorary President Gratton O'Grady and outgoing Past-President, Mayson Maerz assisted me in the selection. John Hickie and Dr. David Christensen were the chosen recipients of the award. Engraving of the plates will be done when restrictions are lifted, and we can access the College of Agriculture and Bioresources building.

I spent a fair amount of my time over the past three years recruiting new members for the executive. We have a very strong balance of new and experienced members on the executive, but it is important that we continue to recruit new people. Although we plan to maintain the incumbent Vice-President, President and Past-President for 2021, we will be looking to recruit positions for 2022. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the current Executive.

j) Vice-President – Deanne Belisle

Professionally, I left agriculture as a career field when I ventured to England for a couple years. Upon returning to Canada in 2000, my path took me towards infrastructure and eventually economic development. After moving to Saskatoon in 2007, I was excited to connect up again with the U of S, the ag researchers and the Agro community - the full opportunity came when I accepted the role of SAGA vice-president. Like Jason, I thought this 2020 year would follow the structure and design of the past whereby the vice-president's primary role is to coordinate the reunion honour years for their upcoming reunion. And in a COVID-affected way, that is what I did.

Between Eric Johnson (past president who works on campus and has taught classes, both super helpful to recruit recent grads) and Ewald Lammerding (SAGA Editor/Banquet and School grad who knows everyone) and myself, we were able to secure 16 of 18 reunion year chairs by May 2020. We knew already that 2020 was going to be an unprecedented year. President Jason Fradette, Eric and I met with the chairs by teleconference in June to brainstorm reunion options. Then Hamish Tulloch's team at the University Relations office generated contact lists and I sent out a sample email, actually a survey outlining our options, for the chairs to use when contacting their classmates. Our options were to:

- Postpone to 2022
- Postpone to summer 2021
- Go ahead as best we can

By September, the survey results were in, and the preferred option was to postpone to 2022, due to public health restrictions and the ongoing concern with large gatherings. After harvest, I sent another note to the chairs to ask them to circulate the disappointing but not surprising news to their classmates. SAGA posted a communication piece to the website, twitter and Facebook. Since then, the reunion chairs and I have been on pause.

SAGA will fire this all up again in the early new year as we really hope to keep everyone engaged for a future fun experience when it is safe to do so.

Meanwhile, I want to thank all the Reunion Chairs for volunteering their time and effort on behalf of myself and SAGA and for adapting with me to figure our way through this. They tracked down old friends and classmates by phone, email, zoom, Facebook, Linked In and even did a Survey Monkey! In many ways, technology is helping us to keep in touch with each other, but we still need the ringleaders. You know them, the ones who organize the summer reunions, track the milestone birthdays, pause to celebrate lives well lived or gone too soon and tweet out the latest happenings.

Here is the slate of ringleaders for the 86th annual event. In spite of there not being the big reunion party, the reunion chairs told me of many connections made and that is what its all about.

SAGA Reunion Honour Year Chairs for Degree and Diploma

1951 School – Bill Cooper

1951 College – Still need/looking for a Chair

1956 School – Peter Sunquist
1956 College – Stu Whitney
1961 School – Marcel Dubois
1961 College – Bob Baker
1966 School – Lorne McConaghy and Neal Moyse
1966 College – Bill Turner
1971 School – Ken Granberg
1971 College – Jim Spiers and Ray Ryland
1981 School – Dave Marshall
1981 College – Adrian Johnston
1991 School – still need/looking for a Chairperson
1991 College – Tim Hammond
2001 School – Curtis Sambrook
2001 College – Camile Baillargeon
2011 College + Diploma – Katie MacMillan
2016 College + Diploma – Shayla Hertz and Kerry Gerein

As mentioned in the other reports, and if accepted by the membership at the AGM, I will repeat as vice-president to coordinate chairs for a mega event in January 2022. I also hope to be able to do more face-to-face activities as back-up to the President and perhaps I will meet in person the new Dean, Angela Bedard-Haughn, and some of the Agriculture and Bioresources Students' Association (ASA) student clubs.

