

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2008 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of December 3, 2008
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Ken Sapsford, Jim Bessel, Carl Lynn, Teri Ife, Hugh Beckie, Chelsea Bulani, Vern Racz, Lisa Horn, Shelagh Steckler, David Hryhor, Derek Wilfing, Bob McKercher, Ewald Lammerding, Kara Fowler, Virginia Peters, Mark Kuchuran, Gerrit Baan, Les Henry.

Regrets: Glen Hass, Louis Bossaer, Bryan Harvey, Mark Wartman, Mayson Maerz, Richard Bellamy, Juanita Polegi, Larry White.

Absent:

1) Call to Order: 7:07 p.m. by J. Bessel

Thank you J. Bessel for the Christmas donuts and timbits!! A very nice treat!

2) Agenda:

Motion by: E. Lammerding - To Adopt Agenda
Seconded by: C. Lynn **Carried**

3) Minutes of November 6, 2008

Motion by: S. Steckler – To move minutes of November 6, 2008 be adopted as presented.
Seconded by: V. Racz **Carried**

4) Financial Report - H. Beckie presented

Currently our account balances are:

Chequing Account: \$ 5,360.29
Investments: \$ 29,512.00

The presentation of the 2007-2008 Financial report for the fiscal period ending October 31, 2008 is presented by H. Beckie with a summary of the Financial Highlight from the year submitted for the Executive to review and a copy for the minutes.

Motion by: H. Beckie – As a token of our appreciation of the time and effort Lorence Peterson volunteers for auditing our financial reports it is suggested that we purchase a \$100.00 gift card for L. Peterson, thanking him for his assistance in preparing the Financial Statement.
Seconded by: V. Peters **Carried**

Motion by: B. McKercher – To move the Financial Report to be moved as presented.
Seconded by: K. Sapsford **Carried**

Thank you to H. Beckie for the supplemental Financial Statement "Highlights" report as it assists in the explanation of SAGA's financial status.

5) Correspondence – None

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA – K. Fowler present

Students currently busy getting ready to write final exams.

Reminder of SK Challenge, January 21, 22, & 23, 2009 . Wanting to confirm Judges from SAGA and will get an agenda of when Judges are needed.

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy absent

c) Membership – C. Bulani & V. Racz present

A date has been set for two Pizza lunches during the ASA's final exams, Tuesday, December 9, 2008 and Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on both days. Looking for SAGA Executive to come out and support this event.

d) Reunion – presented by C. Lynn

Things are well under way for the Reunion weekend. 50 yr College have approximately 35 ticket spoken for the banquet. Looks promising. The new Dean of the College will be speaking about 5-10 minutes. Everything is in place.

e) Mixer –D. Wilfing present & L. Bossaer & D. Hryhor absent

Things are moving smoothly just need to confirm SAGA Executive and ASA members for working shifts at the Mixer. D. Wilfing passed around a Workers schedule for the Executive to sign up for shifts.

f) Banquet – presented by L. Horn & S. Steckler

The Banquet Program has been modified. L. Horn had a template of the new and updated program to share with the Executive. Looks good and will cut down on costs as not as large as previous years.

It is important to have all SAGA Executive members attend the banquet and assist with the evening were needed. Please pay attention to the needs of the group and to what is going on – if in doubt ask L. Horn or S. Steckler and they will direct you as to were your assistance would be needed.

g) Curling – V. Peterson & E. Lammerding

Everything is set up and ready to go at the Granite Curling Club. 6 teams already entered. 1 team is a group celebrating a stagette – what fun!

Cost is \$100.00 per team includes the Mixer Ticket.

Deadline for teams is January 6, 2009.

h) Hockey – M. Kuchuran & G. Baan

The Hockey will take place in Aberdeen January 10 & 11, 2009. Four teams are registered already.

Rink fee is \$300.00 per team. There will be no Hockey games on Saturday night and will encourage teams to head in to the Mixer.

One Trophy needed will cost approximately \$200.00 for the base and engraving. It is suggested to raise funds for the trophy to set up a 50/50 or some sort of raffle in order to cover the extra costs.

i) Newsletter –E. Lammerding & B. Sonntag

Newsletter is at the printers and is 16 pages.

