

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2008 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of September 4, 2008
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Glen Hass, Ken Sapsford, Jim Bessel, Teri Ife, Carl Lynn, Hugh Beckie, Shelagh Steckler, Derrick Wilfing, Louis Bossaer, Bob Mc Kercher, Bernie Sonntag, Virginia Peters, Ewald Lammerding, Les Henry, Richard Bellamy

Regrets: Chelsea Bulani, Vern Racz, Brian Harvey, Mayson Maerz, Juanita Polegi

Absent: David Hryhor, Leah Berscheid, Mark Kuchuran, Eric Johnson, Larry White and Irene Ahner

1) Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by J. Bessel

J. Bessel welcomed everyone back to our fall season with great anticipation of another successful reunion.

2) Agenda:

Motion by: K. Sapsford - To Adopt Agenda
Seconded by: D. Wilfing Carried

3) Minutes of June 5, 2008 – read by T. Ife

Motion by: L. Henry – To move minutes of June 5, 2008 be adopted as presented.
Seconded by: B. Sonntag Carried

4) Financial Report - H. Beckie

Currently our account balances are:

Chequing Account: \$ 7,231.49

Less the installment to the Webstation of \$ 2,420.00

Investments: \$ 39,084.72 up ~ \$700.00 from March 31, 2008

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

5) Correspondence –

NONE

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA – L. Berscheid absent

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

Has received one Life membership from a 2008 Diploma Graduate.

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

The Executive would like to see some welcome back activities organized for the fall. Some suggestions offered are, a beer night possibly at Great Western or a Meet and Greet with pizza in the lounge, the Nutrition Breaks are also a good idea. Could we set those up in the lounge to avoid the other colleges crossing over creating a more private venue for whom the Nutrition Breaks are really intended for. Lets plan a meeting to met with the ASA and set a schedule of when it would be a good time to co-ordinate and plan these type of events.

Once the Membership committee has something tentatively planned please call or email the current Executive to co-ordinate members to come out and assist with the activities. As we know you need the executive to participate and attend in order to make these events successful.

J. Bessel will oversee and set up a meeting with the Dean Scoles to keep in contact with activities and events going on in the college as well.

Action: For C. Bulani & V. Racz to meet with the ASA and plan an activity or event for to welcome or meet and greet the ASA Students.

Action Completed: Yes / No

d) Reunion – presented by C. Lynn

C. Lynn has had some unexpected events occur over the summer months and has not had the opportunity to get the chairpersons aligned for all the reunion years. C. Lynn is asking for assistance from the executive to help in out with getting things lined up. C. Lynn is looking for chairpersons for the following reunion years for both the College and School 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, 99 and 04.

- L. Henry volunteered to assist with the '49 C
- G. Hass volunteered to assist with the '59 C
- D. Wilfing volunteered to assist with the '69C
- E. Lammerding volunteered to assist with the '49 & '59 S
- K.Sapsford will chair the '79 C
- V. Peters will chair the '79 S

Thank you to those who volunteered to assist with getting Reunion Chairpersons lined up. Please work on these for the newsletter A.S.A.P. we would like to get things into the Newsletter for September 9, 2008.

C. Lynn to contact L. Horn in regards to an information package for the Reunion weekend as to what is provided at TCU and approximate costs and contacts.

The Reunion Years Chairpersons need to get a letter out to their fellow grads as soon as possible in order for them to get things lined up for the 2009 Reunion Weekend.

Action: The above volunteers to make contact with these Reunion years and try to find a chairperson as soon as possible and forward the information to C. Lynn by September 9, 2008.

Action Completed: Yes / No

Action: J. Bessel, L. Horn & C. Lynn to work together on updating the "Reunion Year" Information package to include tips and suggestions from 2008 Reunion Weekend.

Action Completed: Yes / No

e) Mixer – presented by D. Wilfing & L. Bossaer

D. Hryhor, L. Horn, D. Wilfing & L. Bossaer met this summer to review and plan for the 2009 Reunion Weekend.

One change suggested for the casino night is to have people exchange their "play cash" for a ticket (number of tickets pending amount of cash you have won) and then all the tickets put into a draw for the prizes. Found that the auction took too long and people lost a little interest therefore this will not take as long and SAGA members can continue on their visiting.

