

SAGA Executive Meeting
2010 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of March 4, 2010
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Present: J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, L. Henry, B. Harvey, C. Lynn, L. Horn, T. Tollefson, A. McDougald, R. Bellamy, V. Racz

Regrets: H. Beckie, E. Lammerding, G. Baan, K. Sapsford, S. Steckler, E. Siklena

Absent: N. Booth, L. Bossaer, B. Cummings, T. Martinez, B. McKercher, D. Mitchell, L. Olson, B. Sontag, M. Wartman

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. by J. Schoenau

2. **Agenda:**

Motion by: B. Harvey to accept Agenda

Seconded by: A. McDougald **Carried:** All

3. **Minutes of Feb. 4, 2010**

J. Schoenau stated that the Feb. 4, 2010 omission of V. Racz as a Subscription sub-committee member was corrected. Action items of the February executive meeting will be addressed later in the meeting.

Motion by: V. Racz to move minutes of Feb. 4, 2010 to be adopted as presented.

Seconded by: L. Horn **Carried:** All

4. **Financial Report**

J. Schoenau reported on behalf of H. Beckie that the current balance in the chequing account is \$5, 572. 49. L. Schoenau prepared and distributed a financial statement of the Reunion Weekend 2010. A profit of \$1652.21 was realized.

Motion by: L. Henry to adopt SAGA Reunion Weekend 2010 financial report as presented.

Seconded by: R. Bellamy **Carried:** All

5. **Correspondence – R. Bellamy**

The correspondence consisted of one news item and \$100 donation to SAGA finances.

6. **Committee Reports:**

a) **ASA**

J. Schoenau stated that ASA is preparing for the Mar. 6, 2010 Telemiracle bed push. A \$150 donation was approved at the last executive meeting and was provided to the ASA. The new ASA executive should be in place by the Apr. 8, 2010 meeting.

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy

The University of Saskatchewan Alumni office provided R. Bellamy with information on the current SAGA members. It was determined that the number of members is down slightly from last year. There are 45 Honorary Life, 58 Annual, and 1787 Life members.

Those Annual members, who have not renewed their memberships, will be notified via email/letter to encourage membership renewal. Annual members can send a request for membership on the SAGA website. Funds are to be mailed to the SAGA office.

c) Membership – V. Racz

V. Racz indicated that he presently requires a person to assist him, so that he will be able to step down next year. J. Schoenau stated that Dennis Ewanus has agreed to sit on the Membership Committee next year, but is unable to assist V. Racz this term.

V. Racz stated that there is a current problem with getting the attention of 10 and 20 year College of Agriculture and Bioresources degree and diploma graduates. After some discussion, it was decided that special emphasis will be placed on the 10 and 20 year graduates. The key to a successful reunion weekend is to identify a "follow through" leader for each of the Reunion groups.

B. Harvey asked about promotion of SAGA to current graduating students of College. V. Racz indicated that SAGA information and an offer of free membership are provided to each of the graduates at convocation. As well, the Dean's Office has emailed SAGA information twice this year to fourth year students in the College.

d) Reunion – T. Tollefson

T. Tollefson has lined up the following Reunion 2011 chairs: Bill Cooper C'51, Gary Carlson C'61, and Adrian Johnston C'81.

e) Mixer

L. Bossaer is currently searching for a person to assist him with the Mixer.

f) Banquet

J. Schoenau stated that a person is still required to fill a Banquet position. L. Schoenau offered her assistance with the 2011 SAGA Banquet. J. Schoenau will contact Faye Dokken to see if she is interested in becoming the Banquet coordinator.

g) Curling – No report

h) Hockey – No report

i) Website – L. Horn

The Website/Newsletter Subcommittee (J. Schoenau, L. Horn, V. Racz, R. Bellamy, and E. Lammerding) met in February 2010. Two options were determined:

1. Formal newsletter subscription – tidiest, but too much administration required
2. Solicit donations for general support of SAGA newsletter & call for those who are willing to receive newsletter electronically to self-identify and be removed from the mailing list
 - better option as those providing email addresses would be removed from the mailing list and would have access to the newsletter via the website
 - call for donations especially aimed at those who wish to continue to receive a mail copy of the newsletter

Given only two newsletters a year: April and November, L. Horn suggested a postcard with a picture of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources on one side and Reunion Weekend reminder on the other side be sent out to all members in September.

The recommendations were then discussed by the executive:

L. Henry stated that the membership needs to be informed that the cost of administering a subscription is prohibitive. A structured appeal for donations is required.

L. Horn indicated that she needs to hire a person(s) to assist her with processing data. There is a need to separate those members with email addresses from those without. Those with email addresses need to be cross-referenced with the email addresses currently stored on the website. Once this weeding out process is complete, those members with email addresses could be removed from the newsletter mailing list. L. Horn also suggested that perhaps the need for a password could be eliminated so that the website would be accessed via an email address only.

B. Harvey suggested that the members be notified in a newsletter to state their newsletter preference – email or mail. If the member does not say otherwise, the mail copy of the newsletter will cease. Those that wish to continue to receive a newsletter in the mail will be asked to provide a donation.