Question: Is the email working? After discussion on this issue, the email is not working at the level we have been hoping for due to some other conflicts. We are having trouble with Alumni in getting the correct, updated information of our SAGA members and finding that some information is not being updated and getting lost.

After discussion it was suggested that a visit to Alumni to try to find some resolution to this issue and that M. Maerz, R. Bellamy, E. Lammerding & J. Bessel to look into this.

Also looking for SAGA member input on their travels, things that they have done that may be of interest for the newsletter

j) Alumni – B. Harvey absent

Action to carry forward: To investigate having the faculty become Associate Members of SAGA and encourage them to come out to SAGA events.

k) Hall of Fame - presented by B. McKercher

Saskatchewan Ag Hall of Fame 2009 Inductees are:

John Buchan 66C, Sinclair Harrison 67C, Audrey Horkoff, Robert Phillips & Robert Zenter 70C

l) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

Wednesday January 14, 2009 Beef on a bun supper . Limited number of tickets available - \$10 per ticket Tickets can be purchased starting January 12, 2009 from:

- Crop Week communications centre - Room 234 of the Saskatoon Inn
- Show Office of the Western Canadian Crop Production Show

At 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome at no cost to hear speaker David Asbridge from Doane Advisory Services, St. Louis, Missouri speak on the topic Fertilizer supply, demand and price outlook.

L. Henry also suggests that we get a link on the Crop Production website to the new SAGA webpage.

m) MAL

None present, no report.

n) College Development Officer – Mark Wartman absent

No report

o) Past President's Report –K. Sapsford

Citations for Honorary Life have already been forwarded to the banquet committee for the program.

Two complimentary tickets for each Honorary Life member and their presenters also will each receive one.

p) President's Report - J. Bessel

Letter to attach to the minutes of the letter that was forwarded to the new Dean inviting her to attend SAGA

Motion by: K. Sapsford – To move all committee reports be adopted as presented
Seconded by: C. Bulani **Carried**

6) New/Other Business

Website Update: The website is www.saskaggrads.com. We can now officially promote the website as is now up and running.

SAGA OFFICE and P.O. Box: SAGA needs to place a incoming mail inbox for our mail in the SAGA office. In the new year look at setting up the office to include a space or system for storing our minutes, past committee notes etc.

K. Sapsford is forwarding a copy of the job descriptions of all the Executive positions on SAGA.

TABLE: The issue of the SAGA newsletter until the February meeting in regards to undelivered newsletters.

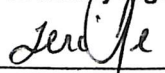
NEEDING REPORTS: from all committee members prior to or on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 for the SAGA Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Please forward these reports to J. Bessel or T. Ife.

Motion: by V. Peters - To move the meeting for adjournment.
Seconded by : L. Horn **Carried**

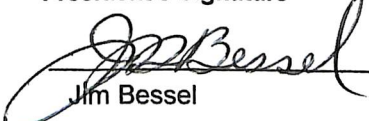
Next Meeting: TUESDAY January 6, 2009 7:00 p.m. Room 6D48 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 10:05 p.m.

Secretary Signature


Teri Ife

President's Signature


Jim Bessel

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet
2007-2008 Financial Statement Highlights

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
		YES or NO
R. Bellamy	To look into changing the mailing address for SAGA to the SAGA office at 2D27.	YES or NO
C. Bulani	A write for newsletter inviting all former graduates to become members of SAGA and that the memberships fees are separate from the coverage fees at the Mixer	YES or NO
ALL COMMITTEES	Reports for SAGA ANNUAL MEETING by Tuesday, January 6, 2009 to J. Bessel or T. Ife	YES or NO
B. Harvey, K. Sapsford & B. McKercher	To look into College Faculty becoming Associate Members of SAGA.	YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO

