

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Wednesday April 3, 2013
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Jill Turner (Chairperson), Carmen Danyluk (Recorder), Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, Bob McKercher, Dennis Ewanus, Keith Head, Barb Larson, Allan McDougald, Trina Mortson, Whitney Cyca, Kaitlyn Schurmann, Al Scholz, Blair Cummins

REGRETS: Erin Cuthbert, Grant Wood

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairperson Jill Turner at 7:05 pm

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda circulated.

MOTION - Bryan Harvey/Bob McKercher - that the agenda to be adopted. CARRIED.

3. **MINUTES** from March 12, 2013

No business arising from the March 12, 2013 meeting.

MOTION - Barb Larson/Al Scholz - that the minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial details can be found in the financial statement that was emailed to the executive prior to this meeting.

The closing balance in the chequing account as of April 3, 2013 was \$6,099.10

Income:

SIA Curling Donation was \$200.00

Expense: \$35.50 for U of S Printing banquet Programs

Corporate registry for 2012-2013 was accepted

Balance of Mutual Fund BMO is sitting at \$31,371.27 as of April 3, 2013

President (Grant Wood) and Financial Officer (Dennis Ewanus) still need to go to the B of M to change signing authorities.

MOTION - Dennis Ewanus/Bryan Harvey: that the financial report be adopted. CARRIED.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND WEBSITE**

No Report

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) ASA

Kaitlyn Schurmann introduced Whitney Cyca as the new ASA Publication Relations Rep. Whitney Cyca reported:

-the results from The Blood Drive Challenge between the Engineers and Agros have not been tallied and reported to the ASA yet.

- Second semester is winding down and Agro students will be participating in one last "hooray". The "Traveling Blue Room" (which is similar to the event "Drink a Small Town Dry") is taking place on April 4th, 2013.

- All students receive first membership into the ASA (paid for by the College) but about a third of the students purchase a second membership.
- It was noted that times have changed within the College and the student society. The Environmental Science and Renewable Resource students have created their own new social group. ASA is hoping to bring both groups back together to form one student union.

Jill Turner thanked Kaitlyn for her year of representation and welcomed Whitney.

b) COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Trina Mortson reported that the SAGA room on 2nd floor of the Agriculture Building and all its contents have been permanently moved to its new location in the ASA lounge storage room on first floor of the Ag building. The College is renovating the SAGA room to make new offices.

- The mailbox is now in the Dean's office

The college class of '53 are making a monetary gift to an organization called Ag Discovery, which encourages youth to enter into Ag Science.

c) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No Report

d) REUNION

The printing bill was received for the Banquet Programs.

e) BANQUET AND MIXER

Barb Larson has looked into other venues for the banquet and mixer due to some concerns about TCU Place.

- Prairieland Park is ruled out since it is booked for Crop Production Week.
- Western Development Museum (WDM) is the next best option. The benefits include: the price for rental is very similar to TCU Place, there is free parking, and very spacious. Cons: this venue is not accommodating to out of town guests (TCU place is close to hotels, down town, affordable taxi rides)
- Sheraton Hotel – ceiling is too low and space is tight for number of guests
- Delta Bess – parking is not accessible and convenient

TCU Place is looking for a \$1000.00 deposit to secure main floor rooms: Gallery A,B,C, plus Suite 1 and 2. There was some concern that these specific rooms do not give the proper "ambience" due to low ceilings. However, for this upcoming reunion, the positives outweigh the negatives. Pros: convenience of being downtown, hotels are close to the facility, and rent-free if there are over 225 guests for dinner.

- Barb Larson is going to look into the upstairs rooms in TCU for 2015. However, Meidel Honda has the room secured until 2017.

Barb Larson feels we need to secure TCU place rooms Gallery A ,B,C, Suite 1 and 2 for reunion 2014.

MOTION - Dennis Ewanus/Ewald Lammerding - that the \$1000.00 deposit be paid to hold TCU place. CARRIED.

- A suggestion was made to survey the guests with either a mail out or questionnaire on the tables during the banquet regarding requests for reunion 2015: thoughts on venue and entertainment. Maybe WDM is an option for 2015.

f) **CURLING**

Blair Cummins looked into a few other venues to host the curling activity during Reunion Week. However, both the Granite and Sutherland curling clubs could not accommodate us before 8 pm. Therefore, Blair has booked Rutherford Rink for this upcoming year.

g) **HOCKEY**

No Report

h) **NEWSLETTER**

May 15th is the deadline for submissions for the newsletter
Ewald Lammerding has asked for an ASA report to highlight summer and beginning of term activities.

i) **ALUMNI**

Bryan Harvey had nothing new to report other than to get your nominations in for the Alumni Awards (the form is on the website). The decision will be made over summer.

j) **SASK AG HALL OF FAME**

Bob McKercher reported that the AGM was held in March.. The induction fee has increased from \$1200 to \$1400 for 2014. More room has been made in the Hall of Fame by reducing the size of the frame to fit more pictures.

k) **CROP PRODUCTION WEEK**

Keith Head reported that the annual meeting is scheduled for Monday April 8th, 2013. Member dues of \$250.00 are due at time of meeting. Keith will pass information onto Dennis. Keith will also submit a Press Release for the Newsletter.

l) **MEMBER AT LARGE**

No report

m) **PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report

n) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Blair Cummins is still looking after the pins for Reunion Week. Sketches are being made and he will find prices for pins and report to the executive during the first meeting in September.

- Bob McKercher suggested at time of Blairs' report in September that the executive members look carefully at the value of these pins and price options.

Action Item: Bob McKercher suggested that SAGA (President: Grant Wood) send a “thank-you” letter to Irene Ahner thanking her for submitting the '78-79 minutes. McKercher has also requested that Ewald Lammerding include a request for '81 minutes in the upcoming newsletter.

Action Item for September meeting: Figure out how to connect with students in the age group of 5 year to 20 year and bring them back. Since the College has broken into different groups it might be time to start marketing in different direction (BSA, Ag. Business).

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting tentative date is set for **September 11th, 2013.**

MOTION for adjournment by Jill Turner/Bryan Harvey at 8pm. CARRIED