Due to low executive member turnout at this meeting, L. Horn indicated that further discussion should continue on April 8, 2010.

Motion by: L. Henry to move that a sum of \$500 be available to L. Horn to allow her to hire a person to assist with organizing the data base so that it will be complete by the April newsletter deadline.

Seconded by: C Lynn

Carried: All

j) Newsletter - No report

k) Alumni – B. Harvey

The Alumni Gala dinner was held on Feb. 4, 2010. Attendance was down resulting in some deficit. Approximately 280 paying attendees are required to breakeven. B. Harvey stated that perhaps shifting the dinner from the fall to spring resulted in the poor attendance.

l) Hall of Fame - No report

m) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

L. Henry proposed that the Crop Production Week website could offer a link the SAGA website.

n) MAL – No report

o) College Development Officer – No report

p) Past President's Report – C. Lynn

Nothing to report

q) President's Report – J. Schoenau

J. Schoenau referred to the action items taken at last month's meeting. On Feb. 22, 2010, J. Schoenau contacted Kerry Lubchenko, Marketing Director of the Western Producer. He was very agreeable to do a promo for the SAGA Reunion Weekend. He requires a flyer with the date/location/description of the events. The 2010 Reunion chairs have been asked to forward photos and information on their respective reunion groups prior to the newsletter deadline.

J. Schoenau, T. Tollefson, and L. Horn have scheduled a meeting with Dean Burr on Monday, Mar. 8, 2010 to discuss the moving of the SAGA office to a new location.

r) New/Other Business

V. Racz has provided a document describing the difference between a non-profit organization and a registered charity. SAGA is a non-profit organization. This means that we cannot issue official donation receipts for any gifts we receive. A copy of the document will be stored in SAGA files.

Motion: by – L. Henry to move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: All

Carried: All

Adjourn: 8:23 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2010, 2D21 College of Agriculture and Bioresources

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
Newsletter Committee	Put together SAGA Reunion Weekend 2011 ad for April 2010 newsletter.	YES OR NO
J. Schoenau	Contact Faye Dokken to see if she will step in as Banquet coordinator.	YES OR NO
L. Horn	Arrange for someone to assist with organization of database	YES OR NO
All Executive	Brainstorm ideas to determine how the mailed copy should be handled. A discussion will follow on the Apr. 8, 2010 meeting <i>revised</i>	YES OR NO

March 4, 2010: SAGA EXECUTIVE MEETING

2010 SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet
Thursday, March 4, 2010

G. Baan	<u>Regrets</u>	H. Beckie	<u>Regrets</u>
R. Bellamy	<u>Richard B</u>	N. Booth	<u></u>
L. Bossaer	<u></u>	B. Cummings	<u></u>
B. Harvey	<u>Suz</u>		
L. Henry	<u>Les Henry</u>	L. Horn	<u>Don Horn</u>
E. Lammerding	<u>regrets</u>	C. Lynn	<u>Carl Lynn</u>
T. Martinez	<u></u>	A. McDougald	<u>Aleen McDougald</u>
B. McKercher	<u></u>	D. Mitchell	<u></u>
L. Olson	<u></u>	V. Racz	<u>Vern Racz</u>
K. Sapsford	<u>Regrets</u>	J. Schoenau	<u></u>
L. Schoenau	<u>L Schoenau</u>	E. Siklena	<u>Regrets</u>
B. Sontag	<u></u>	S. Steckler	<u>Regrets</u>
T. Tollefson	<u>Present</u>	M. Wartman	<u></u>

V. Leez

April 8, 2010

5. What is the main difference between a non-profit organization and a registered charity?

Registered charities must fit into one of four categories of charitable purposes: the relief of poverty, the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, or other purposes that benefit the community in a way the courts have said are charitable. Non-profit organizations may not fit into one of the four categories of charitable purposes but may have purposes such as social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure, or recreation. Non-profit organizations cannot issue official donation receipts for gifts that they receive.

6. Which organizations can issue official donation receipts for income tax purposes?

The *Income Tax Act* permits qualified donees to issue official donation receipts for donations they receive from individuals or corporations. Qualified donees include:

- registered Canadian charities;
- registered Canadian amateur athletic associations;
- tax-exempt housing corporations resident in Canada that only provide low-cost housing for seniors;
- municipalities in Canada under proposed legislation for gifts made after May 8, 2000, municipal or public bodies performing a function of government in Canada;
- the United Nations and its agencies;
- prescribed universities outside Canada;
- charitable organizations outside Canada to which the Government of Canada has made a donation in the tax year, or the previous tax year; and
- the Government of Canada, a province, or a territory.

7. Can a registered charity lend its registration number to another registered or non-registered charity?

No. Under no circumstances should a registered charity lend its registration number to another organization for receipting purposes. A charity that lends its registration number risks losing its charitable registration. A donor who accepts a falsified official donation receipt will risk having the tax credit disallowed and may be subject to fines.