

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2010 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of February 3, 2011
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: H. Beckie, N. Booth, L. Bossaer, D. Clair, B. Cummins, A. Darker, D. Ewanus, L. Henry, E. Lammerding, B. McKercher, V. Racz, K. Sapsford, J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, T. Tollefson, J. Turner

Regrets: R. Bellamy, K. Head, L. Horn, A. McDougald, S. Steckler, M. Wartman

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

2. Agenda:

T. Tollefson welcomed Jill Turner C'80 as the new Vice President.

Motion by: L. Henry to move a discussion of the Newsletter/Website immediately following the ASA Report.

Seconded by: J. Schoenau

Carried: All

Motion by: K. Sapsford to adopt the Agenda as presented with L. Henry's amendment.

Seconded by: V. Racz

Carried: All

3. Minutes of Dec. 9, 2010

Motion by: T. Tollefson to adopt the Minutes of Dec. 9, 2010.

Seconded by: All

Carried: All

4. Financial Report – H. Beckie

Reunion deposit:

\$23,688.82 - \$1000 float - (\$120 + \$105 refund for Reunion tickets paid twice) = \$22,463.82

Chequing Account: \$24,339.51

Investment Account as of Dec. 31, 2010: \$31,761.19

Invoice received from A. McDougald for Honorary Life expenses: \$290.18

5. Correspondence – R. Bellamy

T. Tollefson read a letter received from Marcel Dubois and an email received from Allan McDougald thanking the executive for their efforts.

6. Committee Reports:

a) ASA – A. Darker

In January, a challenge between the Agros and the Engineers took place to see who could donate the most blood during two blood donor clinics that were held at the PAC. The Engineers were reported to have won.

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduation took place on January 28, 2011. Jana Moats did a great job planning the event. A. Darker reported that the ASA ran out of alcohol at 10 p.m.!

In February, the ASA will be putting on a bake sale and selling Helping Hands to raise proceeds for Telemiracle. The ASA Executive auction will also take place this month.

b) Newsletter/Website – L. Henry/E. Lammerding/B. Sonntag

L. Henry, being concerned about some members not being notified via email about the availability of the 2010 Fall SAGA Newsletter and others having difficulty accessing the website, prepared a document for the 2011 Spring Newsletter. A copy of this document was forwarded via email to the executive on Feb. 4, 2011.

The document indicates that for over the last five years SAGA has been working on converting the Newsletter from mail distribution to email/website distribution. However, presently the current distribution system has some problems and issues. The executive discussed whether the website should allow open access to the Newsletter in order to eliminate problems. However, D. Clair indicated that L. Horn has put in a great amount of time entering members email addresses and establishing passwords. Allowing open access would negate previous efforts to control access to deal with privacy issues. K. Sapsford indicated that members have to check their email SPAM settings and make sure to add SAGA to their address book. Dan Osant told T. Tollefson that sometimes there are problems with sending out large groupings of emails. There are a variety of ways to get around the issue. The Spring Newsletter should include an instruction section on how to access the website version of the Newsletter.

Although there has been a good response from a few members to the appeal for funds, there is not enough to keep the mail version of the Newsletter viable over the long run. L. Henry would like all SAGA members to receive a mail copy of the spring 2011 Newsletter. On the front page of the Newsletter, there would be a notice indicating that all members, who wish to receive or continue to receive the Newsletter by mail, fill out the form on the bottom of the page and send SAGA a cheque for \$100. Those who have purchased a Lifetime membership in the last five years and/or sent in a donation greater than \$100 will be exempt from paying this fee. However, a form must be filled out indicating why he or she is exempt from payment in order to continue to receive the mail version of the Newsletter. L. Henry suggested that a cheque and/or form must be received by SAGA by July 1, 2011 in order to receive the Fall Newsletter.

It was decided that the deadlines for spring news submission and newsletter distribution will be March 15th/April 1st; and fall news submission and newsletter distribution will be October 30th/November 15th respectively.

B. McKercher suggested that a list of new members should be included in the Newsletters. R. Bellamy has the list of all the new members.

K. Sapsford indicated that the Newsletter is no longer a drawing card to belong to SAGA. V. Racz and K. Sapsford stated that membership must be maintained to support the alumni. E. Lammerding suggested using Facebook as another way to attract and support membership.

Motion by: L. Henry to move that the Spring 2011 Newsletter be mailed to all 1800 SAGA members. The Newsletter is to include the essence of L. Henry's document as described above, relevant website information, and a write up explaining the issue.

