

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Minutes of October 3, 2007
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Glen Hass, Ken Sapsford, Jim Bessel, Kathy Vancha, Chelsea Bulani, Richard Bellamy, Stephanie Huber, Lisa Horn, Sandy Russell, Jim Russell, Fred Fulton, Frank Dunlop, Stephanie Dreger, Virginia Peters, Les Henry & Teri Ife

Regrets: Hugh Beckie, Bob McKercher, Bernie Sonntag, Michelle Gallucci, Mayson Maerz, Mark Kuchuran, Juanita Polegi & Melissa Stuart

Absent: Judy MacMillan, David Hryhor, Steve Cuddington, & Larry White

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

2) Agenda:

Motion by: V. Peters - To Adopt Agenda

Seconded by: J. Bessel **Carried**

Thank-you, to K. Sapsford for bringing cookies as an evening treat.

3) Minutes of September 6, 2007 – read by T. Ife

Motion by: S. Huber – To move minutes of September 6, 2007 be adopted as presented.

Seconded by: S. Russell **Carried**

4) Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Obtaining Financial Stability Committee Report – presented by J. Bessel & R. Bellamy

Suggestion, to run the "Moldy Money" article again with a huge, "Thank-you" to those who have already donated and encourage others to do so. The plan is to approach L. Henry and ask him to due an update and a re-run of his article in this upcoming fall issue of SAGA. In response to this request L. Henry was not comfortable or interested in another article as he feels he does not want to beg. K. Sapsford suggests instead that L. Henry draft a "Thank-you" to include have in the December newsletter to those who donated and acknowledge the support of those who did donate to the "Moldy Money" article.

b) Diploma Review – update presented by G. Hass

Currently there are only 18 people enrolled in the diploma program. The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has taken many of our suggestions and is trying to implement some of these suggestions. The college plans to develop two streams for the diploma portion, one Agriculture Business and one, Agronomy based. In two years time students will have the option to continue on to the degree program. As of January 1, 2008 the plan is to have the new diploma program in place, Terry Tollefson is trying very hard to move it through quickly. G. Hass suggests inviting T. Tollefson to the SAGA Annual Meeting in January and having T. Tollefson give an overview of the direction of the "new" diploma program.

5) Financial Report – H. Beckie forwarded update to be presented by K. Sapsford

There are no changes in the finances since our September 6, 2007 meeting therefore the account balances are the same. Chequing account is \$7,675.38

6) Correspondence – presented by K. Sapsford

K. Sapsford has received another letter from Sask Justice Department still have a few details to sort out but it is being handled.

No other new correspondence at this time.

7) Committee Reports:

a) ASA –S. Dreger

- At the ASA Executive Meeting she reports that they have ASA members that are willing to work and assist with our SAGA Mixer event. We just need to figure out what is needed in order to organize the necessary manpower.
- Cleaning out the ASA Office and have found a lot of old yearbooks, does SAGA want them? Saga can sell them at the reunion weekend or give them away whatever they choose.
- Sask Challenge, is on January 23 – 26, 2008 and are looking for volunteers from SAGA to assist with judging the debates and someone to speak at the banquet. SAGA has agreed that the Executive will be able to support with volunteers to judge at Sask Challenge. S. Dreger is to get a list of dates and times to K. Sapsford and we will get things arranged for those times.
- ASA Graduation will be held on January 19, 2008 at the Travellodge.
- AG BAG DRAG will be held at TCU Place on October 26, 2007 – sold over 170 tickets at the Ag Bag Drag Kick Off. The ASA is challenging the SAGA Executive on October 25, 2007 to come out for the "Hillbillie Havock" at Rodeo's Bar a night of games and fun to promote healthy competition and between the alumni and the current student body.
- Another fun promotion that is going on with Hot 93 Country Radio here in Saskatoon is to make their host Christie Beggs, an honorary Agro! The college has been getting a lot of positive attention. Listen in the mornings as there have been some fun activities and challenges for Christie.
- The next ASA Executive meeting is Monday, October 8, 2007 at the Travelodge, 8:30 p.m. K. Sapsford and J. Bessel plan to attend.

Motion by: L. Henry – For SAGA to donate \$400.00 to the ASA Executive for the Ag Challenge as prizes for the team competition. SAGA is requesting that it be called, THE SAGA TEAM CHALLENGE.

