

**SAGA Executive Meeting  
Minutes of April 12, 2007  
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

**Present:** Glen Hass, Ken Sapsford, Judy MacMillan, Jim Bessel, Hugh Beckie, Kathy Vancha, Richard Bellamy, Stephanie Huber, Lisa Horn, David Hryhor, Bob McKercher, Stephanie Dreger, Virginia Peters, Steve Cuddington, Les Henry, Teri Ife

**Regrets:** Bernie Sonntag, Michelle Gallucci, Mark Kuchran, & Melissa Stuart

**Absent:** Chelsea Bulani, Jim Russell, Sandy Russell, Fred Fulton, Frank Dunlop, Juanita Polegi & Larry White

Mayson Maerz did not attend the meeting but was manning the Nutrition Station downstairs for our membership drive with the Agros.

**1) Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. by K. Sapsford

**2) Agenda:**

**Motion by: D. Hryhor - To Adopt Agenda**

**Seconded by: J. MacMillan** **Carried**

Ken introduced and welcomed our two new members to the SAGA Executive, Hugh Beckie our new Treasurer, and Stephanie Dreger the new PRO from the ASA.

Thank-you to J. Bessel for bringing donuts as an evening treats.

**3) Minutes of March 8, 2007**

**Motion by: G. Hass – To move minutes of March 8, 2007 be adopted as presented.**

**Seconded by: H. Beckie** **Carried**

**4) Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**a) Diploma Review –**

K. Vancha, V. Peters, L. Horn & T. Ife gave an overview of the Diploma Review meeting on March 14, 2007 with Karen Tanino. It was a productive meeting, which gave Karen insight as to how to structure the new program. Many of our suggestions were similar to the direction of the paper that G. Hass had presented at last month's SAGA meeting.

L. Horn would like to acknowledge and thank again G. Hass for his time and direction he put into this paper as it is really setting a good foundation for the review panel to base some decisions from. L. Horn also commented that a good effort needs to be put into marketing and promotion of the college in order for industry and new prospective students to know what is available with a Degree or Diploma from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

G. Hass has met with the Dean's office and spoke with Karen Tanino, it looks like they will have all students taking triple number courses. They are having some transition issues that will get worked out eventually. G. Hass is pretty optimistic with the overall direction the College is taking with this review.

S. Dreger commented that the ASA is focused on being more involved in the positive promotion of the College and plans are being made to have a stronger representation at Orientation and the U of S Experience Us events. Some suggestions are to have some former graduates from the college give talks or direction to new students as to opportunities and what direction the industry is going.

K. Sapsford thanks everyone for their involvement with the Diploma Review, and will keep us posted as to future developments as they arise.

#### **b) Obtaining Financial Stability Committee**

M. Maerz, submitted an update for K. Sapsford to present at tonight's meeting. Approximately 150 replies have been received by email. Some of email addresses are old and out of date. M. Maerz is meeting with Alumni to discuss options they will have in updating and accessing these in the future.

J. Bessel is working on a letter to send out to commodity groups and companies in the industry for financial support for SAGA. A copy of this letter will be sent out to the members of SAGA for review. Again the purpose of this letter is to obtain financial support. J. Bessel is hoping to have some of this money inline for this early fall. The idea is to have the companies all share in the newsletter we are not selling advertising. Suggestion that the contributors to this support use the SAGA newsletter as an opportunity to promote what or where their check-off dollars are going ie: research and development, or they may want to use a venue to display job opportunities.

L. Henry has written an article for this issue of the SAGA Newsletter on "Moldy Money" directed to our past graduates who may want to make a contribution to SAGA in order to assist in the financial stability of the alumni

K. Sapsford also mentioned that in the past we have had a tiered membership rate. 0-9 years \$80.00 and 10 and over \$70.00. K. Sapsford suggests that at the Annual Meeting in January we just have one rate \$100.00 as the motion from the March meeting states, no matter how long you have been graduated from the College.

#### **5) Financial Report – presented by K.Sapsford & H.Beckie**

Nothing to update at this time as K. Sapsford is trying to co-ordinate a meeting time with M.Stuart review the current status of the books and to make the transition over for H. Beckie.

Note the bank does require a written acknowledgement of who has signing authority.