Seconded by: B. Cummins

Carried: All

c) Registrar – R. Bellamy

No Report

d) Membership – V. Racz/D. Ewanus

D. Ewanus was introduced as a new Executive member at the AGM meeting in January and was welcomed to the Membership Committee. His assistance will be very much appreciated.

V. Racz reported that he sold a few memberships, including Life Memberships, at the Mixer. A donation of \$100 was also received. Hockey reported to have sold 20 Annuals and 3 Life memberships. However, one of the Life memberships had to be returned as the person was already a Life member.

e) Reunion - T. Tollefson/J. Turner

The 2011 SAGA Reunion was a success. There was a good turnout at the banquet with approximately 287 people attending.

A couple of possible Reunion Chair names have been passed on to J. Turner. Please forward any other suggestions/volunteers to her.

f) Mixer – L. Bossaer/D. Clair

L. Bossaer reported that 232 people attended the 2011 Mixer. Attendees included: 65 people from the Reunion groups, 12 from the Hockey/Curling participants, and 155 from the door. There are several invoices still to come in. As well, a number of heals are left and must be sold. Unfortunately, problems arose with the TCU bartending staff as 4 bottles of alcohol were opened late in the evening and now cannot be returned. A profit of \$216.81 was estimated from a tentative Income Statement.

L. Bossaer recommended that a report, which indicates what needs to be done during the evening of the Mixer, must be prepared and made available to existing and incoming committee members. He plans to stay on the Mixer Committee to assist D. Clair with the 2012 Mixer.

L. Bossaer suggested that in the future the Executive should consider moving the Mixer to a less expensive venue, such as a Legion Hall.

L. Bossaer received an invoice from TCU Place for the 2011 Mixer and Banquet. The amount of \$17,625.24 is due on February 17th.

g) Banquet – S. Steckler

No Report

h) Curling – B. Cummins/D. Mitchell

D. Cummins reported that the 2011 SAGA curling bonspiel realized a profit of \$368. Ten teams participated in the event. This year over eleven businesses sponsored the event: Saskatoon Agri-Auto Parts, Cargill, BASF, Monsanto, Bayer, Sygenta, Richardson, Shamrock Seeds, FCC, Western Producer, Custom Awards & Service, Broncos, and John Deere Farm & Garden Centre.

Revenue:

10 teams @ \$100 per team curling fee	\$1000.00
Raffle	<u>160.20</u>
	\$1160.20

Expenses:

Ice Rental	\$718.20
Engraving	<u>44.00</u>

	<u>762.20</u>
	\$ 368.00

D. Cummins, along with T. Tollefson, suggested that the 2011 Fall Newsletter needs to encourage more team and individual curling entries. As it stands, future SAGA curling bonspiels are in danger of discontinuing. The ice has been booked for 2012.

i) Hockey – N. Booth

The 2011 SAGA hockey tournament was made up of three graduate teams and three undergraduate teams. Each graduate team was made up of actual SAGA graduate members. This is an important distinction as for many years this has not been the case. Although the undergrads are not SAGA members, they will be eligible in the upcoming years. The undergrad teams were comprised of one team of 3rd / 4th year students, a vet med team, and a 2nd year student team. All three teams were very competitive taking the top three spots in the tournament. These teams show good promise for making sure the tournament is well attended next year.

This year's focus was not on making a profit, but on establishing Ag Grad teams and promoting the purchase of SAGA memberships. Membership sales at the tournament brought in \$400. Many grads were not aware that they needed a membership. Neil Booth's team, the Beaver Busters, and Steve Schmidt's team, 2000/2001 Grads, all bought memberships. Two Lifetime

memberships were sold as well. N. Booth stated that he would like a list of current SAGA members at his disposal for next year.

A SAGA member's only raffle was established. N. Booth set it up to encourage membership sales. For \$10 a member could enter to win a putter, donated by N. Booth, and two \$50 gift certificates from Moxies and La Senza. Jean Lundquist, an existing SAGA Lifetime member was this year's winner.

The entry fee for each team was \$400, which resulted in revenue of \$2400. Expenses included \$1700 in ice fees, \$310 for referees, \$40 for engraving, and \$50 for raffle gift certificates. A profit of approximately \$300 was realized, as well as revenue from the purchase of Annual and Lifetime memberships and four mixer tickets. Although this is a slim profit margin, N. Booth wished to keep the fee per player at \$30 instead of the standard \$40, thereby allowing the player to put \$10 towards a membership.

