

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tues. Feb. 12, 2013
7:00 PM**

Present: Carmen Danyluk, Erin Cuthbert, Dennis Ewanus, Keith Head, Ewald Lammerding, Allan McDougald, Vern Racz, Kaitlyn Schurmann, L. Schoenau, Grant Wood, Richard Gray

Regrets: B. Harvey, B. McKercher, L. Ringdal, K. Sapford, J. Turner, B. Larson

AGENDA

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 p.m. by Grant Wood

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by: Grant Wood to adopt the agenda as presented

Seconded by: Dennis Ewanus

Carried: All

Introduction of new members on executive

3. **Minutes of December 4, 2012 meeting**

Action item: Honourary Life Pin suggestion that was received at AGM ; Grant will follow up with Blair who volunteered to create a design

Motion by: Grant Wood to adopt the minutes of Dec 4, 2012 as present

Second: Dennis Ewanus

Carried: All

4. **Reading and adoption of financial reports – D. Ewanus C'70**

-During the banquet the visa slips indicated that 31 members thought they had life memberships when in reality they had annual memberships and should have paid \$10.00. It is suggested prior to the banquet to cross reference the registered attendees vs the members list to confirm their membership in SAGA. Will need to get registration information a little earlier from CCDE. It is also suggested to have a prepared list of duties for the banquet registration table to ensure everything runs smoothly. Vern will work on this.

- Dennis is working on the Corporate Report. Executive please ensure your mailing address is correct

- Dennis is happy with way the figures look and sit to date

- A life membership and annual membership were received this week

- Newsletter returned address invoice arrived this week

- Dennis hasn't received the financial breakdown for the hockey event. Vern / Ewald to follow up with Curtis and send info to committee.

- Please see the financial statement to date (next page)

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.						
Statement of Income & Expenses 2012-11-01 to 2013-10-31 Account # 0602-8045-857						
As of Feb. 12/2013						
REVENUES	Code				Balance	Dep #
2012-10-31		Balance Chequing Account carried forward			\$4,320.95	
2012-1-14	1	Life membership	3		\$ 300.00	3
2012-1-14	1	Annual membership	6		\$ 60.00	3
2012-1-14	4c	Reunion Deposit		Banquet Night	\$ 1,653.00	1
2012-1-14	4c	Reunion Deposit	225	Pre-registered @ \$85	\$ 14,625.00	3
2012-1-14	4c	Reunion Deposit	60	Pre-registered @ \$80	\$ 4,800.00	3
2012-1-14	4c	Reunion Deposit	12	Pre-registered mixer only @ \$15	\$ 180.00	3
	4b	Reunion Deposit		Curling	\$ 658.00	2
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Mixer	\$ -	
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Forever Young Book	\$ -	
	1	Reunion Deposit		Membership	\$ -	
				Sum	\$21,916.00	
	4a	Reunion Deposit		Hockey Membership	\$ -	
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Banquet Only	\$ -	
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Banquet & Mixer	\$ -	
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Mixer Only	\$ -	
	1	Reunion Deposit Nuttall		Annual Membership	\$ 10.00	3
	1	Reunion Deposit		Life Membership	\$ 10.00	
	6	Interest from Nov 1, 2012 to Mar 31, 2013			\$ 0.09	
	4b	Reunion Deposit		Net cash after paying for curling trophies	\$ -	
	3	Donation by paying cash for Hall of Fame membshp			\$ -	
				Total Revenue	\$22,286.09	
EXPENSES	Code	Cheque #			Total	
2012-11-14	17c	284	TCU Place Reunion Deposit		\$750.00	
2012-12-03	18f	285	Dennis E. Gift Card Peterson for audit		\$100.00	
2012-12-11	16a	286	Newsletter typesetting (Brown)		\$302.00	
2013-1-02	16a	290	Sask Abilities Council Newsletter		\$874.65	
2013-1-02	16a	288	Canada Post to mail newsletter		\$532.83	
2013-1-17	17b	292	USSU curling catering bill		\$626.85	
2013-1-23	17b	295	USSU curling catering bill remainder		\$89.55	
2013-1-02	17b	287	Ewald Lammerding special event liability insurance		\$256.00	
2013-1-24	17b	296	U of S curling Rink Rental		\$236.25	
2013-1-17	14	293	Dennis Ewanus for postage		\$6.62	
2013-1-17	17c	291	Allan McDougald Hon Life Certificates		\$291.70	
2013-1-23	17c	297	Lisa Horn name & reserve table tags		\$71.36	
	18a		ASA Bed Push Donation for Telemiracle		\$0.00	
2013-1-17	17c	294	TCU Place for banquet		\$12,760.12	
2013-1-14	18	Dep 3	Visa/MC deduction 1.5%		\$ 299.48	
2013-1-14	18	Dep 3	CCDE Handling Fee		\$ 2,970.00	
	16b		Lisa Horn hired data entry labour website		\$ -	
	18c		Membership crop production week		\$ -	
	17c		Banquet programs & coil bound membership book		\$ -	
	18d		Sask Ag Hall of Fame 2012 membshp		\$ -	
	16a		Sask Abilities Council Newsletter		\$ -	
2013-2-12	16b	298	thewebstation.ca for 1 yr domain 2013_14		\$ 420.00	
			Total Expenses		\$20,587.41	
			Balance Chequing Account		\$6,019.63	
2012-10-31			Balance Value of Mutual Fund BMO # 610-13405-18		\$ 31,159.70	
2012-12-31			Balance Value of Mutual Fund BMO # 610-13405-18		\$ 31,069.42	
2013-1-31			Balance Value of Mutual Fund BMO # 610-13405-18		\$ 31,370.08	

