

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Minutes of September 6, 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, Frank Dunlop, Stephanie Dreger, Virginia Peters, & Teri Iffe

Regrets: Juanita Polegi

Absent: Chelsea Bulani, Jim Russell, Sandy Russell, Fred Fulton, Bernie Sonntag, Michelle Gallucci, Mayson Maerz, Steve Cuddington, Mark Kuchuran, Les Henry, Larry White & Melissa Stuart

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

2) Agenda:

Motion by: D. Hryhor - To Adopt Agenda

Seconded by: F. Dunlop **Carried**

Ken welcomed everyone back after our summer break.

Thank-you to K. Sapsford for bringing donuts as an evening treats.

3) Minutes of April 12, 2007

Motion by: R. Bellamy – To move minutes of April 12, 2007 be adopted as presented.

Seconded by: K. Vancha **Carried**

4) Business Arising from the Minutes:

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

J. Bessel read the letter he has drafted to solicit funds from Grower Groups (final copy of the letter will be submitted with the minutes). In the letter he has requested that these groups support SAGA with an annual contribution of \$250.00 per year. With this donation, as a thank-you SAGA will allow the Growers Groups to post any upcoming events or activities going on within their organizations in the newsletter. Reminder this is not an opportunity to sell advertising.

R. Bellamy has informed us that the "Moldy Money" Article submitted in SAGA by L. Henry has generated a small response. 29 alumni responded raising \$3,825.00, we are very please with this generosity but we were hoping the article would generated a little bit more. Suggestion, to run that 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. Please note that these donations are simply donations and are to be keep separate from the membership fees.

5) Financial Report – presented by H.Beckie

During the summer moved our mutual funds and they are now at BMO at Ludlow Street invested with Nesbitt Burns the investment arm of BMO. \$ 40,000.00 has been invested in a pension type fund, Growth 80/20 Fund that is suitable to our needs for long-term growth.

Our current balance in the checking account is \$7,675.38.

SK Justice had problems with our last financial statement from 2006, the financial statement was not signed and a couple of minor errors that H. Beckie has corrected and makes note of these errors in order to avoid them in the future. H. Beckie has submitted a corrected version to L. Pederson who had audited our last report.

6) Correspondence – presented by K. Sapsford

An invitation has been received to send a member from SAGA to the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Alumni Awards Presentation and Gala Dinner on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. J. MacMillan and her spouse have offered to attend representing SAGA.

Motion by: R. Bellamy – To have Judy and Ian MacMillan represent SAGA and attend the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Alumni Awards Presentation and Gala Dinner, SAGA will cover the cost of the tickets, \$60.00 per person.

Seconded by: G. Hass

Carried

No other new correspondence at this time.

7) Committee Reports:

a) ASA –S. Dreger

- Orientation Week, the ASA had tripled the amount of ASA Executive that took part in the event and a solid effort was made to introduce and bring new students into the AG Lounge. Feeling it has been very successful as they sold over 70 new memberships. The ASA Executive is also trying to promote alcohol free events in order to try and bring out an fresh image. Sidewalk painting was one of these events and brought out a lot of first years, the ASA Executive is very happy with the early response.
- The ASA will be hosting WAAC (World Association Agriculture Colleges) in spring of 2009, here in Saskatoon. This is a four-day conference involving other agriculture programs throughout the world.
- AG BAG DRAG will be held at TCU Place on October 26, 2007 with some local talent ie: Chris Thompson, and Cody Prevost.
- Sask Challenge, question what is it? Stephanie is unsure as that has not been much detail left behind and is also unsure of what exactly SAGA's involvement was. A discussion was then conducted amongst the SAGA Executive as to what has happened in the past such as: it is usually a form for the students to debate on current topics or issues happening in Agriculture. It usually happens in February and SAGA often supplies a couple of Executive members to judge the speeches or debates. Also SAGA usually contributes a monetary award. The amount unknown but we will look into that for clarification.

ACTION:

For H. Beckie to look into our financial records to determine past donations to the ASA for the Sask Challenge & T. Ife to look into past minutes for flyers or information on past Sask Challenge information.

Action Completed: Yes /No/Carry forward

- K. Sapsford would like to have a meeting with the ASA Executive to discuss how SAGA and the ASA can work together in supporting each other through events etc. It would be nice to have the SAGA Membership & Mixer committee there to help find a direction for collaboration for future events.
- Comments to Stephanie to take back to the ASA Executive, Great job on the effort of reaching out to your first year students! Your efforts will pay off in time and is the foundation for building a strong membership in the future.

b) Registrar- R. Bellamy

- R. Bellamy had a very quite summer, no updates on membership.

Action to carry forward from April Minutes: 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

c) Membership – K. Vancha

- K. Vancha sent out a letter with the Agriculture graduates this spring at convocation welcoming them to become members of the alumni.
- K. Vancha wants to do something for the alumni something to get them to comeback and interact with students. Some ideas like coming back and sharing what is actually going on in the Agriculture industry and ideas on the direction they see agriculture going. Allowing the current students to ask questions. Another idea lets bring back former ASA Executive and tell some stories about the "good old days" some history and traditions of the activities in the college. Kathy would like this to be a goal SAGA strives to support in the future.