Because of COVID-19 circumstances, the SAGA Executive has not been able to assemble for meetings. Along with business and social groups everywhere, we have gone totally to a zoom meeting format. In the opening paragraph of this report, I spoke about how my return to Saskatoon opened a door for me to join SAGA. What the Executive has observed with the new format is that we don't need to get together in a boardroom on the second floor of the College of Agriculture building surrounded by artwork and university views. While v-e-r-y nice to do so, it is not necessary. So my message to you is, no matter where you call home, if you are a University of Saskatchewan ag grad, consider hopping onto the SAGA executive for a spell and become an active (virtual) part of our community, from youngest grads to oldest and wisest. And if you are an Ag Grad of the years ending with a 1, I hope you will continue to hang in there with us. And if you are an Ag Grad of the years ending with a 2 and also want to get involved, please contact me as I plan to handle coordination for both the 2021 and 2022 reunion years.

Deanne Belisle

k) President's Report – Jason Fradette

A year ago I accepted the role of SAGA President with the intention to continue the good work of previous presidents. In my first report to the Executive I stated that in 2020 we would:

“continue building connections with students and ASA; ensure SAGA is maintained as a network and resource for all grads, including recent years; ensure our executive is at capacity and responsive by having incoming people ready, especially if we can recruit more recent grads. “

However at that time we were not aware that a pandemic would come to impact SAGA activities this year. Overall many events and typical SAGA activities were affected including this 2021 Annual General meeting which is being held virtually, and our 2021 reunion being postponed to next year.

I was able to participate in some events early last year including the 2020 College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduation. It was an honor to attend representing SAGA and I couldn't help but notice that a significant number of the new grads had families there that are SAGA members. Thank you to the Agriculture Students Association for the invitation and a chance to talk about how the connections made in your college years can and will, continue post-graduation.

Last year SAGA again was part of Crop Production week planning and was able to be at the Crop Production Show Sponsors Social that was held January 13. At this social Joanne Relf-Eckstein had made arrangements for ASA to promote the Agro TeleMiracle bedpush. The students representatives did an excellent job of connecting with people and organizations, and even got a few unexpected donations.

The 2020TeleMiracleAgro Bedpush was held just before the pandemic started affecting events. Congratulation to the ASA in effectively coordinating that event and surpassing their own fundraising goal. This biennial fundraiser is also an opportunity for SAGA members to connect with, and support students which happened this year through donations, participation in fundraising events and the many alumni that were out on Highway 11 taking shifts pushing the bed. To mention just few graduate bed pushers, there was the Altwaser family that represented three generations of Agros (Rodney '66, Allen '91 and Carter '20), and a couple SAGA Executive, Henry de Gooier '83 and John Hauer'84 who made their return after being some of the original runners from the first TeleMiracle Bedpush in 1982.

While the 2020 Bean Feed did not take place in the normal fashion, the College did present awards and scholarships in November. Because of donations from SAGA members this year we were able to recognize two students, Baylie Yasieniuk and Jourdyn Sammons with \$3000 scholarships. These scholarships support students, increase SAGA visibility and hopefully encourage students to make us a part of their post-graduate and professional lives. SAGA will continue to coordinate these awards with the college and we encourage members to consider donations to future SAGA scholarships.

Even without a lot of formal functions this year your executive did continue to meet and worked to adjust activities in response to the pandemic. As mentioned we have reluctantly postponed the 2021 SAGA reunion. That decision did mean that Ewald Lammerding - Banquet/Mixer Rep, and Deanne Belisle – VP spent time making alternate arrangements and working with the reunion chairs to start planning for 2022. We now have TCU Place booked for January 7 and 8, 2022 and are looking at how to organize that event for up to double the usual number of Grads.

Typically I would end this report by saying it's been a busy and rewarding year as SAGA President. As this last year has been effectively paused and limited what we could accomplish as executive, some of us including myself as President, Deanne Belisle Vice President and Eric Johnson as past President, are proposing to serve one more full year in our current positions. If the membership accepts this proposal and if I am re-elected, I will have another year to work

on those goals listed in the beginning of this report and will hopefully have a more traditional report to present to you at the 2022 AGM.

Jason Fradette

MOTION: Accept reports: Bryan Harvey / Blair Cummins- **CARRIED**

7. New Business
none

8. Election/ Approval of Executive for 2021

MOTIONS:

No nominations were received from the floor

The proposed Executive for 2021 is as follows:

President	Jason Fradette '84C
Honorary President	Gratton O'Grady '69C
Past President	Eric Johson '82C
Vice President	Deanne Belisle '79C
Secretary	Raelene Petracek '86C
Treasurer	Morley Ayars '75C
College Development Coordinator	Hamish Tullock '91C
Sask. Ag Hall of Fame	Bryan Harvey '60C
Newsletter Editor	Ewald Lammerding '88S
Membership/Registrar	Henry de Goojier, '83C
Website	Ward Headrick '89C
Crop Production Week	Jo Anne Relf-Eckstein '85C
Banquet/Mixer	Ewald Lammerding '88S
Hockey	Chay Anderson '14C
Social Media	Louis Bossaer '95C/Mason Maerz '83C
ASA – SAGA Liason	rep appointed by ASA
Members at Large	Irene Ahner '65C
	Blair Cummins '77S
	Adam Ornawka '04C

MOTION: Given the COVID situation that SAGA set aside the Bylaw 4.6 for this year only and allow the President to be re-elected to a second consecutive term. Bryan Harvey/Bob McKercher – **CARRIED**

MOTION: To approve the Executive slate as presented. Bryan Harvey/Ray Ryland – **CARRIED**

9. Other Items
none

10. Adjournment
8:33 - Eric Johnson

Attachment: Financial Statement

In conducting the compilation I reviewed each expenditure line as there are relatively few such entries. I did not review each revenue item as there are many more such entries. I reviewed several individual revenue items, comparing the entry on the appropriate spreadsheet to the underlying document. I found no errors.

I have made relatively few changes to the operating statement, these changes are:

During the 2018/2019 year there two deposits made which equaled a total of \$320.00 The source of the deposits were four banquet tickets for the 2020 banquet and a one year membership. The revenue from the sale of the banquet tickets relates to activity during the 2019/2020 year and therefore should be included as income during that year. I therefore increased revenue during 2019/2020 by \$300.00 Income category 4c – "Banquet and Mixer"

Previous year and the 2019/2020 as presented did not include income generated by the increased value of the BMO Growth Fund. I have included an amount equal to \$2,317.80 Category 6 "Interest" Previously the income generated by the investment has been accounted for in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. One of the reasons for including the item in the Income Statement, in addition to bringing the statements closer to being in line with GAAP, is the current Treasurers intention to use an off the shelf accounting package beginning in 2020/2021. It is almost certain that such a program will be designed such that all financial statements are in balance.

Cheque #526 is for a deposit on the 2021 banquet. As presented this was included as an expense for 2019/2020. This is in fact an expense for the 2020/2021 year.

Cheque #528 and #532 were not included in the statement as presented. I therefore increased expense by \$1,064.24. Category 16b – "website"

During the year, there were four copies of the book "The Sodbusters Vision". These books are included in inventory at a value of \$11.74 each. I therefore added \$46.96 to expenses.

Cheque # 538 – payable to U of S for Vern Racz Scholarship was not included in statement as presented. I added to expense – category 18g – miscellaneous. You may want to re-categorize this.

The total of changes is Income increased by \$300 and Expenses increased by \$111.20

Net change therefore is \$188.80

I have updated Statement of Assets and Liabilities to reflect the above.

I have also prepared one additional statement – Sources and Uses of Funds- you may or may not find this useful.

I also note that cheque # 538, to U of S for Vern Racz scholarship, Cheque #537 to Canada Post and Cheque #536 to Crop Production show are not dated. I don't think much hinges on this but it would be better to properly date all cheques

I also notice that in the material you provided to me there is a printout from a Government of Canada web site. This printout includes the following for Corporations with Gross annual revenues of less than \$50,000 "*Members must appoint a public accountant(PA) at each annual meeting. Exception – Members may wave appointment by annual unanimous resolution. (If no PA (Public accountant) is appointed, then only a compilation is necessary.)*" - I made a fairly superficial review of minutes and could find no such resolution.

Sources and Uses Of Funds - SAGA - for the year 2019/2020

Beginning Cash	\$	13,431.72
Net Income	\$	4,400.98
Changes to Assets and Liabilities		
Pre paid banquet expense		-1500
Reduction in inventory (The Sodbusters Vision)	\$	46.96
Reduction in liability (pre paid banquet ticket)		-300
		-1753.04
Net Cash by Operations	\$	2,647.94
Cash generated (used) by financing activities		
Increased value of BMO Mutual fund		-2317.8
Ending Cash	\$	13,761.86

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.

