

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2008 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of October 9, 2008
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Ken Sapsford, Jim Bessel, Teri Ife, Carl Lynn, Hugh Beckie, Chelsea Bulani, Lisa Horn, Shelagh Steckler, Bob Mc Kercher, Ewald Lammerding, Mark Wartman, Kara Fowler

Regrets: Glen Hass, Bernie Sonntag, Virginia Peters, Mayson Maerz, Les Henry, Juanita Polegi

Absent: Vern Racz, David Hryhor, Derek Wilfing, Louie Bossaer, Brian Harvey, Mark Kuchuran, Gerrit Baan, Richard Bellamy, Eric Johnson, Larry White and Irene Ahner

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

J. Bessel welcomed our new SAGA Executive Members Mark Wartman – College Development Officer, and Kara Fowler – ASA Representative.

2) Agenda:

Motion by: C. Lynn - To Adopt Agenda

Seconded by: E. Lammerding Carried

3) Update from the Webstation on the SAGA website by Steven

It is possible to launch the website within the next 7 to 10 days.

Discussion about obtaining a merchant account in order to purchase tickets through the website. Steven offered to assist with the paper work but we need to get the rest of the leg work done.

Steven is looking for the following information to add to the website:

- A current membership list preferably in a PDF format
- A summary of the information from the Forever Young History book that we want on the History page.
- Approval of a domain name, saga.sk.ca not available, saskaggrads.ca is available as a domain name.
- Confirmation on what the website home page will contain and a list of the current SAGA Executive including their positions they are holding in the future to include a picture.

Motion by: K. Sapsford - To use the domain name **saskaggrads.ca** as the SAGA website domain name as sask.sk.ca is unavailable.

Seconded by: C. Lynn Carried

L. Horn, C. Bulani and C. Lynn will be among the first to learn how to use the website. A tutorial with Steven will be arranged for Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at The Webstation located at 129 – 2nd Avenue North.

Action: J. Bessel and H. Beckie to go to BMO and see about setting up a merchant account.

Action Completed: Yes / No

4) Minutes of September 4, 2008

Motion by: B. McKercher – To move minutes of September 4, 2008 be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: H. Beckie

Carried

5) Financial Report - H. Beckie

Currently our account balances are:

Chequing Account: \$ 7,441.49

At this time no change in the Investment accounts. Will prepare and have the Financial Report Audited and will be presented at the December meeting.

Things are getting tight going into the New Year the cash flow gets pretty low after the installment payment to the Webstation.

Motion by: H. Beckie – To move the Financial Report to be moved as presented.
Seconded by: M. Wartman Carried

6) Correspondence –

NONE

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA – K. Fowler present

SAGA is very interested once again this year to continue to grow our networking with the ASA Executive and look forward to planning and supporting each other this year with our upcoming social events. SAGA would like to get together with the ASA and do some planning for our upcoming years events.

b) Registrar – presented by R. Bellamy

c) Membership – C. Bulani present

Nothing at this time has been planned but is currently working with Stephanie to co-ordinate a date for an activity in November.

d) Reunion – presented by C. Lynn

Things are coming together and are looking good for the reunion groups. Currently looking for reunion chairpersons for the School 99 and 04.

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

J. Bessel confirms with G. Scoles that there is still in place the \$2,000.00 that has been donated by the College for the Mixer. In the past this has been put towards the food.

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

Ticket price for the Banquet will be \$35.00 and drinks will \$5.00 per drink at the Mixer. Also there will be a safe made available for SAGA's use during the weekend.

g) Curling – V. Peterson absent

nothing to report at this time.

h) Hockey – M. Kuchuran & G. Baan absent

No report

i) Newsletter –E. Lammerding presented

All newsletters have been mailed out. Next deadline for the Newsletter is November 15, 2008 looking for submissions prior to that date.

j) Alumni – B. Harvey absent

No report

k) Hall of Fame - presented by B. McKercher

The Hall of Fame has developed a forward planning committee and B. McKercher will be sitting on it. Any questions or concerns please bring forward to B. McKercher. Also looking for female nominations to the Hall of Fame.

A suggestion to B. McKercher to put an article together for a future SAGA newsletter with the criteria of the contributions one would require to be submitted for nomination to the Hall of Fame.

l) Crop Production Week – L. Henry absent

No report.

m) MAL

None present, no report.

