

SAGA Executive Meeting

Minutes of Mar. 8th, 2012

Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Present: R. Bellamy, D. Ewanus, L. Horn, E. Lammerding, B. Larson, B. McKercher, T. Mortson, K. Sapsford, J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, T. Tollefson, J. Turner, G. Wood

Regrets: A. McDougald, V. Racz

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

2. **Agenda:**

Motion by: J. Turner to adopt the Agenda as presented.

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

3. **Minutes of Jan. 26th, 2012**

Motion by: K. Sapsford to adopt the Minutes of Jan. 26th, 2012 as presented.

Seconded by: E. Lammerding **Carried:** All

4. **Financial Report – D. Ewanus**

- See Appendix A for financial report.
- The executive was emailed an Excel file of the SAGA financial statements as of Mar. 7th, 2012.
- Signing authority completed.

Motion by: D. Ewanus to adopt the Financial Report as presented.

Seconded by: T. Tollefson **Carried:** All

5. **Correspondence/Website – L. Schoenau & L. Horn**

- L. Horn received 50-60 address changes and email submissions.
- L. Schoenau passed on a letter from Canada Post to D. Ewanus.
- Irene Ahner sent letter containing information for the Newsletter and a polite objection to the very expensive \$25 Midtown parking fee incurred on the evening of the SAGA Reunion Banquet and Mixer.

6. **Committee Reports:**

a) **ASA – V. Kennedy**

No Report

b) Membership/Registrar – V. Racz/R. Bellamy

- J. Turner, R. Bellamy, and V. Racz met Feb. 28th, 2012 to discuss restructuring and the redirection of the activities of the Registrar and Membership committee.
- With the development of the website and its implications and opportunities plus that of the ongoing challenges of attracting new members, the group saw the role and activities of the Registrar and Membership to be consolidated into three key areas.
- It was also proposed that the position of Registrar and the Membership committee be consolidated into one distinct group.
- There was discussion around the name of that group and a name suggested could be the Registrars' Membership committee.
- This would not need a bylaw change as it retains the position of Registrar.
- The group also saw a need for additions beyond the present two individuals to this committee particularly in light of the challenges.
- It was thought these additions could be from outside and or from within the executive such as the College Development Co-ordinator and others.
- The three areas were as follows:
 - 1) The ongoing need for consolidation of membership lists on a regular basis with that in the SAGA database and that of the Alumni Office. This would involve working with the database supervisor, College Development Co-ordinator, and the Alumni Office to allow a two way access to current addresses and to non-members of SAGA.
 - 2) Attracting new and maintaining existing memberships in SAGA: mail outs to non-members, increasing value of membership such as increasing contact through our website regarding pertinent news, and selling life memberships to parents of graduates. Limitations seen were time and personnel.
 - 3) Student targeted activities in cooperation with SIA: professional development day and support of ASA activities. The professional development day should be held on a Saturday in September so not to conflict with student academic and social activities if possible.
- R. Bellamy is currently comparing the Registrars' list with the Website list. Once he has completed this task, he will forward the updated membership list to T. Mortson.
- T. Mortson, who is responsible for Alumni relations for the College of Ag and Bioresources, will double check/update the SAGA membership list with the College/Alumni list.
- A solution to the problem of losing Lifetime Members on the Alumni database will be determined and resolved.
- A motion to consolidate the activities and responsibilities of various SAGA executive committees will be tabled until the Apr. 4th, 2012 meeting.

c) Reunion – G. Wood

- T. Mortson forwarded an alumni list to G. Wood.
- J. Turner and T. Tollefson offered to meet with G. Wood to assist with the selection of Reunion Chairs.
- K. Sapsford suggested Les Henry as a valuable resource.
- J. Mortson has a list of the class Presidents and Senior Sticks.
- J. Mortson also stated that the College will pay for any postage costs incurred by the Reunion Chairs.

d) Mixer –

No Report

e) Banquet – B. Larson

- B. Larson reviewed the Western Development Museum as a possible venue choice for the 2014 SAGA Reunion Banquet and Mixer.
- The Western Development offers:
 - o Free parking
 - o Accommodates up to 400 people
 - o Free use of Boom Town for the Mixer
 - o Access to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame
 - o No charge for use of banquet room
 - o \$24.95 per person cost
- B. McKercher stated that the WDM will take a provisional booking. There would be no cost to SAGA to book.
- Discussion as to pros and cons re: WDM and TCU Place followed.

f) Curling – B. Cummins

- A total of eight teams entered the SAGA bonspiel this year; four teams in the regular and four teams in the Hutcheon event.
- This again followed the trend of a couple less teams entered as the year before. The question the SAGA executive must consider is because of the lack of interest, the possibility of not hosting this traditional SAGA Reunion Weekend event. A decision should be made soon to confirm with the Granite Curling Club the ice rental.
- The Bryan Nybo team won the regular event and the Phil England team won the Hutcheon event.
- A thank you to the Dean's Office team for putting a team into the bonspiel this year. It appears they did enjoy the event along with everyone else.

Income

8 teams at \$ 100 entry	\$800
Raffle	40
Total income	\$840

Expenses

Ice rental 16 games @ \$36/game	\$576	
Trophy engraving	40	
Total expenses		<u>616</u>

Profit **\$ 184**

g) Hockey – A. Bouchard

No Report

h) Newsletter – E. Lammerding & B. Sonntag

- May 15th, 2012 is the deadline for submissions.
- The spring Newsletter is slated to come out the first week of June.

i) Alumni – B. Harvey

No Report

j) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

No Report

k) Crop Production Week – K. Head

No Report

l) MAL

- J. Schoenau presented the Tommy Frazer Award to Lane Evenson at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduation ceremony on Jan. 27th, 2012.
- A. McDougald received a nice note from Darald Marin saying that the flight worked out fine from the reunion and they caught the cruise ship for a great holiday. The folks in their winter community have taken quite an interest in his award and made him feel very good about our agriculture community.

m) College Development Officer – T. Mortson

- Although not official, the Student Lounge and adjoining Meeting Room may be renovated.
- T. Mortson asked if SAGA would be open to sharing the space with the students.
- SAGA awards, trophies, and other items could be displayed along with the student awards.
- The SAGA executive meetings could be held in the renovated Meeting Room.

n) Past President's Report – T. Tollefson

No Report

o) President's Report – J. Turner

- J. Turner met with V. Racz and R. Bellamy to discuss the consolidation of the Registrar and Membership.
- Recruitment for new executive will commence once the structure of Registrar, Membership, Website, Banquet and Mixer have been resolved and the decision of whether or not to continue with Curling and Hockey has been determined.

p) New/Other Business

Motion: by – J. Turner to move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: All

Carried: All

Next Meeting: Wed. Apr. 4th, 2012 in Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Adjourn: 8:09 p.m.

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
R. Bellamy	To complete the membership list comparison and pass the updated list to T. Mortson	YES OR NO
J. Turner	Contact A. Bouchard and N. Booth to get their opinion as to whether there is enough interest to continue to arrange a hockey tournament for the SAGA Reunion.	YES OR NO
		YES OR NO
		YES OR NO

