

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Minutes of March 8, 2007
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Glen Hass, Ken Sapsford, Judy MacMillan, Melissa Stuart, Kathy Vancha, Chelsea Bulani, Richard Bellamy, Lisa Horn, Sandy Russell, Jim Russell, David Hryhor, Bob McKercher, Fred Fulton, Bernie Sonntag, Frank Dunlop, Angela McKague, Virginia Peters, Mayson Maerz, Mark Kuchuran, Les Henry, Teri Ife

Regrets: Jim Bessel, Juanita Polegi

Absent: Stephanie Huber, Michelle Gallucci, Steve Cuddington, Larry White

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

2) Agenda:

Motion by: D. Hryhor - To Adopt Agenda

Seconded by: F. Fulton Carried

3) Minutes of January 4, 2007 and February 1, 2007

Motion by: B. McKercher – To move minutes of January 4, 2007 be adopted as presented. As well to move minutes of February 1, 2007, be adopted as corrected.

Seconded by: L. Henry Carried

A recommendation by B. McKercher, to use first initial and last name in the minutes as these minutes are to be archived which will avoid confusion in the future.

4) Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Diploma Review – presented by G. Hass

G.Hass presented a proposal of a position SAGA may embrace on the Review of the Diploma Program. The idea he shared with the SAGA Executive is there a possibility for integration of the programs with a focus put on an option after two years to graduate from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources with a Diploma in Agriculture Management. This option of Agriculture Management could fill a need identified in the agriculture industry.

G. Hass has distributed his proposal to all members of the SAGA Executive, which goes into more detail of his suggestion for integration of these programs.

The paper "SAGA Position on the Diploma Program" will be archived with the minutes from today's meeting.

After a lengthy discussion of the Diploma Review, G. Hass idea was well received and it is felt that it gives good direction and recognition to the issues being faced by the college.

Motion by: L. Henry –To move that the SAGA Executive accept the principles G. Hass has outlined in his presentation and this proposal be presented to the Dean's office on behalf of Saskatchewan Ag Grads Association.

Seconded by: C. Bulani Carried

Question by K. Sapsford – Who would like to present this paper to the Dean's office on the position of SAGA on the Diploma Review?

Action:

It has been discussed that G.Hass would act as one person to represent SAGA but would like other Executive support. G.Hass will organize and make the arrangements to meet with the Dean's office. Either K. Sapsford, J. Bessel and/or Judy MacMillan will also attend the meeting with G. Hass.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

b) Obtaining Financial Stability Committee Report – presented by K.Sapsford

The Financial Stability Committee is composed of M. Maerz, C. Bulani, J. Bessel & K.Sapsford, the purpose of this committee is to look for alternatives to obtain financial stability as our investments are no longer covering our expenses.

SAGA's major expense is the cost of the newsletter distribution, which is approximately \$8,000.00 annually.

Goals of the committee are:

- to reduce the cost of the newsletter by implementing the use of the electronic version of distributing the newsletter through setting up our own database
- suggestion of increasing our lifetime membership from \$80.00 to \$100.00
- pursue sponsorship from commodity groups suggesting a \$250/year sponsorship for a venue to share where their check off's are being designated (note: this is sponsorship only not advertising)

What has happened so far:

- M. Maerz, has about 340 addresses in the database and has sent out an email asking the question "Would you like to receive your newsletter electronically"? Approximately 40% replied yes lets do this electronically. A few members still have requested a hardcopy.
- In order to establish an updated database we need to find a way to collect our member's email addresses with their permission. An email address has been set up for members to reply to at the saga.uofs@usask.ca informing us of their desire to receive the newsletter electronically or a hardcopy. (Note: the newsletter will be sent as an attachment and the email will be sent from the saga email address)

Action:

It has been requested that K. Sapsford include the email address in his President's message in the newsletter and the reason for this need.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

Action:

It has been suggested that R. Bellamy and M. Maerz work together to ensure the SAGA database and the alumni database can merge together also this will be useful in identifying who wants a hard copy of the newsletter.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

- J. Bessel, has approached commodity groups in regards to sponsorships and has had some groups already expressed interest to commit to \$250 /year sponsorship.

After, the group discussion in regards to the suggestion of increasing our lifetime membership. It has been well received by the group for the need to increase our lifetime membership.

Motion by: J. MacMillan –To move that the SAGA Executive suggest at the annual meeting that the SAGA Lifetime Memberships be increased from \$80.00 to \$100.00.

Seconded by: B. McKercher **Carried**

NOTE: The above motion needs to be brought forward at the Annual Meeting in January, discussed and voted upon before it can be implemented.

5) Financial Report – presented by M. Stuart

M. Stuart distributed the financial report from the SAGA Reunion Weekend, January 12 & 13, 2007. All events and activities show a profit, which is very positive. Total profit from the weekend was \$3,411.95.

