

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

Present: H. Beckie, R. Bellamy, N. Booth, L. Bossaer, D. Claire, L. Henry, L. Horn, E. Lammerding, C. Lynn, B. McKercher, D. Mitchell, V. Racz, J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, B. Sonntag, S. Steckler, T. Tollefson, M. Wartman

Regrets: B. Harvey, A. McDougald, K. Sapsford, A. Darker

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01 p.m. by J. Schoenau

2. **Agenda:**

Motion by: B. Sonntag

Seconded by: V. Racz **Carried:** All

3. **Minutes of Oct. 7, 2010**

Motion by: J. Schoenau

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

4. **Financial Report – H. Beckie**

Oct. 31, 2010: Chequing Account - \$1963.77 Investment Account - \$30,570.00

Lawrence Peterson has graciously accepted to do the year-end audit. The annual financial statement will be ready for the Dec. 9, 2010 meeting.

Items not included in the above chequing account balance are: \$250 donation; Professional Development Day sponsorship funds and payment for student PD day supper; postage payment

5. **Correspondence – R. Bellamy**

No correspondence

6. **Committee Reports:**

a) **ASA – A. Darker**

Drag sold out! About 40 alumni attended this year. Due to the great turn out, the ASA turned a profit, which will be used to update their website. The bands, Wrenched, Quickshift, and Codie Prevost were great. The 2010 Drag King & Queen competition was held between seven nominated couples during a beer night held at Sutherland Hotel. This year's King and Queen

were Tyson Buyer and Laura Soucy. About 50 people turned out for the event. It was a lot of fun. The ASA hopes to continue this new tradition in the years to come.

Bean Feed is tomorrow night, November 5, 2010.

The ASA is looking for funding for the AgBio Challenge, which will be held in Jan. 2011.

Cuts for Cancer raised \$200.

Motion by: L. Schoenau to sponsor the AgBio Challenge at the same level as last year.

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

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy

Membership updates forwarded to Alex Brooks, Alumni Office contact, and L. Horn, SAGA website.

c) Membership – V. Racz

V. Racz sent out 14-15 invites for corporate sponsorship of SAGA's Professional Development Day. Six sponsors accepted at \$250 each. At present five of the six have committed funds. These include P.A. Coop, Canola Council, DuPont, Richardson's Pioneer, and Federated Coop. Although participants were few in number, industry representatives were very happy with the participation and calibre of the students. Dean Burr gave an inspiring speech to the group. L. Schoenau put together the dinner for ~ \$500– beef on a bun catered by Boryski's Meats, fruit trays, coleslaw, dessert, and beverages. Some leftovers were left to students in the lounge and the rest of the leftovers were enjoyed at tonight's meeting. A positive balance of about \$500-750 was realized from the event.

V. Racz is looking for someone to assist with the Membership committee.

d) Reunion - T. Tollefson

T. Tollefson spent the last week actively emailing and phoning the Reunion Chairs. So far he has approximately 150 confirmed attendees, with a bias for the Mixer. Of the 150, 60 have committed to the Banquet and 90 to the Mixer. Banquet ticket availability at the door was discussed. Banquet tickets must be pre-sold to Reunion groups and pre-purchased through order, as only a very small number of tickets will be available at the door.

e) Mixer – L. Bossaer and D. Clair

L. Bossaer, with the consensus of the executive, will book the rental for the casino tables. The cost will be approximately \$700. The Mixer fee will stay at \$15 per person. L. Bossaer would like to have about 20 companies donate nice prizes for the casino money draw. The executive agreed this would be a good idea.

f) Banquet – S. Steckler

S. Steckler put forward to the executive a call for any ideas for entertainment during the banquet. Last year's song by 50C was a smashing success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. J. Schoenau has invited President McKinnon and Dean Buhr to attend the banquet and provide greetings on behalf of the University and College respectively. Free tickets are provided to the following: University President (2), College of Agriculture and Bioresources Dean (2), Honorary Life Members & Guests (6), ASA President and PRO (2) and Alumni Association President (2)

Banquet / Mixer tickets and Banquet Programmes will be printed at U of S Printing Services in December. The 2010 Honorary Life Member write ups need to be done before printing can take place.

A display promoting the 100th Anniversary of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources would be a good idea to set up at the Banquet.

g) Curling – B. Cummins, D. Mitchell

E. Lammerding stated that the Granite Curling Club is booked. There is room for more than 16 teams.

Those curlers who are not life members are asked to fill out a membership form. Mixer tickets will be available for sale to those curlers, who have not purchased tickets through a Reunion Chair.

h) Hockey – N. Booth

The tournament will take place on Saturday and is limited to six teams. The teams will be split into two pools with a round robin format followed by three playoff games. Each team will be guaranteed three games.

Aberdeen Ice Rental	\$1,701
Est. Referee cost	225
<u>Est. Engraving cost</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>Approx. Total Cost</u>	<u>\$2026</u>
<u>Entry Fee \$400/team*6</u>	<u>\$2400</u>
<u>Profit</u>	<u>\$ 374</u>

i) Website – L. Horn

All email addresses have been added to the website. There is one job posed to "Career Postings" on the website.

L. Horn asked Facebook group *U of S Ag Grads* if a link to the SAGA website could be made. L. Horn was made an administrator of the Facebook group to allow her to set up the link.

As of this point in time, there are approximately 700 members, who will now receive an electronic copy of the newsletter. About 1100 members will still receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

j) Newsletter – E. Lammerding & B. Sonntag

B. Sonntag stated that there has been a lot of input for the November Newsletter. So far included are write ups on: report on one of the School of Ag 2010 Reunion groups, Scott Research Farm Centennial celebration, SAGA executive, Mike Grevers award, Crop Week 2011, Thundering Herds, Pooped Deck, President's Pen, Agro Families, and Banquet registration form for non-reunion group participants. The Newsletter committee is still waiting for write ups from the Dean, College Development Officer, ASA, Curling, and Hockey. The deadline for submission is Nov. 15, 2010.