Seconded by: J. Bessel

Carried

b) Registrar- R. Bellamy

- R. Bellamy updates the current membership is as follows:
 - 39 – Annual Members
 - 49 – Honorary Life members
 - 1832 – Lifetime members

c) Membership – K. Vancha & C. Bulani

- Nothing to report at this time.

d) Reunion – J. Bessel

- J. Bessel has all reunion chairpersons in place.
- Looking for the SVAA Logo.
- Kevin & Marlene Hursh are willing to advertise SAGA's Activities on the Crop Production website.

e) Mixer – S. Russel, & J. Russel

- A joint meeting was held with S.Russell, J. Russell, S. Dreger, L.Horn, J. Bessel & K. Sapsford to discuss changes and the plans for this 2008 SAGA Reunion Weekend. The ASA Executive are willing to help out with the Casino night along with a auction. Looking for items for the auction some ideas are such as college items, clothing, books etc. The catch is with the auction that the items for auction can only be purchased with your casino winnings money. J. Russell is willing to serve as our auctioneer for the event. Limit of 6 to 10 items to auction off so it does not overtake the entire evening and will allow for socializing.

f) Banquet – S. Huber & L.Horn

- S. Huber reports that she and K. Sapsford met and went over the program for the banquet and it includes a Presidents address, hockey & curling awards.
- Some discussion with the SAGA Executive of what to do with the "20 Year" Honor Year grads as it seems the interest is not there and attendance in the past few years has been low. After discussion it has been suggested that each year be acknowledge and asked to stand but no speaking involved but the names will still be names of the 20 year graduates will be printed in the program.
- 12 banquet tickets will be given out to special guests, such as Honorary Life Members, U of S President, U of S Alumni representative, Dean of Agriculture and Bioresources and the ASA President.
- A request has been made to have members of the SAGA Executive assist in ushering for the banquet assisting guests to tables etc. S. Huber & L. Horn will keep us posted with what they feel are the needs for the evening as the event is getting closer.

g) Curling - V. Peters

- Curling has been booked at the Granite Curling Club for the January 5 & 6, 2008, SAGA reunion weekend. \$100.00 is needed for a deposit to reserve our ice rental for the Granite. V. Peters will forward the request to H. Beckie and will get a cheque issued.
- Looking for curling prizes, anyone with contacts or connections to those who may have items that they can donate prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please contact V. Peters or M. Maerz.

h) Hockey – M. Kuchuran forwarded a report to K. Sapsford to present

- Hockey has been booked at the Aberdeen Arena for Saturday, January 5, 2008. The finals will be played on Sunday, January 6, 2008. The reason for change of venue was due to the Waldhiem arena was double booked.

i) Newsletter- F. Dunlop

- October issue went out on October 2, 2007. November 15, 2007 is the deadline for the December issue.
- M. Maerz is responsible for the emailing of the electronic version of the newsletter. This should cut costs of the newsletter by 20% for mailing and 20% for printing.
- FACEBOOK: a discussion about, what is Facebook and how can we use it to reach our former alumni. The idea was discussed of using Facebook as a venue to reach out to former agriculture graduates and invite them to be a part of SAGA.

j) Obtaining Financial Stability – J. Bessel

- J. Bessel has sent out a letter to 22 various Grower Groups, a copy of the letter has been sent to T. Ife for our records in the minutes. J. Bessel is looking forward to the results of this letter and hopes to have an update for us in about a month or so.

k) Alumni – F. Fulton

- Very pleased that Judy & Ian MacMillan attended the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Alumni Awards Presentation and Gala Dinner. There were 70 nominations for the various awards.
- The Alumni has been very busy in the celebration of the U of S 100th anniversary, Brian Harvey on the Alumni Board is always looking for new faces for nominations to the board.

l) Hall of Fame – absent

- No report

m) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

- Sask Pulse Growers reduced their event from two days to one.
- Kevin & Marlene Hursh are a great influence and supporters of what is going on with SAGA and promoting it in conjunction with activities with Crop Production.

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

- None present no report.
- All MAL need to have an update or something for the December newsletter. Ideas such as an overview of the past season and activities upcoming or going on in the area.

o) College Development Officer - M. Gallucci absent, K. Sapsford reports.

- Michelle is working on helping out SAGA with a prize package for the Mixer Night Casino Auction.

p) President's Report – K. Sapsford

- K. Sapsford has been very busy this past month assisting and being involved with all the committees offering support and direction for the SAGA Weekend Events.

Motion by : F. Dunlop -To move the committee reports as accepted.
Seconded by: S. Russell Carried

9) Other Business

- V. Peters informs the group about Fall Fair being held November 15-17, 2007, the Stockman's Club is fundraising with an invite to all the see the cowboy humorist "Baxter Black". Virginia's daughter is selling tickets for the event if anyone is interested.

Motion by : ALL -To move the meeting for adjournment.
Seconded by: ALL Carried

Next Meeting: Thursday – November 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m. 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 9:26 p.m.

Secretary Signature


Teri Ife

President's Signature

Ken Sapsford

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
ALL COMMITTEES	Submit information to the newsletter for the November 15 deadline.	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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Wednesday - October 3, 2007

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

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Teri Ife

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Kathy Vancha

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Richard Bellamy

Richard B.

Lisa Horn

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Jim Russell

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Bob McKercher

Regrets

Bernie Sonntag

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Michelle Gallucci

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Virginia Peters

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Steve Cuddington

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Les Henry

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Larry White

Judy MacMillan

Jim Bessel

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Hugh Beckie

Regrets

Chelsea Bulani

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Stephanie Huber

Stephanie Huber

Sandy Russell

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