

SAGA Executive Meeting
2010 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of April 7th, 2011
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Present: R. Bellamy, L. Bossaer, A. Darker, D. Ewanus, K. Head, V. Kennedy, E. Lammerding, A. McDougald, R. B. McKercher, T. Mortson, V. Racz, J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, T. Tollefson, M. Wartman

Regrets: H. Beckie, D. Claire, L. Horn, J. Turner, N. Booth, H. Beckie

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01 p.m. by T. Tollefson

2. **Agenda:**

Motion by: V. Racz to adopt Agenda as presented.

Seconded by: A. McDougald

Carried: All

3. **Minutes of Mar. 3 2011**

Motion by: R. B. McKercher to adopt the minutes of Mar. 3, 2011 as presented.

Seconded by: J. Schoenau

Carried: All

4. **Financial Report – H. Beckie**

T. Tollefson reported on H. Beckie's behalf that both the chequing account and investment account are almost identical to what was presented at the Mar. 3, 2011 meeting.

Motion by: J. Schoenau to change the 2011-2012 signing authority for the chequing and investment accounts held at the BMO to the three new SAGA executive members: Terry Tollefson, President, Jill Turner, Vice President, and Hugh Beckie, Treasurer.

Seconded by: E. Lammerding

Carried: All

5. **Correspondence – R. Bellamy**

T. Tollefson read a letter from Erin Cuthbert, who is currently in third year Animal Science. Erin plans to travel to Africa to study a specific issue relating to elephants as part of her 6 cu thesis course in 2011-12. She is looking for financial sponsorship to assist her with travel costs. SAGA has never undertaken sponsorship of students in the past.

After some discussion, it was decided that T. Mortson, the new Development Coordinator for the College, will look into what undergraduate College awards are available for travel support. V. Racz

also stated that E. Cuthbert's supervisor should have research funds or a travel grant available for students. T. Tollefson and J. Schoenau will check with the student's supervisor.

A decision was made to defer the motion to provide financial support to Erin Cuthbert until the fall after research on available funding has been undertaken.

6. Committee Reports:

M. Wartman introduced Trina Mortson as the College of Agriculture and Bioresources new Development Coordinator. She will be taking over M. Wartman's position as he will be stepping down on May 31st, 2011. Trina Mortson most certainly will be a tremendous asset to both the SAGA executive and the College.

a) ASA – A. Darker

Autumn Darker introduced Vicki Kennedy as the new incoming ASA PRO. A. Darker also reported that the ASA was very happy with the amount of money that was raised for Telemiracle. Katy McMillan, ASA President, and A. Darker presented a cheque for \$2232.42 at Telemiracle.

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy

R. Bellamy stated that SAGA has been approved as a Non-profit corporation for another year from Information Services Corporation.

c) Membership – V. Racz & D. Ewanus

V. Racz and D. Ewanus plan to prepare a letter from SAGA for the upcoming College graduates. This letter will describe what SAGA is, invite students to join SAGA, and provide them with a one year free membership business card. All students attending convocation will receive this letter along with their diploma.

SAGA received \$100 for a life time membership from Amy Larre's parents. T. Tollefson stated that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Larre. After some discussion, it was decided that a form letter should be prepared for new life time members. This letter would include a welcome to SAGA, an outline of what SAGA is and does for its members, and a note of appreciation from SAGA for purchasing or receiving a membership as a gift.

d) Reunion – J. Turner

T. Tollefson reported on J. Turner's behalf that she has been able to secure two more Reunion Chairs. She still has a number of Chair positions to fill.

e) Mixer – L. Bossaer & D. Clair

L. Bossaer reported that he was able to sell the remaining beer and heels of gin for \$120. There is still one bottle of gin left to sell. E. Lammerding also stated that he was able to sell most of the liquor remaining from the Curing bonspiel for \$290. He still has white rum and vodka heels left.

f) Banquet – S. Steckler

No report.

g) Curling – D. Mitchell & E. Lammerding

No report.

h) Hockey – N. Booth

No report.

i) Website – L. Horn

J. Schoenau reported that Kira Paluk will post the SAGA Newsletter as a PDF on the College Website. This would allow SAGA members and future members to access the Newsletter. This would serve as an alternative for those members that were experiencing difficulty with receiving the SAGA Newsletter email notification &/or SAGA website.

Motion by: J. Schoenau to post the SAGA Newsletters as PDF on the College of Agriculture and Bioresources to allow for open access to all SAGA members and future members.

Seconded by: M. Wartman

Carried: All

j) Newsletter – E. Lammerding & B. Sonntag

B. Sonntag stated at the meeting of Mar. 3rd, 2011 that the cut off date for submissions to the Spring Newsletter will remain as the published date of May 13th, 2011.

