

SAGA Executive Meeting
Minutes of February 4, 2005
Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg.

Present: Don Mitchell, Richard Bellamy, Jack Braidek, Chelsea Bulani, Fred Fulton, Bradley Hovland, Terri Ife, Bob McKercher, Colin Peterson, Mike Turley, Frank Dunlop, Glen Hass, Carla Trobak, Kristian Holden

1. **Call to order:** 3:35 PM
2. **Agenda** adopted as presented - Moved by Mike Turley, seconded by Teri Ife, Carried.
3. **Introduction of SAGA Executive Members** - not present at the meeting: Judy MacMillan (Vice president), Bev Magill (Secretary), Bernie Sonntag (Newsletter), Les Henry (Crop Production), College Development Officer (To be hired by College soon), Pat Flaten (2 year Membership), Mike Kirzinger (1 year Banquet), Glenda Howarth (2 year Mixer), Lanette Ehman (2 year Curling), Jeremy German (2 year Hockey)
4. **Minutes of January 7th, 2005** – No errors or omissions
Moved by Don Mitchell, seconded by Bob McKercher, Carried.
5. **Business from minutes not covered in reports** - none
6. **Financial Report** - Mike Turley reports a total of \$18,000 in chequing account. One deposit from reunion weekend is unknown (approximately \$2200). Several bills from weekend still need to be submitted to the treasurer.
Don Mitchell moved Carla Trobak as treasurer, seconded by Terri Ife, Carried.
Mike Turley moved to adopt report, seconded by Richard Bellamy, Carried.
7. **Correspondence:** ASA is seeking sponsorship of World Association of Agriculture Councils conference held March 14th-20th. Chelsea Bulani commented on the selection of students to participate. Tabled until later in meeting on financial concerns.
Newspaper from Melfort featuring Ken Bowren receiving award.
Food trays arrived from College as a thank you and job well done.
8. **Committee Reports:**
ASA: Chelsea Bulani mentioned upcoming ASA activities including: Telemiracle, WAAC fundraising and ASA elections. Colleen Murphy was awarded the Senior Stick and Iain Stables was awarded the Golden Sheaf at graduation.

Registrar: Richard Bellamy received several new members, but no update on membership yet. We need to work on a new system to keep track of members.

Membership: Absent - nothing to report.

Reunion: Colin Peterson suggested to start organizing reunions as early as possible. Email might not be effective communication to ensure good representation. Fred Fulton commented on exploring means to get reunion years involved in mixer and banquet. Mike Turley commented on possibly moving dates to conjoin better with Crop Production week.

Fred Fulton made a motion to create a special committee involving the ASA, membership, reunion, mixer, and banquet chairpersons as well as other persons deemed pertinent. Don Mitchell seconded the motion, Carried.

Mixer: Brad Hovland commented that things went well, but there was low attendance. It is recommended that the doors open earlier than 9 pm. The financial report to come later.

Glen Hass commented on the time of the doors opening and the time and disruption of the Calcutta. The curling and mixer chairpersons should review the Calcutta.

Bob Tyler came to the meeting to welcome the new SAGA executive members and to thanks the outgoing members.

Banquet: Teri Ife reported that we had no negative comments about the banquet. The concern is that we booked 350 tickets and only sold 283. 67 tickets had to be paid for by SAGA at \$21.85 each.

The bar corkage at the banquet was \$1200, which needs to be considered in the budget.

Revenue included the tickets (\$8490) and bar (\$3058) for a total of \$11548. Expenses include meal (\$7683.52), corkage (\$1202.75), bartenders (\$412.50), Alcohol (\$1404), Saskatoon inn gratuity (\$1199), GST (\$786), DJ (\$300), printing (\$170), miscellaneous (\$31.86) for a total of \$13241.60.

This creates a loss of \$1823.60.

Due to financial uncertainty, we will not sponsor WAAC at this time.

Curling: Don Mitchell presented the curling financial report in Blair Cummins absence.

Income: Membership \$580, Curling Fees \$1630, Calcutta \$685

Expenses: Ice rental (40 games @ \$32 each) \$1369.60, Calcutta payout \$585, Membership \$580, and engraving \$58.36 for a total expense of \$2592.96. This makes a net profit of \$302.04.

Hockey: Kristian Holden reported that 6 teams competed in Vanscoy. There were 8 men's teams and one women's team last year. There was not a competitive and non-competitive division this year. The groups competed for A and B positions. The tournament has a profit of \$133.18, not counting the

upcoming cost of engraving.

Agri-twins arena is tentatively booked for next year.

Newsletter: Frank Dunlop reported the newsletter is due to come out the end of March. Submissions are due the end of February.

Alumni: A task force to examine Ag vs. university relationship is meeting soon. More graduates seem to be meeting at the June Alumni event. SAGA currently has no official presence there. There are no individual alumni group representatives on the university alumni board.

Hall of Fame: Bob McKercher had nothing to report

History Book: Jack Braidek commented on sales of books during executive introductions.

MAL: Not present - nothing to report

College of Agriculture Development Officer: position open until Jason is replaced

Presidents Report: Colin Peterson reported that Sask-Challenge has renamed Team Challenge to "SAGA Team Challenge". Holly White, Nicole Tanner, Shannon Poppy, and Sonya Meier each won a \$100 prize donated by SAGA. Wilson Acton was awarded a lifetime membership for winning Sask-Challenge Jeopardy.

Colin Peterson attended ASA graduation on January 28th to award the Tommy Fraser Memorial award to Brennan Schachtel.

Iain Stables bought the SAGA Lifetime membership donated by SAGA at the Canadian Agriculture Marketing Association auction.

Colin Peterson mentioned that new graduates received a letter and a 1 year membership. The membership chairperson needs to look into this again.

Colin Peterson moves for adoption of all reports, Mike Turley seconds, Carried.

Other business: none

Adjournment: Move to adjourn by Colin Peterson at 5:25 PM

Next Meeting: Friday April 1st, 2005