Unfortunately, one of the young players broke a piece of Plexiglas. Aberdeen Rink stated that they will need \$250 to repair it. N. Booth stated that SAGA would pay \$100 towards the repair and the player's team has indicated that they will pay for half of the damage. As of yet, nothing has been settled.

N. Booth suggested that it would be a good idea to have a SAGA banner at the hockey rink, along with some kind of information explaining what SAGA is and what it does. This would go a long way to promote SAGA.

j) Website – L. Horn

No Report

k) Alumni – B. Harvey

No Report

l) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

No Report

m) Crop Production Week – K. Head

Changes to 2011 Crop Production Week:

1. Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association moved to the Prairie Land Park.
2. Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association joined Crop Production Week in 2011 moving into the Thursday time that became available when the Canola Growers moved their meeting to Prairie Land Park.

3. The Special Session moved from Prairie Land Park back to its original venue at the Saskatoon Inn.
4. The Crop Production Week Committee enjoyed a wine and cheese mixer on Wednesday evening prior to the Special Session. It was an opportunity for the member representatives to meet each other and learn more about the organizations involved in Crop Production Week.

n) MAL – K. Sapsford/A. McDougald

No Report

o) College Development Officer – M. Wartman

No Report

p) Past President's Report - J. Schoenau

- J. Schoenau spoke of developments on the College of Agriculture and Bioresources 100th Year Anniversary Planning Committee he sits on.

-The first event discussed was the one that relates most to SAGA: Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association 2012 College 100 Year Anniversary Reunion Dinner and Mixer. The intention is to still focus on the honor years 1952,62,72,82,92,02 as usual but extend a special invitation to all College alumni. This would be the premier event for alumni.

-The concept of a mailing to all Agriculture alumni by the U of S Alumni office (with University covering the postage) to invite them to the reunion weekend was discussed. It was felt that this would be a good way to increase attendance at the events. The need for a coordinated automated payment, registration, ticket system was brought forward as it is unreasonable to expect members of the SAGA executive to handle this alone.

-The second event discussed at the College meeting was an Open House and Barbeque in June. The primary target of this event would be industry partners.

-The third event would be the student barbeque held in the second week of September. This event is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

-Fourth event could be a College hospitality room at Agribition.

q) President's Report – T. Tollefson

T. Tollefson stated that he hopes to operate the SAGA Executive meetings efficiently. He reminded us all that he is a straight shooter, but asked to be corrected as necessary. He thanked the Executive for their assistance with the 2011 SAGA Reunion Weekend. T. Tollefson attended the College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduation banquet on Jan. 28th, 2011. He presented the Tommy Frazer Award. With J. Turner's suggestion, he promoted SAGA and encouraged parents to purchase Lifetime Memberships for their children as graduation gifts.

r) **New/Other Business**

100th Anniversary of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources:

The 2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend is the kickoff event for the Anniversary year. The planning committee is in the process of discussing the possibility of establishing an IT system that would allow people to phone to order tickets and pay by credit card.

After some discussion, it was decided in principle that the 2012 SAGA Reunion Banquet and Mixer be held on the same evening. The date set is Saturday, January 7th, 2012. One recommendation was to have a combined discounted price for the Banquet and Mixer. K. Sapsford suggested that perhaps other venues should be considered. He also suggested that a committee should be formed to deal with issues and concerns arising from moving the two events to one evening. K. Sapsford, J. Turner, T. Tollefson, L. Schoenau, L. Horn, D. Claire, and S. Steckler will comprise the committee. The first meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 8th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by: B. Cummins to move that in principle the 2012 SAGA Reunion Banquet and Mixer will be held on one day, Saturday, Jan. 7th, 2012, rather than the current two scheduled days. Decisions associated with this change will be deferred until the next SAGA Executive meeting.

Seconded by: D. Clair

Carried: All

Motion: by – E. Lammerding to move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: T. Tollefson

Carried: All

Next Meeting: Mar. 3, 2011 in Room 2D21 Agriculture Building at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: 9:05 p.m.

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
J. Schoenau	Check to see if the SAGA Hockey trophies can be put in the trophy case in Room 1E80.	YES OR NO
K. Sapsford	Provide a current name/address list for S'77. B. Cummins is planning 35 yr reunion.	YES OR NO
L. Schoenau, T. Tollefson, K. Sapsford, J. Turner, S. Steckler, L. Horn, D. Claire	Form 2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend Committee Meeting: Feb. 8, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m. T. Tollefson to email meeting room.	YES OR NO

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