

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2009 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of November 5, 2009
Room 1E80 Agriculture Building**

Present: Carl Lynn, Jeff Schoenau, Hugh Beckie, Teri Ife, Richard Bellamy, Lisa Horn, Shelagh Stecker, Bob McKercher, Ewald Lammerding, Mark Wartman, Les Henry

Regrets: Allan McDougald, Jim Bessel, Errin Siklena, Derrick Wilfing, Louis Bossaer, Bryan Harvey, Lynnell Olson, Gerritt Baan, Juanita Polegi

Absent: Vern Racz, Tiffany Martinka, Bernie Sonntag, Blair Cummins, Mayson Maerz, Larry White

1) **Call to Order:** 7:01 p.m. by C. Lynn

2) **Agenda:**

Motion by: L. Henry - To adopt Agenda
Seconded by: J. Schoenau **Carried**

3) **Minutes of October 8, 2009**

Actions Items from previous minutes:

Looking for action plan from D. Wilfing sub-committee, on protocol for procedures for the Reunion Weekend Committee's recording deposits.

Motion by: b. McKercher - To move minutes of October 8, 2009 are adopted as presented.
Seconded by: H. Beckie **Carried**

4) **Financial Report - H. Beckie**

Currently the SAGA account balances are:

Chequing Account: \$ 1,306.28
Investments: \$ 32,560.00 as of October 31, 2009

Will have to Financial Report ready for the next meeting.

Motion by: H. Beckie - To move the Financial Report to be moved as presented.
Seconded by: R. Bellamy **Carried**

5) **Correspondence** - R. Bellamy

No correspondence, at this time.

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA – L. Olson via email report

Thank you to all the SAGA Members and graduates who attended the AG BAG Drag (goose!) It was a real hit this year as the ASA made \$4,500.00.

Another, huge thank you to the SAGA Executive, for putting on the Professional Development day. I have received a lot of positive feedback so hopefully next year we can get more students to come out for this event.

ASA Upcoming Events:

Bean Feed is November 6, 2009

Blood Drive on November 17, 2009 the Agros and the Engineers are competing for bragging rights on who donates the most blood. Planning on another Blood Drive in term 2 and we are wanting to build on from this and try to make it a more intense competition with getting the Dean's involved and try to start a charity challenge with the Engineers.

Devon Wilson our Academic VP – has collected \$500.00 for the Sask-Challenge. She is having trouble getting support from the Dean's office because of a lack of participation at Sask Challenge and is meeting with Dan and Mary later on. She is not sure if the debates will be apart of it this year. Devon is looking for any advise on how to improve the participation of Sask- Challenge.

Suggestions for L. Olson in- regards of Senior Stick issues that she had brought forward at our September meeting.

Send an email out to all faculty in the College of Agriculture and Bio-resources introducing the current ASA Executive. This may be a ice breaker that encourages networking between the faculty and the ASA.

Discussion about bringing more meaning to the Senior Stick Ceremony – this will help instill the meaning and the honor of tradition that comes along with being named Senior Stick. Idea to may- be have 2-3 people meet with those on the ASA who are working on this to get a background on the tradition on the meaning of the Senior Stick.

Action Item: M. Wartman, C. Lynn, & J. Schoenau to establish a committee to talk about the Senior Stick traditions. B. McKercher available to attend meeting to help with some background if requested.

Action Item: L. Olson to get the 2000 – 2009 names of the Senior Stick to the SAGA Executive.

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy

45 Honorary Members
76 Annual Members
1791 Lifetime Members
TOTAL 1912

The P.O. box will expire at the end of November, suggestion to place no forwarding address as very little is received at that address, so will just turn in the key at the end of November. The New mailing address will be in effect as of December 1, 2009

The new mailing address will be:

The SAGA
College of Agriculture & Bio-Rresources
2D27- 51 Campus Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8

c) Membership – V. Racz & T. Martinka absent

L. Horn comments on the Professional Development Day:

15 students attended.

There seems to be a disconnect from the Dean's office and the ASA in communication.

Tickets were \$ 10.00 in advance. \$ 20.00 at the Door

Those students who did attend the evening really enjoyed the night. Presenters did not care that there was low attendance and those that stayed for the evening plan on returning next year.

d) Reunion – J. Schoenau

Has made contact with all 14 Reunion Chairpersons in place, things are progressing nicely.

J. Schoenau, has made a registration form and sending it out with a registration package. Distributed a copy of the Registration form for the Executive to review.

Comments from the Executive on the form J. Schoenau created are positive. The form is clear and is a great idea with hope to eliminate some of the confusion with the Reunion Groups. After discussion with the Executive it has been decided to include this form in the Newsletter for those groups outside of the Reunion Years to use as well (just a couple of housekeeping modifications)

Action Item: D. Wilfing – have you printed the Mixer Tickets? If not you can included them on the Banquet order for tickets and have them prepared at the same distributor.

1950 Class will sing and needs a piano.

Action Item: L. Horn to contact Kathy at TCU and look into how much a piano rental is at TCU Place.

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

Information for the Mixer Committee – the 3L bottle that was a raffle prize last year at the Mixer has been donated back for the 2010 Mixer. How do we go about bringing that back?

f) Banquet – S. Steckler present & E. Siklena absent

The banquet ticket price has been set at \$45.00

Action Item: J. Bessel needs to forward S. Steckler the Honoary Life Biographies by the end of November so Shelagh can get the programs ready.