A sincere "Thank-you" to the Dean and the College of Agriculture and Bioresources for sponsoring the lunch at the Mixer.

This report will be attached to the minutes, which will be archived.

The bank account currently is at \$4,213.25. This is not enough to get through the year and SAGA will have to cash in some GIC's in order to supplement this deficiency.

Motion by: M. Stuart –To move that the Financial report be adopted as presented.

Seconded by: R. Bellamy **Carried**

6) Correspondence – K. Sapsford

A letter of resignation has been submitted by M. Stuart, due to personal reasons, that she will no longer be able to fulfill her duties as Treasurer for the SAGA Executive effective immediately. M. Stuart and K. Sapsford are actively seeking a replacement. If other executive members have a suggestion please forward those names to K. Sapsford.

"Thank-you" Melissa for your time and effort with the SAGA Executive, our best wishes to you.

A letter received from R. Kaeding thanking SAGA for nominating him as an Honorary Life Member, he writes this is a great honor.

Motion by: L. Henry –To move that the Correspondence be adopted as read.

Seconded by: S. Russel **Carried**

Action:

SAGA is actively seeking a replacement for Treasurer, K. Sapsford, welcoming volunteers or suggestions of members that may be interested in the position.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA – A. McKague

- ASA Elections will be held this next week. There will be a new PRO and Angela will bring the new PRO up to date in regards to SAGA.

Action:

A. McKague to inform the SAGA Executive of the name of her replacement will be after the election is completed.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

- Comments back from ASA Executive in regards to the withdrawal of the free one year SAGA membership to graduates, there was no negative comments or feedback.
- Looking for the Snack Schedule from the Membership committee to post it during the exam period.
- SK Challenge has been cancelled due to organizational issues with the current SK Challenge coordinator. ASA very disappointed and do plan to have SK Challenge next year.
- "Thank-you" from the ASA from those who attended their graduation ceremonies.
- The new PRO and A. McKague will write an article for the SAGA newsletter together and submit it by the end of March.
- The "Cummoni wannalaya" Hawaiian Mixer will take place on Friday, March 9, 2007 at TCU Place.
- The ASA won the charity challenge. Also raised and donated \$2,000.00 to Telemiracle.

b) Registrar- R. Bellamy

Nothing to update at this time. Reunion weekend changes have been completed.

c) Membership – K. Vancha & C. Bulani

- A prank has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 9:30 p.m. The prank will consist of filling the ASA Students Lounge with balloons. C. Bulani is contacting the Dean's office to make them aware of the intent of the Prank is to promote relations not to be destructive in any way. Looking for SAGA Executive Membership support to assist in pulling off the prank. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Action:

C. Bulani will contact the Dean's office with the College of Agriculture and Bioresources to ensure there will be no problems with the Prank.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

- A schedule for the Exam SAGA Snack & Coffee nights will be starting on Wednesday, April 11 and the following dates. April 12, 13, 16 & 17. Membership committee has asked A. McKague to post the ASA website of the above dates. Volunteers needed from the SAGA Executive to man the snack table, a sign up sheet is being circulated.

Action:

A. McKague to have the SAGA Snack & Coffee nights posted on the ASA website.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

- Suggestion by K. Vancha SAGA look into purchasing a Coffee Maker if we are going to continue with the Snack & Coffee nights.

d) Reunion – J. Bessel, Regrets, forward his report via email for K. Sapsford to present.

- J. Bessel has made contact with all the people on his list of reunion years for both the diploma and degree programs.
- J. Bessel is able to confirm the following Reunion Chairperson for 2008:
 - 10 yr Diploma – Roman Domashovitz, from Grandora
 - 40 yr Diploma – Gordon Moore, from Spears
 - 30 yr Degree – Glen Annand
- Once the SAGA Executive has confirmed the location of the venue for 2008, J. Bessel will compose a letter detailing the events of the Reunion weekend to be sent to Reunion Chairpersons.
- J. Bessel's noted apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting, sometimes work gets in the way of his free time.

e & f) Mixer & Banquet – S. Russel, J. Russell & L. Horn (Joint Report due to Venue Review)

- Currently both the Saskatoon Inn and the TCU Place are booked for January 5 & 6, 2008.
- Problem, The Saskatoon Inn will not be able to accommodate us for the Sunday evening banquet as to commitments for the following day and they need allow time on the Sunday for Audio & Video system set up and therefore can not allow us all the banquet space we require.
- TCU Place looks very promising, allowing us to bring in our own munchies to the Mixer if we go with the \$ 8.95 Beef on a Bun for our lunch. For the Banquet TCU Place is meeting the Saskatoon Inn's meal price of \$22.95 for the equivalent menu.
- Mixer & Banquet Committee plan to tour TCU Place and fine tune details for the weekend. Suggestion to include J. Bessel, on the tour as he then can relay the information to his Reunion Chairpersons.