**Report to SAGA:
2007-2008 Financial Statement Highlights**

Hugh Beckie *P*Ag, Treasurer
December 3, 2008

- Chequing account balance of October 31st was \$5,975.10 (vs. \$7,591.37 one year previous).
- Investments were down sharply from one year ago: \$29,512 vs. \$40,505 due to the recent financial turmoil that began in October.
- Not including the negative impact of Investments on Revenue, total Revenues were \$32,230.10, total Expenses were \$33,852.07, for a deficit of \$1,621.97. The main reason for the deficit was \$2,420 spent on the new website for SAGA (50% of contract).
- Revenue from membership fees and donations were down \$1,620 from the previous year; however net revenue from Social Functions (Reunion weekend) was up \$1,159 from the previous year.
- Expenses related to Newsletter publication were down \$1,476.86 from last year; however, about half of that difference was due to expenses charged to this current fiscal year. More members receiving the Newsletter by e-mail helped reduce publication costs.
- Going forward, the second installment of \$2,420 will be paid soon on the website contract. Therefore, finances will be tight. It is important that we realize a profit from the Reunion weekend to carry us forward without resorting to liquidating investment funds. We also expect financial benefits from the new website in terms of increased revenue and reduced expenditures, as outlined in the business plan presented to the Executive by the Website Committee.
- I acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits, and auditing the 2007-2008 books at no charge.

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2008

With Comparative Figures for 2006-2007

	<u>2007-2008</u> (Current Year)	<u>2006-2007</u> (Prior Year)
Revenue (Include revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1. Membership Fees	\$ <u>2490.00</u>	\$ <u>1395.00</u>
2. Grants (specify)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3. Donations	<u>1510.00</u>	<u>4225.00</u>
4. Fundraising	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bingos	<u>28230.10</u>	<u>19052.22</u>
Social Functions		
Hockey <u>491.00</u>		
Curling <u>1350.00</u>		
Banquet <u>12535.00</u>		
Mixer <u>13854.10</u>		
5. Other receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>2559.75</u>
6. Interest	<u>(10986.96)</u>	<u>5396.02</u>
Bank <u>5.70</u>		
Investment <u>(10992.66)</u>		
7. Total Revenue for the Year	\$ <u><u>21243.14</u></u>	\$ <u><u>32627.99</u></u>
Expenses (Include expenses for which payment has not yet been made)		
8. Personnel costs (salaries, etc.)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
9. Taxes and Licenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
10. Lease or Rental Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
11. Utilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
12. Insurance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
13. Repairs and Maintenance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
14. Office Supplies & Postage	<u>77.36</u>	<u>0</u>
15. Bank charges	<u>0</u>	<u>64.74</u>
16. Communication to members	<u>9423.03</u>	<u>8479.89</u>
Newsletter (publication & mailing) <u>7003.03</u>		
Website <u>2420.00</u>		
17. Social Functions	<u>22752.10</u>	<u>14733.05</u>
Hockey <u>71.84</u>		
Curling <u>865.00</u>		
Banquet <u>11216.13</u>		
Mixer <u>10599.13</u>		
18. Misc.	<u>1599.58</u>	<u>1011.70</u>
ASA-'SK Challenge' <u>400.00</u>		
SK Ag Hall Fame-'B. Copeland induction' <u>300.00</u>		
SAGA Exe. portraits <u>528.00</u>		
Crop Production Week Membership <u>250.00</u>		
Other <u>121.58</u>		
19. Total Expenses for the Year	\$ <u><u>33852.07</u></u>	\$ <u><u>24289.38</u></u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year (Line 7 Subtract Line 18)	\$ <u><u>(12608.93)</u></u>	\$ <u><u>8338.61</u></u>
Entity No. <u>205879</u>		

SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

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

Glen Hass

REGRETS

Ken Sapsford

Jim Bessel

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Carl Lynn

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Teri Ife

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Hugh Beckie

Hugh Beckie

Chelsea Bulani

Chelsea Bulani

Vern Racz

Vern Racz

Lisa Horn

Lisa Horn

Shelagh Steckler

Shelagh Steckler

David Hryhor

David Hryhor

Derek Wilfing

Derek Wilfing

Louie Bossaer

Regrets

Bob McKercher

Bob McKercher

Bryan Harvey

REGRETS

Bernie Sonntag

BS

Ewald Lammerding

Ewald Lammerding

Mark Wartman

REGRETS

Kara Fowler

Kara Fowler

Virginia Peters

Virginia Peters

Mayson Maerz

REGRETS

Mark Kuchuran

Mark Kuchuran

Gerrit Baan

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Les Henry

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Richard Bellamy

Eric Johnson

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Larry White

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Irene Ahner