The 75th Anniversary Committee is meeting again and will forward their ideas to S. Steckler for the program and indicate where they may have some changes.

g) Curling – E. Lammerding present B. Cummings absent

One team already registered the Phil England team.

Looking for teams and prizes. If you have a suggestion or prizes please let E. Lammerding & B. Cummins know.

h) Hockey – G. Baan & Neil Booth absent

No report.

i) Website – L. Horn

Steve is missing and have not had contact with him recently.

L. Horn has been able to complete updates on the website and also has put the fall newsletter on the site.

j) Newsletter – B. Sonntag absent & E. Lammerding present

Things were late, no problems with the mailout this time but we did have issues with the email.

Discussions of the issues and what direction should we be going. No real resolution at this time.

k) Alumni – B. Harvey absent

No report.

l) Hall of Fame - B. McKercher present

On October 30, 2009 there will be five inductees in to the Hall of Fame in 2010. Two of this group are College of Agriculture & Bio-Resources Graduates. This information will be released on January 12 or 13 at the Seed Growers Meeting.

m) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

All is going well, Pulse Growers are splitting their meetings between the Saskatoon Inn & Prairieland Park.

n) MAL

None present, no report.

o) College Development Officer – M. Wartman present

J Schoenau and M. Wartman will be talking to the Reunion Groups at the SAGA Weekend about Scholarships and Bursary's, donations which can be made towards the College and University.

The College of Agriculture and Bio-Resources is experiencing a lot of need in upgrades example: Phytron needing upgrade on lights etc. 10 million dollars this is urgent as it effects many projects. Dairy Facility needs to be upgraded also very urgent need approx 10 million. Beef Feed Research Facility on college 10 million to replace in another location. Also the University is looking toward the Federal and Provincial governments to help for ~ 80% of the costs.

Overall a great need for financial support in many different areas that effect the college.

p) Past President's Report – J. Bessel absent

No report.

q) President's Report – C. Lynn present

No report at this time.

7) New/Other Business

Constitution changes B. McKercher discusses with the Executive the proposed Constitution changes and approval for them.

Some are just housekeeping, grammical errors etc.

The main change is in Article 3. 4. Membership which will allow the Faculty who are recognized by the Dean of Agriculture to become Associate Members without paying a membership fee.

The second change suggested by B. McKercher is in Article 4. Officers. Until recently we have always had 4 members at large representing the four corners of Saskatchewan. Honestly these are not well used members as they are not benefitting the Executive and really all that productive. A suggestion of change is too still keep the four members at large but to be named annually by the Executive members who will sit on the meetings and play a informative and supportive role on the SAGE Executive Committee.

Motion: by B. McKercher - To move for these amendments to the constitution be supported and brought forward at the Annual Meeting.

Seconded by : E. Lammerding

Carried

75th SAGA Celebration – B. McKercher, J. Bessel, J. Schoenau, & C. Lynn have had a sub-committee meeting and have had a number of ideas brought forward for the celebration.

Some ideas are: placing a write up in the AgKnowlege magazine, appear before a SIA meeting, at the Mixer and Banquet have some sort of recognition. Possibly come up with a history table to have memorable displayed for former graduates.

A discussion was had over some of those ideas.

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

Seconded by : All

Carried

Next Meeting: TUESDAY - December 8 , 2009 7:00 p.m. Room 1E80 Agriculture Bldg

Adjourn: 9:35 p.m.

Secretary Signature


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President's Signature


C. Lynn

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

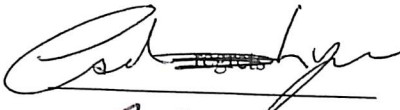



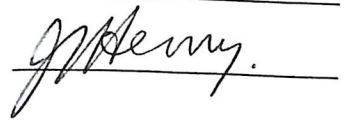
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L. Olson	To get the 2000 – 2009 names of the Senior Stick to the SAGA Executive	YES or NO
D. Wilfing	Have you printed the Mixer Tickets? If not you can included them on the Banquet order for tickets and have them prepared at the same distributor.	YES or NO
L. Horn	To contact Kathy at TCU and look into how much a piano rental is at TCU Place.	YES or NO
J. Bessel	Needs to forward S. Steckler the Honorary Life Biographies by the end of November so Shelagh can get the programs ready	YES or NO
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SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

SAGA 2009 Committee Chairpersons

Thursday - November 5, 2009

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

Allan McDougald	regrets	Carl Lynn	
Jim Bessel	regrets	Jeff Schoenau	
Hugh Beckie		Teri Ife	
Vern Racz		Tiffany Martinka	
Richard Bellamy		Lisa Horn	
Shelagh Stecker		Errin Siklena	regrets
Derrick Wilfing	regrets	Louis Bossaer	regrets
Bob McKercher		Bryan Harvey	regrets
Bernie Sonntag		Ewald Lammerding	
Mark Wartman		Lynnell Olson	regrets
Blair Cummins		Mayson Maerz	
Gerrit Baan	regrets	Larry White	
Les Henry		Juanita Polegi	regrets