Prizes? – Question, Can we approach industry for prizes?

After discussion SAGA Executive has agreed that it is acceptable to approach industry and related businesses for prizes for the night of the Mixer.

Need to confirm with TCU that there will be a safe available the night of the Mixer for the monies collected from the evening to be placed in.

A suggestion, to include the Faculty by inviting them to attend the SAGA Reunion weekend. K.Sapsford suggests that an invitation be taken to the Dean's office and they will be able to send an email out to all the Faculty in regards to the SAGA Reunion Weekend.

Drink prices have yet to be decided.

Need to line up and confirm rental on the casino equipment.

f) Banquet – presented by S. Stecker, L. Horn report via email

TCU place is booked. Other information and details to come as things are pretty much set up from last year. There are a few details to work out.

g) Curling – presented by V. Peterson

The Granite Curling Club is booked for the Saturday January 10, 2009 and Sunday, January 11, 2009. The first draw starting on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

If we do not have enough entries for two events we will drop the Hutcheon Event just have one event.

h) Hockey – M. Kuchuran absent

No report at this time.

i) Newsletter – B. Sonntag & E. Lammerding presented

Have received a fair bit of material for the newsletter and will be putting it out soon.

The Newsletter has been receiving a lot more information requests by email.

B. McKercher will get a copy of Bob Copeland's Citation for the Newsletter.

j) Alumni – absent

k) Hall of Fame - presented by B. McKercher

Bob Copeland '60C was inducted into the Hall of Fame. For interest sake that is the 3rd person in that class to be inducted one of which is Bill's wife. B. McKercher will forward the citation to B. Sonntag.

l) Crop Production Week – presented by L. Henry

One major change will be on the Wednesday night they have moved the supper to the exhibition grounds and are including a speaker. The meal is \$10.00 and the topic of the evening will be " The Price of Fertilizer" ..

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 – vacant – unsure of replacement at this time.

No report.

o) President's Report – J. Bessel

J. Bessel was involved in the 2008 Alumni Awards Selection Committee for Achievement although there was no College of Agriculture graduates submitted, it was very interesting to read about the achievements of former U of S alumni and their accomplishments globally.

Discussion about the changes to the Diploma program. Comments from V. Peters raised some concern about the transitioning over of the diploma program and of complaints that there are difficulties and frustration from those trying to apply and get enrolled.

Motion: by G. Hass – To formerly send a letter to the Dean of the College expressing our concern to the difficulties of potential enrollment to the Diploma Agriculture program.

Seconded by : C. Lynn

Carried

Action: V. Peters to forward information to T.lfe, G. Hass and J. Bessel about the issues that she was told about in regards to the difficulties being experience by potential new students trying to enroll in the new diploma program

Action Completed: Yes / No

Action: For T. Ife to draft a letter to be sent to the Dean of the College of Agriculture inquiring about these concerns that have been raised.

Action Completed: Yes / No

9) Other Business

Website Update: report by chairperson C. Bulani via email.

The deposit has been received and The Webstation is in the process of accessing a domain name for SAGA, trying to obtain www.saga.sk.ca. Steve at The Webstation, is hoping to permission to use this domain name by the end of the week.

The Webstation has requested an electronic copy of the SAGA logo the higher the resolution the better, preferably in "eps".

Steve at The Webstation thinks once he obtains the SAGA logo, it will be 2-3 weeks and then there should be some visual formats for SAGA to choose from.

C. Bulani is planning to have a Website Committee meeting by the end of September to determine the website content and is hopeful to have the site up and running by October.

K. Sapsford offered to find and locate a copy of the logo and have it forwarded to The Webstation.
B. Sonntag suggested to try and contact Debbie Brown as she prints the newsletter, her contact number is 374-5357.

Action: K. Sapsford has offered to locate and forward a copy of the SAGA logo to the Webstation.