E. Lammerding has been comparing printing costs between Globe Printers and the Abilities Council. As of last May, Globe charged \$749.91 for 1275 newsletters @ 16 pg/newsletter; printed 1 color both sides, collated, saddle stitched, and folded. Abilities Council sent two quotes: (1) \$1385 for 1000 b/w newsletters, folded, and stitched and (2) \$3548 for 1000 color newsletters, folded, and stitched. However, E. Lammerding stated that Abilities had promised that they would meet Globe Printers quote. An updated quote from Abilities was received on Nov. 5, 2010, which stated a cost of \$718.13 for 1275 b/w newsletters, folded, and stitched.

k) Alumni – B. Harvey

No Report. B. Harvey is attending the Alumni Gala.

l) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

At a Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Board Meeting on October 29, 2010, five new inductees were approved. Two of the five are graduates of the College of Agriculture. Names of the five inductees will be announced at Agribition. The induction is provisionally set for the last weekend of July 2011.

m) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association is now part of the one day meeting. L. Henry stated that two or three SAGA executives should plan to attend the mixer at the Saskatoon Inn on Wednesday, Jan. 12th at 5 p.m.

n) MAL – K. Sapsford

No Report

o) College Development Officer – M. Wartman

The 100th Anniversary of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources has established a committee of which J. Schoenau and M. Wartman are members. M. Wartman recently had an amazing visit with a farming couple, who wished to make a donation of \$100,000 to the College. This couple, first in their region to adopt minimum/zero till, had no connection with the College. After some discussion, the couple decided to put their donation towards a project instead of a scholarship. Another interesting character increased his donation from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The College received its second million dollar donation for the Phytotron. M. Wartman stated that in order for corporations to employ students after graduation, they need to provide

undergraduate/graduate bursaries and scholarships. There is a lot of competition for students between universities.

p) Past President's Report - C. Lynn

No Report.

B. McKercher and A. McDougald have been working on selecting Honorary Life Members for 2010. They found that documents are not up to date. There are currently 12-15 names on the list, but not sure who is alive or dead. B. McKercher would like to move forward with the two Honorary Life Member recommendations by Dec. 9, 2010

Motion by: L. Henry to give B. McKercher and A. McDougald the authority to select the 2010 Honorary Life Members.

Seconded by: V. Racz

Carried: All

q) President's Report – J. Schoenau

J. Schoenau contacted the Western Producer. They said they will put in a Reunion 2011 ad, sometime in late November or early December. Shauna Brand is our contact.

J. Schoenau, H. Beckie, and T. Tollefson went to the BMO and changed over the signing authority.

President McKinnon and Dean Buhr were approached and have agreed to come and provide greetings at the Reunion Banquet.

The committee for the College 2012 Anniversary of the First Graduate of the College of Agriculture met again. There is an Events Subcommittee consisting of J. Schoenau as Chair and Jon Treloar. The Anniversary year will start off with a SAGA All Years (Super) Reunion Weekend Jan. 7 – 8, 2012. It is hoped that the Alumni Office and College of Agriculture will assist with advertising and payment of prepaid banquet tickets via MC/Visa. There will be a special banquet program, which will include a power point presentation. Two other events are planned: 1) an Open House Weekend is planned for one Saturday in June 2012 and (2) Agribition in November 2012.

J. Schoenau has secured some table space at the Crop Production Show College Display for SAGA. This will allow SAGA to promote the 2012 Anniversary of the First Graduate of the College, sell memberships, and display the trophies from the hockey tournament and curling bonspiel. Volunteers will be needed.

J. & L. Schoenau will represent SAGA at the Bean Feed on Friday, Nov. 5, 2012.

Reminder to all committees: Please submit the 2010 Committee Reports to L. Schoenau by mid December for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

r) New/Other Business

Motion: by – To move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: ALL Carried: ALL

Next Meeting: December 9, 2010 in Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Adjourn: 8:27 p.m.

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
All subcommittees	Begin to prepare annual committee reports and submit them to L. Schoenau by mid December.	YES OR NO
		YES OR NO
		YES OR NO
		YES OR NO

Nov. 4, 2010: SAGA EXECUTIVE MEETING

2010 SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet
Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010

Gerrit Baan	_____	Hugh Beckie	<u>Hugh Beckie</u>
R. Bellamy	<u>R. Bellamy</u>	Neil Booth	<u>Neil Booth</u>
Louis Bossaer	<u>L. Bossaer</u>	Denise Clair	<u>Denise Clair</u>
B. Cummings	<u>REGRETS</u>	A. Darker	<u>Regrets</u>
Bryan Harvey	<u>Regrets</u>	Les Henry	<u>Les Henry</u>
Lisa Horn	<u>Lisa Horn</u>	E. Lammerding	<u>E. Lammerding</u>
Carl Lynn	_____	A. McDougald	<u>Regrets</u>
B. McKercher	<u>B. McKercher</u>	D. Mitchell	<u>REGRETS</u>
Vern Racz	<u>Vern Racz</u>	K. Sapsford	<u>Regrets</u>
J. Schoenau	<u>J. Schoenau</u>	L. Schoenau	<u>L. Schoenau</u>
E. Siklena	_____	B. Sontag	<u>BS</u>
S. Steckler	<u>Shelagh Steckler</u>	_____	_____
T. Tollefson	<u>T. Tollefson</u>	M. Wartman	<u>Mark Wartman</u>