**Motion by: V. Peters** –To move that SAGA requires two signatures from the following persons, K. Sapsford – President, J. Bessel – Vice President and/or H. Beckie – Treasurer. Two of these three persons, signatures are required for signing authority for the business relating to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association with the Bank of Montreal.

**Seconded by: K. Vancha**                      **Carried**

#### **6) Correspondence – K. Sapsford**

No new correspondence at this time.

## **7) Committee Reports:**

### **a) ASA – S. Dreger**

- The "Cummoni wannalaya" Hawaiian Mixer took place on Friday, March 9, 2007 at TCU Place. The event went very well, as the ASA was very happy with the new venue and look forward to having more events and activities at TCU Place.
- The ASA will be hosting WAAC (World Association Agriculture Colleges) in spring of 2009, here in Saskatoon. This is a four-day event involving other agriculture programs throughout the world.
- The new ASA Executive is looking forward to the academic new year, a lot of focus is being put on promotion of the college. Suggestion of working together with SAGA to aid in support through speakers and guidance as to the students potential for the future upon graduation.

### **b) Registrar- R. Bellamy**

- SAGA has 1,933 members, of whom 33 are Annual Life members, 46 are Honorary Life members, 1,854 Lifetime members.
- R. Bellamy has 65 members on his list with no addresses, asking that the Executive review to see if they are aware or familiar with some of these missing addresses.

K. Sapsford suggested that T. Ife be responsible for getting an announcement to the SAGA newsletter for the August issue of the suggested fee changes for members

### **Action:**

T. Ife to submit an announcement of the suggested membership fee changes for the August newsletter.

**Action Completed:** Yes / No / Carry forward

### **b) Membership – K. Vancha & C. Bulani**

- K. Vancha reports on the planned prank for April 4, 2007, C. Bulani, V. Peters and K. Vancha arrived at the ASA College Lounge around 9:00 p.m. ready to employ their prank when they discovered the College of Engineers had been busy working on another prank for the Agros. So they altered their plans a little and filled both entrances to the ASA lounge with balloons, and left posters in the lounge in regards to the Nutrition Breaks being sponsored by SAGA during exam time.
- K. Vancha reports there is a lot of awareness and interest as to what SAGA is and inquiries about joining.
- In a discussion between K. Vancha and C. Bulani they are aware the ASA is struggling with membership and does SAGA have a responsibility to assist in supporting the development of this. The feeling is yes, K. Vancha suggested that SAGA work more closely with the ASA. Let's make a presence in the lounge ie: on the day of drag spend time in the lounge, play some cards, and have a group of former grads attend Drag – "DRAG your SKRAG to DRAG" event. Let's make it fun and encourage a positive relationship for both groups. We can build both of these associations if we all work together.



**d) Reunion – J. Bessel**

- J. Bessel has made contact with all the people on his list of reunion years for both the diploma and degree programs. Looking for chairpersons for 1968 and also 60 year diploma/degree groups need assistance in planning and organizing the reunion. All other reunion years have a co-ordinator.

**e & f) Mixer & Banquet– S. Russel, Jim R., D. Hryhor, S. Huber & L.Horn**

- L. Horn met with TCU Place. Suggesting planning a casino night for the activity at the Mixer, would like to ask for assistance from the ASA in operating the games on the night of the Mixer. Both the Mixer and Banquet committee is planning to meet again to review options.
- The banquet will include an award presentation for the Hockey and Curling.
- K. Sapsford suggests the Mixer and Banquet have something with detail put together for the August Newsletter. Include information on booking rooms at the Hilton.
- K. Sapsford is also going to contact F. Dunlop about stuffing a one page tell-all insert into the newsletter, bringing more attention to the SAGA Reunion Weekend changes.
- J. Bessel is going to get in touch with Kevin Hursch in regards to having the SAGA Reunion Weekend information posted on the Crop Production website.

**g) Curling – V. Peters & M. Maerz**

- Curling has been booked at the Granite Curling Club for the January 5 & 6, 2008, reunion weekend. The Granite has 9 sheets of ice and can start the bonspiel on Friday if necessary.