Please note MAL's SAGA is looking for input on events, happenings or updates in your area for the newsletter please forward to B. Sonntag or E. Lammerding.

n) College Development Officer – presented by Mark Wartman

The key role is to help people understand how vital Agriculture and Bioresources are and what we need to do to keep them. A lot of information is available through U-Friend for alumni and fundraising. Communication is the main key is to keep connected.

Jarett Diamond is doing a presentation on October 27, 2008 and Mark has complementary tickets for those who are interested in attending.

Looking forward to exploring with SAGA ways to continue to build trustfunds and scholarships to draw students from all over the world. Getting the information out about what is available here at the U of S and the great things that are happening to draw more people in.

Also working on the following:

Inviting all century family farms donation to put monies into a college fund with recognition with a clear glass monument in the atrium.

Expanding on class awards, bursaries and scholarships

It has been requested that Mark compose a submission on with these goals and directions in the SAGA newsletter.

o) Past President's Report – presented by K. Sapsford

Currently, looking for names for Honorary Life Members. Will present the nominees at the November meeting.

p) President's Report – presented by J. Bessel

Had a meeting with Dean Scoles and discussed the following:

Diploma Program concerns, the Dean needs to know names of those having the concerns in order to properly address these problems. J. Bessel has spoken to V. Peters about getting more information in regards to these concerns and complaints.

K. Fowler also will contact the Diploma Program Representative and see if they can share what their experience has been like so far with the new program and will bring that information to the next meeting.

Discussed the issues and concerns we have had about our SAGA office we need to address this as we fear there is a possibility that it may be taken away if we don't stand up for our need for this space.

We are thinking of putting together a possible subcommittee to address this: L. Horn, T. Ife, K. Sapsford J. Bessel and B. McKercher.

Invited the new dean to speak at our Banquet. Also has arranged a meeting to inform her of our concerns with the SAGA office and to hopefully find resolution with these issues and concerns. J. Bessel will formalize with a letter.

Dean Scoles is thinking of changing the hanging of the Graduate pictures in the hallways as we are running out of space to place them all. Suggestions are to look in to what the College of Education has done with their Wall of Honor and digitalized all the archived photos of past graduates.

Motion: by K. Sapsford - To move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by : All

Carried

Next Meeting: THURSDAY November 6, 2008 7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 10:00 p.m.

Secretary Signature

Teri Iffe
Teri Iffe

President's Signature

J. Bessel
Jim Bessel

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

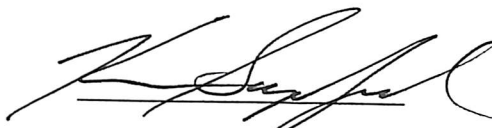
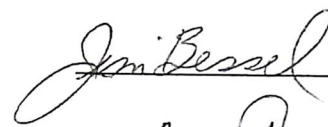

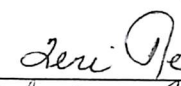
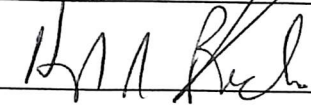

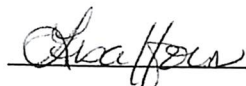
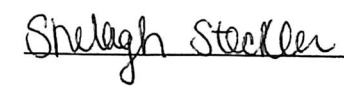


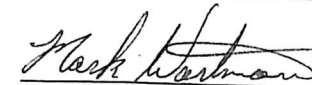

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
J. Bessel & H. Beckie	To go to BMO and see about setting up a merchant account	YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO
		YES or NO

SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

Thursday, October 9, 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		Carl Lynn	
Teri Ife		Hugh Beckie	
Chelsea Bulani		Vern Racz	_____
Lisa Horn		Shelagh Steckler	
David Hryhor	_____	Derek Wilfing	_____
Louie Bossaer	_____		_____
Bob McKercher		Brian Harvey	_____
Bernie Sonntag	_____	Ewald Lammerding	
Mark Wartman		Kara Fowler	
Virgina Peters	REGRETS	Mayson Maerz	REGRETS
Mark Kuchuran	_____	Gerrit Baan	_____
Les Henry	REGRETS	Richard Bellamy	_____
Eric Johnson	_____	Juanita Polegi	REGRETS
Larry White	_____	Irene Ahner	_____