

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2010 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of September 9, 2010
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, L. Horn, R. Bellamy, D. Clair, B. McKercher, J. Tessman
K. Sapsford, L. Henry

Regrets: V. Racz, H. Beckie, C. Lynn, E. Siklena, T. Tollefson, E. Lammerding, B. Harvey, L.
Bossaer, N. Booth, A. McDougald, S. Steckler

Absent: M. Wartman, B. Cummings, D. Mitchell, B. Sonntag, T. Martinka

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

2. **Agenda:**

Motion to Adopt Agenda by: K. Sapsford

Seconded by: B. McKercher **Carried:** All

3. **Minutes of Apr. 8, 2010**

J. Schoenau gave a brief overview of the Sept. 8, 2010 minutes. B. McKercher made note of a spelling error on page 2.

Motion by: B. McKercher

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

4. **Financial Report – H. Beckie**

Cheque Account: \$1,943.73 **Investment Account (Jun. 30, 2010):** \$27,755.39

H. Beckie forwarded an email to J. Schoenau asking that the following membership information be passed along to R. Bellamy: 1) Harold Benjamin, \$20.00 received Jul. 8/10. 2) Rand & Katherine Luning, \$200.00 received Jun. 1/10 for 2 life memberships.

Wilf Keller has not received his newsletter. He is a life member as H. Beckie received payment of \$120 from him on Jan. 11, 2009. H. Beckie would like R. Bellamy to check on this and have L. Horn add his name to the website.

J. Schoenau stated that the \$250 invoice from Crop Week should be followed up on to make sure it was paid.

Motion by: K. Sapsford

To change the 2010-11 signing authority for the chequing and investment accounts held at the BMO to the three new SAGA executive members: Jeff Schoenau, President, T. Tollefson, Vice President, and H. Beckie, Treasurer.

Seconded: All

Carried: All

5. Correspondence – R. Bellamy

R. Bellamy reported no correspondence at this time. L. Horn stated there are 70 unanswered emails with respect to the SAGA website.

6. Committee Reports:

a) ASA - J. Tessman

The ASA is currently recruiting students for ASA memberships. J. Schoenau stated that either he or T. Tollefson would be available to attend ASA meetings. J. Tessman stated that the next meeting was to be held Tues., Sept. 14, 2010 in the Agro Lounge. L. Horn would like the ASA to help raise awareness of the SAGA's Professional Development Night, which will be held for the students on Oct. 20, 2010. K. Sapsford suggested that the ASA use an email listing of students to pass on the information. J. Tessman indicated that ASA does not have a list available to them at this time. L. Horn mentioned that the Dean's Office sent a mass emailing to the students last year, but that SAGA's message was lost in the system. It was suggested that the ASA put up posters, provided by L. Horn, on the bulletin boards in the lounge and on the second floor.

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy

The updated list of SAGA members has not been prepared yet.

c) Membership – V. Racz

In an email sent to J. Schoenau, V. Racz stated: The tentative time and date for the Professional Development Day is Oct. 20, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. The program would consist of 2 presentations – writing resumes and interviewing skills. Dean M. Burr has been contacted & will be in touch to help coordinate the day. V. Racz also invited her to give a talk. The main problem with that day is that only the big room in Marquis Hall is available at a cost of \$400-500 plus about \$28 p.p. for meals. This would result in a budget of approximately \$3000 as a guaranteed minimum for dinner is required (risky). V. Racz wondered whether SAGA should go this route or stay on campus and have dinner brought in or go off campus. He also indicated that he will be contacting numerous corporate sponsors for funding.

L. Horn stated that the event should begin at 5 p.m. instead of the previously scheduled time of 4 p.m. due to lab conflicts with students. After some discussion it was decided that:

- 1) Hold the presentations in the Voc Ag Lounge (to be booked through the Dean's Office).
- 3) Feed the group either in the Atrium or in the Agro Lounge. K. Sapsford thought that the Lounge was a better location for socializing and networking. Pizza (brought in) was suggested as a possible meal option.
- 1) Reduce the amount of corporate support from \$350 to \$250 each.

2010 College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduates were offered a free one-year SAGA membership. In order to receive this membership, a graduate had to activate it through SAGA's website.

d) Reunion T. Tollefson

J. Schoenau stated that all Reunion Chairs are in place. J. Schoenau recalled that T. Tollefson stated that one of the reunion groups has offered to put a band together for entertainment at the mixer.

e) Mixer – D. Clair

D. Clair and L. Bossaer are accepting suggestions for entertainment activities at the mixer. Please email them if you have any ideas.

f) Banquet

The contract at TCU place has been signed. One reunion group has booked a room at TCU Place. If a reunion group would like a meal along with their room at TCU Place, SAGA will pay for the room rental. Pricing for 2011 Reunion activities will be \$15 for the Mixer and \$45 for the Banquet.

g) Curling – E. Lammerding

In an email sent to J. Schoenau on Sept. 4, 2010, E. Lammerding stated that he has sold most of the excess liquor. He still has two bottles of gin left: Blue – Sapphire – Blue. Does anyone know who would like it? E. Lammerding will square things up with L. Bossaer when they get together.

h) Hockey – N. Booth

The Aberdeen rink has been booked for Jan. 8, 2011. Rink fees have increased. Aberdeen is charging \$135.00 per hour. Last year the tournament ran for 10 hours for a

cost of \$1350.00. N. Booth is anticipating the same challenge as last year with respect to the costly ice rental fee. Following harvest, he plans to begin contacting potential hockey players as well as setting up a Facebook event page. If not enough interest, SAGA may have to visit the idea of not running the tournament every year.