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5. Correspondence/Website – G. Wood C'79

No major correspondence to report other than one membership and two bills were passed onto Dennis. There were no items in the mailbox.

Mayson Maerz is the new SAGA website coordinator for 2013. His roles include maintaining and updating the website.

6. Committee Reports

a) ASA – K. Schurmann

- The ASA is again raising funds for Telemiracle! To date they have raised roughly \$2200.00. They hope their bake sale and helping hand sales during the next few days will bring in some more donations. They will continue to fundraise up until Telemiracle on March 2.
- Motion made by Vern Racz for SAGA to donate \$200.00 to Telemiracle was seconded by Allan McDougald (carried by all)
- In the spirit of “friendly” competition, the ASA is promoting students to register for the Blood Drive Challenge between the College of Agriculture and College of Engineering. Students from each college are encouraged to donate blood from February 26-March 26.
- The ASA members found that the student participants in the SAGA curling event enjoyed the opportunity to network with Alumni. They do feel that student participation would increase if the date of the event wasn't so close the return from Christmas break.

b) College of Agriculture and Bioresources Development Officer – T. Mortson

Grant read report from Trina.

Trina is working on updating the database so that the information on the SAGA Master List and the Alumni database match. She is currently updating the list with new annual members, addresses that have changed, and deceased.

The SAGA Master List suggests there are 1808 Life Members, 51 Honourary Life Members, 671 Life & Honourary Life email addresses, and 12 email addresses for 2013 Annual members. The report from the Alumni database shows 1752 SAGA Life Members (however this does not include the Honourary Members). From these numbers, the executive understands that about 1200 SAGA members on the list are without email addresses.

The executive would like to express their gratitude to Trina for working so diligently on updating the database. Trina's hard work and commitment to SAGA do not go unnoticed. Updating the email addresses into the system will help reduce cost of paper copy newsletter and importantly decrease the amount of paper mail the SAGA members receive. Thank-you Trina for your time commitment to this project!

Trina would like the members to know that The Alumni office has offered to send a letter to honour years with regard to reunion next year. This may be an opportunity for us to send out a “Save the Date” letter for the SAGA Reunion well before the details are determined. This could also be an opportunity to ask for Reunion Chairs. There was agreement that this would be a good idea. Grant to follow up with Trina.