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 the 1948 diploma program and trying to catch Keith Colborn from Delise to see if he is interested.
- So far J. Bessel has had a very positive response to the changes for to 2008 SAGA reunion weekend on the date and venue, plans are to post changes on the Crop Production website and to get information with weekend details out in the SAGA newsletter.

e) Mixer – D. Hryhor & L.Horn

- D. Hryhor had nothing to report.
- L. Horn, acting as main contact with TCU Place, and being other committee members were absent, handed out a diagram of the new proposal from TCU Place on the layout for the night of the mixer. (Floorplan included in the minutes) TCU Place is being very good about trying to accommodate our needs and encourage our needs for mixing and giving room for the reunion groups to have some space to meet. What is most liked about this is that everyone enters through the main doors, everyone pays \$10.00 to enter and cover the costs.
- S. Russell, J. Russell and D. Hryhor need to get together with the ASA and discuss the options for the casino night. We need to get on it early in order to get it organized and make sure there is enough manpower in order for the Casino Night to be successful. The ASA Executive is interested in helping out we just need to let them know what the needs are and what portion of the profit from the Casino Night they can have. If they supply all the manpower - possibly all?

e) Banquet – S. Huber & L.Horn

- L. Horn confirms that we have the first two banquet rooms on the second floor with the window view. Very nice. We can use the landing on the second floor for the Reunion year photographs.
- Menu not confirmed but looking at the Classic Prairie Menu, selection of two meats, salad, potato, desserts all for the same price as the Saskatoon Inn.
- Photographer is booked and has been informed of the change in location.
- S. Huber will work with K. Sapsford to get an invitation list out to our special guests the President of the University, Dean of the College and the Alumni etc to attend the SAGA Banquet Also inviting these delegates to give a short speech on the direction of the university or changes happening in the College of Agriculture.

Action:

S. Huber to connect with K. Sapsford in order to get the invitation letters composed and sent out to the special guests for the banquet.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

- Question brought forward about parking in the underground at the Midtown Plaza. What time can people park underground?

Action:

S. Huber to contact TCU Place and inquire about the parking details.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

g) Curling - V. Peters

- 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.
- Playoffs will be on Sunday afternoon and the winners will be announced at the banquet on Sunday.

h) Hockey – No Report both chairpersons absent.

Action carried forward:

Carried forward from April 12, 2007 meeting , 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- F. Dunlop

- The newsletter will be going out at the end of September all committees are MUST submit something to the newsletter especially with all the changes going on. Frank is also looking for current new, and information from the MAL's on updates in their regions on ie: harvest and what is going on.

Action:

All committee chairpersons to submit information and details in regards to the reunion weekend to the SAGA A.S.A.P. for the September issue.

Action Completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

j) Alumni – Absent

No Report.

k) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

- No report. Commented on alumni member 48'C Gordon Wilson suggestion to have the Hall of Fame members gathered and recognized at the banquet. B. McKercher feels it is a good idea, it may-be a good platform to give the history on the Hall of Fame itself and just introduce members that are from the alumni that have been awarded. Something to consider.

l) Crop Production Week –

No report

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

None present, no report.

n) College Development Officer -

Michelle absent, no report..

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 did not have a chance to get this organized over the summer and will look into arranging this with the Dean's office and get these updated this fall.
- No report or update on the Diploma review at this time.
- Pretty quiet summer.

Motion by : S. Huber -To move the committee reports as accepted.

Seconded by: L. Horn

Carried

9) Other Business

- Is there anyone interested in sitting on a SAGA Constitution Revisions Committee?

Thank- you volunteers – B. McKercher & J. MacMillan

- Due to all the changes we are planning for this upcoming SAGA Reunion Year we feel it is necessary to have an October meeting as it is important we are all on the same page with getting things going in the right direction. We have agreed to have a meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Room 2D 21 Agriculture Building. Please note it is not our typical Thursday night at it is close to the Thanksgiving weekend.

Motion by : J. Bessel -To have a meeting on Wednesday October 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Building.

Seconded by: L. Horn

Carried

ACTION: T. Ife to confirm booking of Wednesday October 3, 2007 meeting.

Action completed: Yes / No / Carry forward

Motion by : L. Horn -To move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: ALL

Carried

Next Meeting: October 3, 2007 – Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.

Secretary Signature


Teri Ife

President's Signature

Ken Sapsford

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet
Copy of Letter from J. Bessel to Grower Groups
Copy of List of Diploma & Degree Reunion Year Co-ordinators
Copy of Floorplan proposal for TCU Place for the Mixer set up.

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
T. Ife	To submit a notice to the September newsletter in regards to proposed membership fee increase.	YES or NO
S. Cuddington & M. Kuchuran	Confirm booking for hockey in Waldhiem.	YES or NO
H. Beckie	To look into financial contribution to Sask Challenge to the ASA	YES or NO
T. Ife	To look into previous minutes for information on Sask Challenge for S. Dreger.	YES or NO
S. Huber	To touch base with K. Sapsford in regards to inviting special guests to the SAGA Banquet	YES or NO
S. Huber	To contact TCU Place in regard to parking underground	YES or NO
ALL COMMITTEES	Submit information to the newsletter for the end of September.	YES or NO
K. Sapsford & J. MacMillan	Look into updating the SAGA Presidents photographs.	YES or NO

SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Thursday - September 6, 2007

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

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Hugh Beckie

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Kathy Vancha

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Chelsea Bulani

Richard Bellamy

R. Bellamy

Stephanie Huber

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Lisa Horn

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Sandy Russell

Jim Russell

Jim Russell

David Hryhor

David Hryhor

Bob McKercher

Bob McKercher

Fred Fulton

Bernie Sonntag

Frank Dunlop

Frank Dunlop

Michelle Gallucci

Stephanie Dreger

Stephanie Dreger

Virgina Peters

Virginia Peters

Mayson Maerz

Steve Cuddington

Mark Kuchuran

Les Henry

Juanita Polegi

Regrets

Larry White

Melissa Stuart