It was suggested that T. Tollefson see if any of the Reunion groups are planning to, or would like to, put together a hockey team and let N. Booth know.

i) Website

L. Horn and D. Clair plan to cross reference the membership list to SAGA website's email list in order to eliminate those with email addresses from the Newsletter mailing list. L. Henry stated that the executive will need to hire someone to assist with the website if it is to function effectively. This cost could be financed through sponsorship within the website, i.e. job postings. He suggested that Kevin & Marlene Hursh should be contacted. J. Schoenau asked L. Horn to put together a summary of what needs to be accomplished to make the website more interactive.

j) Newsletter – B. Sonntag

The spring newsletter indicated that the next deadline for submissions is Nov. 15th. It was decided that instead the **November 15 date is when the newsletter should be in the hands of the membership**. Any submissions that are missed can be put in the spring 2011 newsletter. Members need to be reminded of the 2011 SAGA Reunion Weekend prior to the end of November.

k) Alumni – B. Harvey

No Report

l) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

Induction criteria on the Hall of Fame Nomination Form have been revised. Use the new forms if a nomination is being considered, which can be found on the sahf.com website. Jim Halford (63C) and Bob Brack (52C) were inducted to the Hall of Fame on Aug. 1, 2010. There is a shortage of Voc Ag and female nominations.

m) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Society is now a member of Crop Production Week. They will be holding their meeting on the Thursday at Saskatoon Inn. The executive is encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening program held at the Saskatoon Inn.

J. Schoenau plans to set up space in the College booth for SAGA to display trophies from curling/hockey, sell memberships, and provide information on the Reunion weekend and SAGA.

n) MAL – K. Sapsford

K. Sapsford explained how the role of the MAL in gathering news from different regions has changed over time. Electronic messaging and social networking have changed contact and information exchange methods in recent years.

o) College Development Officer – M. Wartman

No Report

p) Past President's Report – C. Lynn

No Report

C. Lynn, along with J. Schoenau & T. Tollefson, are to bring forward the names for Honorary Life Members for 2011. Jim Bessel has the list of names that C. Lynn will need to get. New names can be added to the list.

q) President's Report – J. Schoenau

On May 13th, 2010, B. McKercher set up and manned SAGA's display in the Atrium. This was a special day as it represented the 75th anniversary of SAGA's first executive meeting. J. Schoenau also attended and along with M. Wartman attended a webinar on Growing Your Alumni by Perdue University. An important take home message of the presenter's message was that Alumni groups need to be part of student activities. Alumni are divided into 4 groups: 1) New Grads – communicate by Facebook, looking for careers, 2) Young Alumni – busy with careers & children, 3) Popular Majority – loyal & look for benefits of membership, and 4) Golden Alumni – tradition, reunion is important.

J. Schoenau is looking for volunteers to help out with the College of Agriculture and Bioresources Blue Week BBQ on Friday, Sept. 17th, 2010. Sask. Institute of Agrologists sponsors the event and SAGA are involved through providing volunteers for the event. So far J. Schoenau, C. Lynn, A. McDougald, R. Bellamy (tentative), L. Henry (tentative), L. Schoenau (tentative), and B. McKercher (display) have volunteered.

r) New/Other Business

A. McDougald via email to J. Schoenau Sept. 9, 2010 stated that: We need to talk a bit about the Hon chair position and review some ideas for a replacement for him next year. With any organization it never seems to hurt to re-focus.

J. Tessman suggested that SAGA should take advantage of Facebook in order to reach the younger College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduates. L. Horn & D. Clair will go on Facebook and post a message on the existing Saskatchewan Ag Grads group.

J. Schoenau stated that the Dean's Office has made no decision on room allocation. He will contact the office again.

Motion: by – To move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: All Carried: All

Next Meeting: October 7, 2010 in Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Adjourn: 8:37 p.m.

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
B. Sonntag and E. Lammerding	Attempt to get the newsletter out to the members by Nov. 15, 2010.	YES OR NO
C. Lynn, J. Schoenau, T. Tollefson	Bring forward the names for the Honorary Life Member Inductees for 2011. Carl Lynn to get list from Jim Bessel	YES OR NO
L. Schoenau	Email updated list of contact information for new executive.	YES OR NO
J. Schoenau	Follow up on SAGA room in College	YES OR NO
T. Tollefson	Check with reunion chairs about any hockey teams planned.	YES OR NO

2010 SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet
Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

Gerrit Baan

Hugh Beckie

Regrets

R. Bellamy

Richard

Neil Booth

Regrets

Louis Bossaer

Regrets

Denise Clair

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B. Cummings

Bryan Harvey

Regrets

Les Henry

L. Henry

Lisa Horn

Lisa Horn

E. Lammerding

Regrets

Carl Lynn

Regrets

A. McDougald

Regrets

B. McKercher

R. B. McKercher

D. Mitchell

Vern Racz

Regrets

K. Sapsford

K. Sapsford

J. Schoenau

J. Schoenau

L. Schoenau

L. Schoenau

E. Siklena

Regrets

B. Sontag

S. Steckler

Regrets

J. Tessmer

Jessica Tessmer

T. Tollefson

M. Wartman

T. Martinka