Please note: The Alumni Association is looking for nominations for the Engaged Alumni Excellence Awards. If you know of a recent graduate under the age of 35

that is actively involved in the community and has maintained a strong connection with the University please consider nominating them for this award.

c) Membership Committee – V. Racz C'68

The main activity of the membership committee is to increase awareness of SAGA towards both current and past students of the College of Agriculture & Bioresources. There are three main areas identified that help increase awareness towards membership. 1) The SAGA Website 2) maintenance of the list of alumni contacts and 3) providing proactive activities (such as Professional Development day or Student Promos).

V. Racz suggested that it is time for SAGA to create closer ties with the College of Agriculture & Bioresources to help increase awareness of the organization. Forming closer ties with the college should help lead to effective communication about events and utilize the resources more efficiently.

It was noted that the SIA is doing a fantastic job of staying connected with their members by focusing on communication tactics. They are currently sending out blurbs every week about new events, information about the organization, etc. It is felt that following these same strategies can only benefit SAGA and its members. By forming closer ties with the College will allow SAGA to focus on effective communication via the website, newsletters, and emails. The idea of sending monthly emails to members with hyperlinks connecting them to the website was one main idea to help create frequent contact in addition to the newsletter that is sent out twice a year. This method should also help SAGA stay connected to the newly graduated students. It is felt we lose them after their first few months due to new email addresses that they do not pass on and share with us. Having contact with them in the first couple months should encourage them to continue their ties with SAGA once they start their new jobs. Vern, Grant and Trina will meet with the Dean of Agriculture & Bioresources to discuss closer ties between our organizations.

d) Reunion

- The Reunion weekend went off without a hitch. The executive would like to thank the volunteer chairpersons and the former Vice President (Grant Wood) for organizing the event. It was observed by all to be a great event, allowing old friends to connect, and networking between former colleagues to occur.
- It was agreed that TCU place was a great venue to hold the reunion. It allowed for ease of parking, adequate space, and using the room upstairs gave the event a different feeling than compared to the basement the year prior.
- The reunion brought in roughly \$4000.00
- TCU place is booked for 2014 reunion but no contract has been signed. Keith Head made a motion to move forward and get the contract signed for 2014 reunion to be held at TCU place. Allan McDougald seconded the motion. Carried by all.
- It is important to note that the SAGA executive is still looking for a member to volunteer for the position of Vice President. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating the reunion years for the upcoming reunion weekend. It is stressed

that the sooner we have the positions filled, the sooner the committees can start planning for another great reunion weekend!

e) Banquet/Mixer – B. Larson C’77/E.Cuthbert C’11

No Report

The executive would like to thank Barb Larson and her colleagues for organizing a fantastic event. Organizing the banquet/mixer is a taxing job, which requires an organized and focused leader. Her commitment to SAGA and organizing the banquet is appreciated by all. Thank-you Barb!

f) Curling – D. Mitchell S’89

No Report

E. Lammerding did share with the executive that the curling event will be hosted at the Granite Curling Club for 2014. There are a few reasons for the change of venue from the U of S curling club to the Granite curling club. The Granite offers a spacious viewing area, with a bar and restaurant, ease of parking, plus they carry liability insurance.

The executive agreed that promoting student participation at these events is worthwhile. The idea of working closely with the College of Agriculture & Bioresources was discussed to help create an effective way to communicate to the students the role of SAGA and the benefit they will receive from participating in such events (like curling). The Pre-Christmas curling day was well received by the students that participated, but again participation can be increased by finding an effective way to increase awareness of the event.

g) Hockey – L. Ringdal/C.DeGooijer

No Formal Report from Lucas or Curtis. However, here are some excerpts from an email Curtis had written.

“The annual hockey tournament was well received by the participants with no discrepancies to report. There were a total of 5 teams registered and a few annual SAGA members were purchased. Interest by participants was expressed for the tournament to continue as it reconnected colleagues and old friends from years past.

The committee is planning to “price shop” ice rental fees at various venues around the Saskatoon area. It was brought to their attention that Waldheim ice rental fee is about half the cost of Aberdeen, but unfortunately they have no bar. They will continue checking other venues to find the suitable one.