**h) Hockey – S. Cuddington & M. Kuchuran**

- Looking at the options of rinks available close to Saskatoon. Aberdeen is approximately \$ 1,700.00 plus taxes and Waldhiem is \$750. Question from the Hockey Chairpersons, is it worth the difference to bring the hockey a little closer to the city?
- After discussion with the executive it has been suggested to keep the hockey at Waldhiem.

**Action:**

S. Cuddington & M. Kuchuran confirm the booking with the Waldhiem hockey rink facility for January 5 & 6, 2008.

**Action Completed:** Yes / No / Carry forward

**i) Newsletter- B. Sonntag & F. Dunlop**

- The newsletter will be going out shortly and has a lot of information in it. It looks good! The email format of it is in a PDF format, which will be easier for all members to receive.

**j) Alumni – F. Fulton**

No Report.

**k) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher**

- Hall of Fame meeting on March 16, 2007, was mostly about the financial status of the Hall of Fame. New nominated directors are Glen Haas and Sara Williams. The Hall of Fame is approaching capacity of the current location, the museum is looking into other options of where they can find more room for the Hall of Fame

**l) Crop Production Week – L. Henry**

- Crop Production Week meeting on March 22, 2007 no negative response to SAGA moving the event, our event as it does not effect Crop Production.

**m) MAL- J. Polegi, L. White, I. Ahner & M. Stuart**

None present, no report.

**n) College Development Officer - M. Gallucci**

Michelle absent, K. Sapsford presented her report.

- M. Gallucci has forwarded a University Centennial Document outlining what the University is doing in celebration of it 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. K. Sapsford will forward to T. Ife and she will attach it to the minutes for all executives to review.
- M. Gallucci also gave us some of the University Chocolates to try and the college has also donated 300 of the chocolates for our banquet in January. Thank – you very much Michelle!
- Acknowledge will not be distributed until January, SAGA is welcome to put a New Years greeting in at that time.
- The College will also sponsor \$2,000.00 to put towards the Mixer for the SAGA Reunion weekend.

**o) President's Report – K. Sapsford**

- Pictures of the Past Presidents are behind, we need photos of C. Peterson, J. MacMillan and of current President K. Sapsford. K. Sapsford will look into arranging this with the Dean's office and get these updated this summer.
- J. MacMillan is wondering where does the Honorary Life member plaque get displayed? SAGA Executive unsure and are looking into where they are displayed.

**9) Other Business**

None at this time.

**Motion by : D. Hyhor -To move the meeting for adjournment.**


**Seconded by: S. Huber** Carried

**Next Meeting: September 6, 2007 – Thursday 7:00 p.m. 2D21 Agriculture Bldg**

**Adjourn: 9:30 p.m.**

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER EVERYONE WE WILL SEE YOU BACK IN THE FALL!!**

Secretary Signature

  
Teri Ife

President's Signature

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Ken Sapsford

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet  
Centennial Projects Report 2007

**ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

<b>ACTION TAKEN BY</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</b>	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>
K. Sapsford, J. Bessel & H. Beckie	To make arrangements to transfer over signing authority on SAGA bank account at Bank of Montreal on Ludlow Street	YES or NO
T. Ife	To submit a notice to the August newsletter in regards to proposed membership fee increase.	YES or NO
S. Cuddington & M. Kuchuran	Confirm booking for hockey in Waldhiem.	YES or NO
K. Sapsford & J. MacMillan	Look into updating the SAGA Presidents photographs.	YES or NO

# SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

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Thursday - April 12, 2007

Please sign your signature across from your name. Thank-You!

✓Glen Hass

✓Ken Sapsford

Teri Ife

✓Kathy Vancha

Richard Bellamy

✓Lisa Horn

✓Jim Russell

✓Bob McKercher

✓Bernie Sonntag

✓Michelle Gallucci

✓Virginia Peters

✓Steve Cuddington

✓Les Henry

✓Larry White

✓Judy MacMillan

✓Jim Bessel

✓Hugh Beckie

✓Chelsea Bulani

✓Stephanie Huber

✓Sandy Russell

✓David Hryhor

✓Fred Fulton

Frank Dunlop

✓Angela McKague  
Stephanie Drager

✓Mayson Maerz

✓Mark Kuchuran

✓Juanita Polegi

✓Melissa Stuart

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