

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Joint Meeting 2006 & 2007 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of February 1, 2007
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Glen Hass, Ken Sapsford, Jim Bessel, Teri Ife, Melissa Stuart, Kathy Vancha, Chelsea Bulani, Richard Bellamy, Stephanie Huber, Lisa Horn, Sandy Russell, Jim Russell, David Hryhor, Bob McKercher, Virginia Peters, Mike Kirzinger, Pat Flaten, Lanette Ehman

Regrets: Judy MacMillan, Fred Fulton, Bernie Sonntag, Frank Dunlop, Michelle Gallucci, Angela McKague, Mayson Maerz, Steve Cuddington, Mark Kuchuran, Les Henry, Juanita Polegi, Larry White, Bev Magill, Colin Peterson, Jeremy German, Glenda Clezy, Darren Camm, Brent McCarthy, Al Short, Collin Gerbrandt.

1) Call to Order: 7:10 p.m. by Ken.

2) Agenda:

Motion: To Adopt Agenda

David/Lanette

Carried

3) Minutes of December 6, 2006

The minutes from this meeting are not available, as Bev has not forwarded them at this time. We will move these minutes at our next meeting on March 8, 2007

4) Financial Report

Melissa does not have an update thus far things look good as the bills are coming in from the Reunion weekend. Will have a more detailed update at the next meeting on March 8, 2007.

5) Correspondence:

Bob has been sent a recommendation for the Honorary Life and will forward the name to Judy.

Lanette received a "Thank-you" in appreciation of the Curling Pins with great sincerity that the SAGA Curling Pins mean more than a prize.

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA

Angela absent, no report.

b) Registrar

Richard, nothing to update at this time.

c) Membership

Pat & Kathy report that the December coffee nights were a success would like to continue with this kind of idea during exam period in April. These nights allowed for interaction and conversation with potential new SAGA members. Also discovered through this interaction that a one-year free membership to students was not influencing whether they joined SAGA or not.

Motion: To eliminate the one-year free SAGA memberships to graduates.
Pat/Kathy Carried

Action:

It has been requested that Ken explain the reason with the ASA the decision for the withdrawal of the free one-year membership to the graduates. Ken has agreed to contact ASA about this decision.

Action Completed: Yes / No

Chelsea reports that the stunt, which was planned for the week of Crop Production, was cancelled due to the January 10 blizzard. Plans are in the works to reschedule the stunt.

Chelsea has also composed a chain letter that has been sent by email encouraging former classmates to be involved with SAGA and get a membership. To date she has four replies which she feels is a positive start.

d) Reunion

Ken reports overall a very good turn out. The 40, 50, 60 year grads have very strong attendance and had separate rooms for the group gatherings, the 10 & 20 year had smaller gatherings at the mixer which they had tables to mingle around and it seemed to work well.

Disappointing turn out with some of the early reunion years. There is some feeling that is effected by the Crop Production week due to some grads already putting in a long week, tired and heading home. Also questions of do some of these younger reunion years value what the honor year means? May-be we need to re-evaluate. Looking for suggestions or direction on where to go and where is the breakdown.

Motion: For the 2008 Reunion that the SAGA President send out a letter highlighting the importance of the SAGA weekend and have all Reunion Year co-ordinators forward this letter along with the SAGA Events agenda to there grads.

Glen/Jim B.

Carried

Action: Ken to compose a letter to be forwarded to the Reunion Co-orindators for promotion of the SAGA weekend.

Action Completed: Yes / No

e) Mixer

Sandy reports the Mixer had ~170 grads in attendance. Not a great turn out but overall things went well.

Note: To forward the portion of the food bill to Angela as the College has offered to sponsor that lunch at the Mixer.

Comments to consider moving the SAGA weekend to the start of the Crop Production week instead of the tail end may have a better turn out. An another idea to entice people to come out is to have some sort of entertainment for our grads at the Mixer. Suggestions are to have a Casino Night, a 50/50 draw, card games or other activities during the evening.

Action:

It has been discussed that the Mixer committee seeks out some sort of "Entertainment" idea for the evening event and presents those suggestions at our next meeting.

Action Completed: Yes / No

f) Banquet

Mike reports that the banquet was well attended ~ 317 people.
Overall net profit of \$ 1,014.10.

Mike suggests that the one key to having a successful banquet is to get firm numbers of attendance from the reunion years. This makes it easier to firm up the numbers prior to the Friday night deadline. Thanks to Ken for his hard work on keeping the Reunion Year co-ordinators on top of this, the effort really paid off.

Some tips and suggestions for 73rd Annual 2008 banquet:

- have some ushers to help assist with seating in the banquet hall.
- to work with the Saskatoon Inn on the positions of the banquet tables in the banquet room.
(ie: senior reunion years being seated closer to the front so they could hear better, but made for a long journey to the food tables. Can we make this flow better?)
- address the complaint with the Saskatoon Inn of the dessert tables running very short.
- Announce at the banquet the times of the final games for the curling and hockey for those who may want to cheer them on.
- Can the photographer set up prior to the program? Complaints of his set up being distracting during the program.

g) Curling

Lanette reported that the team entries were down from previous years.
8 regular event entries, and 9 Hutcheon event.
Curling made a profit \$470.00

Comments: Suggestion to changing the venue. Lanette looked into the Rutherford Rink on Campus.
Excellent venue for both Curling and Hockey (keeping the teams close may encourage better interaction with other events)

Great idea but the downfall is the cost. Lanette was quoted approximately \$3,000.00 for the rental of curling ice for the weekend. Hockey is \$670.00 per day.

Glen & Bob suggest we should pursue this issue with the College and talk to Michelle about a more reasonable rate for the SAGA group and see how she could help us out.