Income Statement 2019-11-01 to 2020-10-31

REVENUES		(Current Year) 2019-2020	(Prior Year) 2018-2019
(Includes revenue for which payment has not yet been received)			
1	Membership Fees	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 2,450.00
2	Grants		\$ -
3	Donations		\$ -
4	Fundraising	\$ 24,263.35	\$ -
4a	Hockey	\$ 470.00	
4b			
4c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ 23,793.35	\$ 29,995.50
4d	Banquet & Mixer at Reunion Night	\$ 555.00	
5	Other Receipts Ag in Motion		\$ 100.00
5a	Professional Development		\$ -
5b	Newsletter Subscription		\$ -
5c	Website/Newsletter Ads	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 800.00
5d	Sales of "The Sodbusters Vision" Book	\$ 145.00	\$ 355.00
6	Interest (increase in value of mutual fund)	\$ 2,317.80	
7	Total Revenue for the Year	\$ 32,001.15	\$ 33,700.50

EXPENSES			
(Includes expenses for which payment has not yet been made)			
8	Personnel Costs (Salaries, etc)		\$ -
9	Taxes & Licences (Corporate Registry)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
10	Lease or Rental Costs		\$ -
11	Utilities		\$ -
12	Insurance		\$ -
13	Repairs & Maintenance		\$ -
14	Office Supplies & Postage		\$ 26.78
15	Bank Charges (including Moneris charges)	\$ 1,218.48	\$ 1,221.57
16	Communication to Members		
16a	Newsletter (publication & Mailing)	\$ 3,884.72	\$ 3,856.67
16b	Website	\$ 1,064.24	\$ 4,942.90
17	Social Functions		\$ -
17a	Hockey (See shown above in revenue)	\$ 72.79	\$ -
17b			\$ -
17c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ 20,247.98	\$ 23,547.54
18	Misc: Visa deduction,		\$ 207.30
18a	ASA	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
18b	Professional Development-students		\$ 785.27
18c	Crop Production Week Membership	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
18d	Sask Ag Hall of Fame	\$ 100.00	
18e	President Portrait	\$ -	
18f	Other, "The Sodbusters Vision" Book	\$ 46.96	\$ 22.01
18g	Other Misc Brochures		\$ 333.00
	Vern Racz scholarship	\$ 500.00	
19	Total Expenses for the Year	\$27,600.17	\$35,408.04

Net Surplus for the Year ** \$ 4,400.98 -\$ 1,707.54

** Previous year Net Surplus Excludes Income generated by Mutual fund

Name of Corporation Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.

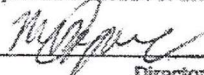
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at Oct 31, 2020 With Comparative Figures for 2019-2019

<u>Assets</u>		2019-2020 (Current Year)	2018-2019 (Prior Year)
1	<u>Cash</u>		
	cash on hand	\$ -	\$ -
	cash in bank	\$ 14,557.29	\$ 13,624.03
	less outstanding cheques	\$ 805.43	\$ 192.31
	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 13,751.86	\$ 13,431.72
1b	Pre paid Expenses - deposit on 2021 Banquet	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
2	<u>Term Deposits</u>	\$ -	\$ -
3	<u>Receivables (specify)</u>	\$ -	\$ -
4	<u>Other Current Assets (Specify)</u>		
	Investments (Mutual Fund)	\$ 56,340.45	\$ 54,022.65
5	<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
	Land	\$ -	\$ -
	buildings (cost less depreciation)	\$ -	\$ -
	equipment (cost less depreciation)	\$ -	\$ -
	other <u>None</u>	\$ -	\$ -
6	<u>Other Assets</u> <u>None</u>	\$ -	\$ -
	118 copies of "The Sodbusters Vision" Book @ \$11.74 ea	\$ 1,385.32	\$ 1,432.28
7	<u>Total Assets</u> <u>Cash & Investments</u>	\$ 72,987.63	\$ 68,886.65
<u>Liabilities</u>			
8	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	\$ -	\$ -
9	<u>Other Current Liabilities</u>		
	<u>None</u>	\$ -	\$ 300.00
10	<u>Loans</u>	\$ -	\$ -
11	<u>Other Long Term Liabilities (Specify)</u>		
	<u>None</u>	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>Total Liabilities</u>	\$ -	\$ 300.00
<u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>			
12	<u>Balance Forward from previous year</u>	\$ 68,586.65	
	<u>Current Year Surplus (Deficit)</u>	\$ 4,400.98	
	<u>Balance at End of Year</u>	\$ 72,987.63	
13	<u>Total Liabilities & Surplus</u>	\$ 72,987.63	\$ 68,886.65


(Note: Line 7 must equal line 13)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:


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Morley Ayars BSA 1975, Treasurer


President
Jason Fradette BSA 1984

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Date

Dec 29, 2020