Motion by: S. Russel –To set the venue for the 2008 SAGA Reunion Weekend at TCU Place.

Seconded by: K. Vancha **Carried**

Action:

Mixer & Banquet Committee to collaborate a time with TCU Place to tour and finalize the details of securing the venue for January 5 & 6, 2008. Also to include J. Bessel on the tour of TCU Place.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

- Discussion of an activity for the Mixer, suggestion a Casino night. It does take more volunteers to make it effective. Is it a possibility, ASA members could assist in this area.
- Comments from A. McKague, the ASA does have Poker game software and chips to run a tournament it may be possible to share and assist in the Casino Night.

Action:

Mixer & Banquet Committee come up with a suggestion for an activity at the Mixer and present at the next meeting.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

g) Curling - V. Peters & M. Maerz

- Trying to secure a location for the Curling. Looks like the Hub will be closed therefore not an option. Rutherford VERY expensive plus quality of ice is questioned along with facilities for food & beverage are not available.
- Suggested Aberdeen as a possibility. Negative, is that it is again out of town.
- Discussed with the SAGA Executive the possibilities and it is favored by the group to book with a rink preferably in Saskatoon.

Action:

V. Peters and M. Maerz confirm a curling facility for January 5 & 6, 2008 in Saskatoon.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

h) Hockey – S. Cuddington & M. Kuchuran

- Looking at the options of rinks available close to Saskatoon.

Action:

S. Cuddington & M. Kuchuran confirm a hockey rink facility for January 5 & 6, 2008 in Saskatoon.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

i) Newsletter- B. Sonntag & F. Dunlop

- Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is March 30, 2007, would like to have the newsletter out for early April.
- Looking for the following submissions or reports:
 - ASA Report
 - Class Reunion Groups
 - Hockey Report
 - Presidents Message
- Missing Persons, a very good response contact information has been received for most of them.
- Note Mixer & Banquet to submit a update on the new venues for 2008 along with the dates.

Action:

The above listed committee members submit the requested missing submissions to the newsletter prior to March 30, 2007.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

j) Alumni – F. Fulton

Nothing to report at this time.

k) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

Hall of Fame meeting on March 16, 2007 will have an update for our April Meeting.

l) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

Crop Production Week meeting on March 22, 2007 will have an update for our April Meeting.

m) MAL- J. Polegi, L. White, I. Ahner

None present, no report.

n) College Development Officer - M. Gallucci

Michelle absent, no report.

o) President's Report – K. Sapsford

Nothing to report other than what was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Motion by: J. Russel To move the committee reports as presented.
Seconded by: S. Russel Carried

9) Other Business

None at this time.

Motion by : L. Henry -To move the meeting for adjournment.
Seconded by: Everyone Carried

Next Meeting: April 12, 2007 – Thursday 7:00 p.m. 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 10:05 p.m.

Secretary Signature


Teri Ife

President's Signature

Ken Sapsford

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet
SAGA Executive Contact Sheet
SAGA Position on the Diploma Program by G. Hass
SAGA Weekend Financial Review by M. Stuart

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
G.Hass	Organize and make arrangements with Dean's office in regards to SAGA's Diploma Review	YES or NO
K. Sapsford	Include new email address for the database in the Presidents Message	YES or NO
R. Bellamy & M. Maerz	Work on the merger of the databases	YES or NO
T. Ife	To put in the Annual Meeting Agenda the motion to increase Annual Life Membership	YES or NO
K. Sapsford	To seek a new Treasurer for SAGA	YES or NO
A. McKague	To inform SAGA as to her replacement after the elections	YES or NO
C. Bulani	To inform Dean's office regarding the planned Prank for April 4, 2007	YES or NO
A. McKague	To have SAGA Snack & Coffee nights posted on the ASA website.	YES or NO
Mixer & Banquet Committee	To confirm a venue.	YES or NO
Mixer Committee	To select an activity for the night of the Mixer	YES or NO
Curling Committee	To confirm a Curling venue.	YES or NO
Hockey Committee	To confirm a Hockey venue.	YES or NO
ALL COMMITTEES	To submit information to the newsletter prior to March 30, 2007	YES or NO

SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

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

Glen Hass

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Judy MacMillan

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Ken Sapsford

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Jim Bessel

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Teri Ife

Teri Ife

Melissa Stuart

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Kathy Vancha

Kathy Vancha

Chelsea Bulani

Chelsea Bulani

Richard Bellamy

Richard Bellamy

Stephanie Huber

Lisa Horn

Lisa Horn

Sandy Russell

Sandy Russell

Jim Russell

Jim Russell

David Hryhor

David Hryhor

Bob McKercher

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Fred Fulton

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Bernie Sonntag

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Frank Dunlop

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Michelle Gallucci

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Regrets