Action: Virginia, Mayson, Steve & Mark to investigate the Rutherford arena option with Michelle as quickly as possible.
Action Completed: Yes / No

h) Hockey

Steve and Mark absent, no report.

i) Newsletter

Bernie and Frank absent, no report

Note: March 1, 2007 is the deadline for submissions.

j) Alumni

No report.

k) Hall of Fame

Bob present, nothing to report at this time.

l) Crop Production Week

Nothing to report at this time.

m) MAL

None present, no report.

Ken still needs to fill the NW position and is continuing to work on that. Ken also would like the MAL's to be aware that their role is to gather information from the region and to submit reports of interests to the newsletter. Their role is also obtaining feedback on some of the issues that we are discussing within SAGA.

Action:

Ken will contact MAL's and address these responsibilities with them.

Action Completed: Yes / No

n) College Development Officer

Michelle absent, no report.

Ken has been in contact with Michelle, and has obtained the 2008 reunion year's list.

Action:

Ken will forward the list to Jim so he can begin to work on the 2008 Reunion Year Chairpersons.

Action Completed: Yes / No

o) President's Report

Ken had attended the ASA Graduate Banquet and addressed the grads inviting them to become a member of SAGA.

Karen Tanino was at the Mixer approaching current graduates for suggestions and direction as the Diploma Program is under review. Karen is looking for volunteers to sit on a focus group, which is meeting with Art Weston as a coordinator for insight and direction with this program.

Volunteers for the Focus group: Kathy Vancha, Jim Russell, Jim Bessel, Teri Ife, Virginia Peters, Lanette Ehman, Chelsea Bulani, Melissa Stuart, and Lisa Horn.

Discussion: What direction is the college wanting to go with this? Proposed an internal focus group from the current SAGA executive to put a paper together to become more informed on the situation.

Glen has volunteered to lead a committee to investigate and provide direction in creating a paper on our findings and suggestions on this situation.

Action: Glen to organize and start investigation into the start of the SAGA Focus Diploma Program Review.

Action Completed: Yes / No

Motion: To move the committee reports as presented.

Jim/Sandy

Carried

9) Other Business

- a) Suggestion of proposing a new date for the SAGA Reunion weekend.

After some discussion of the situation there seems to be logical support in moving the SAGA weekend to the opening weekend of the Crop Production show as opposed the current close of the weekend. The plan for the change is in pursuit of the improvement of attendance overall events.

Motion: SAGA Reunion weekend be moved to the start of the Crop Production Week, events beginning on Saturday, January 5 and ending on Sunday, January 6, 2008.

Kathy/Chelsea

Carried

Banquet, Mixer, Hockey & Curling Committees needs to collaborate and move quickly to get booking arrangements made for the 2008 event.

Action: Banquet, Mixer, Hockey & Curling meeting to make booking arrangements prior to March 8, 2007 meeting.

Action Completed: Yes / No

- b) Create a committee to review the financial issues of SAGA:
- looking into commodity groups, companies, for sponsorship.
 - looking at the reducing costs of the newsletter, maintaining and managing our own database.

Volunteers for a sub committee to address these issues and discuss ways of resolving them.

Volunteers are: Chelsea Bulani, Jim Bessel, Mayson Maerz, Melissa Stuart, Richard Bellamy.

Ideally would like to be moving forward and have some of these issues address by our next meeting.

- c) Set schedule for the 2007 SAGA Executive Meetings:

March 8	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
April 12	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
September 6	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
November 1	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
December 6	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
January 2, 2008	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Motion: To move the meeting for adjournment.

Kathy/Mike

Carried

Next Meeting: March 8, 2007 – Thursday 7:00 p.m. 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.

Secretary Signature



Teri Ite

President's Signature

Ken Sapsford

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet

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

✓Glen Hass	<u>Glen Hass</u>	Judy MacMillan	✓ <u>R</u>
✓Ken Sapsford	<u>Ken Sapsford</u>	✓Jim Bessel	<u>Jim Bessel</u>
✓Teri Iff	<u>Teri Iff</u>	✓Melissa Stuart	<u>Melissa Stuart</u>
✓Kathy Vancha	<u>Kathy Vancha</u>	✓Chelsea Bulani	<u>Chelsea Bulani</u>
✓Richard Bellamy	<u>Richard Bellamy</u>	✓Stephanie Huber	<u>Stephanie Huber</u>
✓Lisa Horn	<u>Lisa Horn</u>	✓Sandy Russell	<u>Sandy Russell</u>
✓Jim Russell	<u>Jim Russell</u>	✓David Hryhor	<u>David Hryhor</u>
✓Bob McKercher	<u>Bob McKercher</u>	Fred Fulton	✓ REGRETS
Bernie Sonntag	✓ REGRETS	Frank Dunlop	✓ <u>R</u>
Michelle Gallucci	✓ <u>R</u>	Angela McKague	✓ <u>R</u>
✓Virginia Peters	<u>Virginia Peters</u>	Mayson Maerz	✓ REGRETS
Steve Cuddington	✓ <u>R</u>	Mark Kuchuran	✓ <u>R</u>
Les Henry	✓ REGRETS	Juanita Polegi	✓ REGRETS
Larry White	✓ REGRETS	Bev Magill	✓ REGRETS
Colin Peterson	✓ <u>R</u>	✓Pat Flaten	<u>Pat Flaten</u>
✓Mike Kirzinger	<u>Mike Kirzinger</u>	✓Lanette Ehman	<u>Lanette Ehman</u>
Jeremy German	✓ <u>R</u>	Glenda Clezy	✓ <u>R</u>
Darren Camm	✓ <u>R</u>	Brent McCarthy	✓ <u>R</u>
Al Short	✓ <u>R</u>	Collin Gerbrandt	✓ <u>R</u>