Crop Production Show is planned for January 13-16, 2014, which means the tournament would be held on January 11th, 2014 (the Saturday before). This date

should make it easier to ensure the undergrad teams are registered as a full week of classes will exist prior to the event.”

h) Newsletter – E. Lammerding S’88

SAGA has received the “returned address” copies of the newsletter that went out in October. Dennis has just received the bill from Canada Post regarding the returned copies. E. Lammerding would like to express his gratitude towards Trina for focusing her energy on updating the email list. Having the list of hard copies continually reduced by incorporating the newsletter through email will help SAGA on many levels.

Reports for the newsletter should be sent to E. Lammerding by May 15th, 2013.

i) Alumni – B. Harvey C’60

No Report

j) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher C’54

The Hall of Fame committee is diligently working on the Honourary Life Nominations.

They feel by beginning the nomination process now, attendance during Reunion Week should increase as it provides ample time to communicate nominees and hopefully prevent them for booking their holidays during that week.

If you would like to nominate a Honourary Life member, please contact Allan, Bob, or Jill.

k) Crop Production Week – K. Head C’67

Crop Production Week is scheduled for January 11-18, 2014

There have been some changes and adaptations from the previous years.

1. Pulse Days, SK Canola, and SK Flax have been moved from Prairieland to TCU Place. They have been grouped into “CROPS-SPHERE”. This will allow for Prairieland to facilitate more booths. This event will take place on Tuesday January 14th and Wednesday January 15th
2. SK Seed Growers Association will now take place on Wednesday January 15th & Thursday January 16th
3. SGGG Banquet during the evening will now take place on Wednesday January 15th night
4. SK Soil Conservation Association will now take place on Thursday January 16th

These changes should allow producers the opportunity to attend the show on Monday and evenings during Crops-Sphere. It also allows for potential on-coming associations to meet on Tuesday at the Saskatoon Inn.

Proposed Schedule for Crops Week 2014 is as follows:

January 11th – SAGA Meeting

January 13th – SK Winter Cereals and Canaryseed Development Commission

January 14th – CROPS-SPHERE at TCU (all day)

This event combines Pulse Days, SK Canola, and SK Flax

January 15th – CROPS-SPHERE at TCU

- SK Mustard Development Commission
- SK Seed Growers Association
- SGGA Banquet

January 16th – SK Soil Conservation Association

- SK Seed Growers Association
- Special Session (Saskatoon Inn)

January 17th – CWB

- AgriArm
- SK Fruit Growers Association

January 18th – SK Fruit Growers Association

l) MAL – A. McDougald C’65/K. Sapsford C’79/R. Gray/I.Ahner

The executive feels this role needs to be reviewed of its main priorities and goals.

The idea of having members across the province sending quick updates and information (via email) to the executive is probably the best resource at this time to gain an understanding of what is happening across the province.

m) Past President - J. Turner C’80

No report

n) President Report – G. Wood C’79

Grant expressed what a great event the reunion was in January. He is looking forward to a great year with SAGA.

7. New/Other business

None to Report

8. Dates of next meeting

Next Meetings:

March 12 @ 7:00 p.m. in room 2D21 Agriculture building

April 3 @ 7:00 p.m. in room 2D21 Agriculture building

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ewald Lammerding to move the meeting for adjournment

Seconded by: All

Carried by: All

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
Vern and Grant to schedule meeting with the Dean of the College of Ag&Bio-resources	Formalize and build a relationship between the College and SAGA	YES or NO
Hockey, Curling, and Banquet reports need to be emailed to E. Lammerding to allow for current information in the upcoming newsletter	Email E. Lammerding	YES or NO
Formally thank Jill for her term as President of SAGA		YES or NO
Trina & Grant to look into list of names to share within organization	Find out Privacy and Legal Matters	YES or NO
Start looking for volunteers for the Reunion Chairs		YES or NO
Confirm a Vice President		YES or NO