Action Completed: Yes / No

Action: C. Bulani to organize and plan a meeting with the Website committee prior to the end of September in order to keep things moving along with the website.

Action Completed: Yes / No

Upcoming SAGA Executive Meeting dates are as follows:

THURSDAY October 2, 2008 7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
THURSDAY November 6, 2008 7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
THURSDAY December 4, 2008 7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg
TUESDAY January 6, 2008 7:00 p.m. **Room 6D48 Agriculture Bldg** ****NOTE ROOM CHANGE****
SATURDAY January 10, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING - TCU

Motion: by C. Lynn - To move the meeting for adjournment.

K. Sapsford Carried

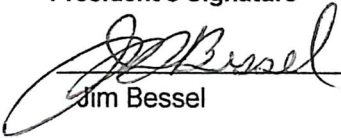
Next Meeting: October 2, 2008 – Thursday 7:00 p.m. 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 9:37 p.m.

Secretary Signature


Teri Ife

President's Signature


Jim Bessel

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet
Email reports from C. Bulani, L. Horn & V. Racz

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

| ACTION TAKEN BY | ACTION TO BE TAKEN | ACTION COMPLETED |
|---|---|------------------|
| C. Bulani & V. Racz | To meet with the ASA and plan a "Welcome Back" Activity with the ASA students. | YES or NO |
| L. Henry, G. Hass, D. Wilfing, K. Sapsford, E. Lammerding & V. Peters | To make contact with chosen Reunion Years to find a chairperson and contact C. Lynn by September 9, 2008 with an update or name of chairperson. | YES or NO |
| C. Lynn, J. Bessel, & L. Horn | To put together a SAGA Reunion Information Package. | YES or NO |
| V. Peters | To forward information to T. Ife, J. Bessel and G. Hass regarding the complaints she has heard in regards to enrolling in the new diploma program | YES or NO |
| T. Ife | To compose a letter to the Dean inquiring about the new diploma program and some of the concerns that have been raised. | YES or NO |
| K. Sapsford | To located an electronic copy of the SAGA logo and forward it to The Webstation | YES or NO |
| C. Bulani | To have a Website sub-committee meeting prior to the end of September with updates of progress on the SAGA website for our October meeting. | YES or NO |

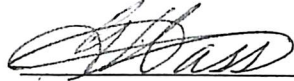
SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

Thursday, September 4, 2008

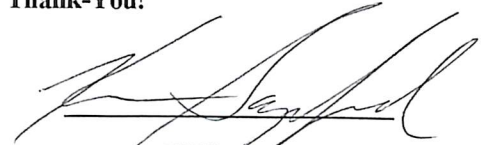
7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

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

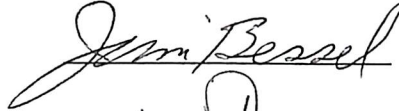
Glen Hass



Ken Sapsford



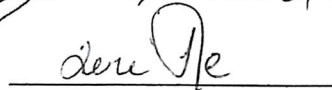
Jim Bessel



Carl Lynn



Teri Ife



Hugh Beckie



Chelsea Bulani

REGRETS

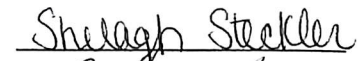
Vern Racz

REGRETS

Lisa Horn

REGRETS

Shelagh Steckler

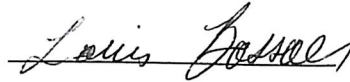


David Hryhor

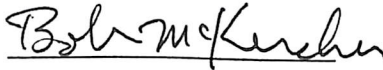
Derek Wilfing



Louis Bossaer



Bob Mc Kercher



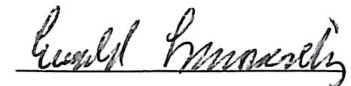
Brian Harvey

REGRETS

Bernie Sonntag



Ewald Lammerding



Michelle Gallucci

Leah Berscheid

Virginia Peters



Mayson Maerz

REGRETS

Mark Kuchuran

Les Henry



Richard Bellamy



Eric Johnson

Juanita Polegi

REGRETS

Larry White

Irene Ahner