Empty Saddles will include those SAGA members, who were missed in the Fall Newsletter.

T. Mortson will forward a list from the Alumni Office of those College graduates, who have passed away, to E. Lammerding.

It was also decided that L. Horn should put another reminder of "how to use the SAGA website" in the Spring Newsletter.

k) Alumni – B. Harvey

No report.

l) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

No report.

m) Crop Production Week – K. Head

The 2011 Crop Production Week, by all accounts, was rated as successful. The Special Session on Wednesday evening was very well received. Drew Learner, World Weather Inc, attracted over 500 attendees, which was the largest turnout in the last five years. Any suggestions for an equally attractive speaker for 2012 would be greatly appreciated.

Crop Production Week 2012 will be held from Jan. 7th to Jan. 14th. Some changes are in the works in terms of dates and some of the participants meetings. Nothing is official at this time. Membership fees remain unchanged at \$250.

Crop Production Show (Prairie Land Park) also proved to be successful with the largest attendance on record - 17,000+. The Crop Production Show 2012 will run from Jan. 9th to Jan. 12th.

L. Bossaer stated that the curling and hockey trophies should be displayed at the Crop Production Show. Unfortunately, the College did not reserve space at the 2011 Crop Production Show so the trophies were not able to be displayed. If this problem occurs again in 2012, L. Bossaer indicated that there are a number of other businesses that would be happy to accommodate SAGA's trophies.

n) MAL – K. Sapsford

No report.

o) College Development Officer – M. Wartman

M. Wartman will finish his term as College Development Office on May 31st, 2011 after almost three years. This past year proved to be very successful for the College as a number of major gifts were received to fund the Dairy and Phytotron projects, as well as the Soil Science Research Facility.

At this point in time, M. Wartman is unsure of what he will be doing when he moves to Moose Jaw. He has applied to the carpentry program at SIAST! M. Wartman's contribution to SAGA over the past three years was appreciated by the entire executive. His presence at the meetings will be missed. Good luck Mark!

Next Wednesday, Apr. 13th, the 100th Anniversary committee will be meeting. The budget ranges from \$100,000 (base) to \$325,000 (cost recoverable). A plan of hiring Brent Butt as an entertainer at the June BBQ has been discussed. The fee for Brent Butt is \$25,000.

p) Past President's Report – J. Schoenau

J. Schoenau put one of the trophies in the trophy case in _____. Unfortunately, only one trophy fits in at a time. T. Tollefson, C. Lynn, and J. Schoenau have made an appointment to have their photos taken at F11 photography on Monday, Apr. 11th, 2011.

J. Schoenau reported that the 100th Anniversary Events Committee is looking to the Alumni Office to provide support for the administration of event tickets. A budget of \$10,000 has been determined for costs associated with this administration. The 2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend is looking at maybe 500 people attending. He will know by fall what will be available for financial support.

J. Schoenau also indicated at a special program needs to be put together for the 2012 SAGA Reunion banquet. Suggestions for the executive included:

- J. Schoenau - a PowerPoint of the history of the College.
- E. Lammerding - accessing a display of past farm equipment from the WDM.
- R. B. McKercher – having Dan Pennock discuss the changes that have taken place within the College of Agriculture and Bioresources
- V. Racz – considering using David Christensen and Red Williams historical presentation

q) President's Report – T. Tollefson

Considering the anticipation of increased numbers, there is a need for management of the tickets and money for the 2012 SAGA Banquet. As J. Turner works with CCDE, perhaps a deal can be worked out where CCDE could handle the tickets/money at a reduced fee. SAGA doesn't need all the services provided for conferences.

T. Tollefson suggested that the duties for all executive positions need to be updated this fall. He would also like to take one of the SAGA history books and scan about 15 pages to put on the website. This way the website could provide a history of SAGA.

r) New/Other Business

L. Bossaer would like the AgBio Discovery Camp advertised the Spring Newsletter.

Motion by: M. Wartman to move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: T. Tollefson

Carried: All

Next Meeting: September 8th, 2011 in Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Adjourn: 8:07 p.m.

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
L. Horn	Place another reminder on "how to use the website" in the Spring Newsletter	YES OR NO
		YES OR NO
		YES OR NO
		YES OR NO

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April, 7th 2011

Gerrit Baan

Hugh Beckie

R. Bellamy

Neil Booth

Louis Bossaer

Denise Clair

Regrets

Autumn Darker

Dennis Ewanus

Bryan Harvey

Keith Head

Les Henry

Lisa Horn

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Development Coordinator AgBio