

SAGA EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Room 2D21, Agriculture Building  
March 12, 2013

PRESENT: Grant Wood (Chairperson), Jill Turner (Recorder), Bob McKercher, Kaitlyn Schurmann, Trina Mortson, Don Mitchell, Ewald Lammerding, Barbara Larson, Al Scholz, Ken Sapsford, Allan Mc Dougald, Dennis Ewanus

REGRETS: Bryan Harvey, Vern Racz, Richard Gray, Carmen Danyluk

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Grant Wood at 7pm

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda circulated. Bob McKercher added under Other Business.

Larson/Sapsford - that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

Introductions – the President introduced Al Scholz as the new Vice President.

3. MINUTES from February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Bob McKercher asked that the motions be set out clearer in the minutes, and also remove the information under j) and replace with No Report.

Ewanus/Lammerding: that the minutes be adopted as amended as amended. CARRIED.

BUSINES ARISING from the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Vern Racz had a conversation with Mary Buhr expressing our gratitude for all the work done by Trina Mortson. He also expressed a desire to have closer ties with the College and for more cross advertising between SAGA and the College. The Dean was in favour of this as well.

Donation of \$200 to the ASA for Telemiracle was made.

Hockey submitted a financial statement along with a deposit.  
Contract with TCU place not signed at this time and will be discussed under Banquet Report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Hockey submitted a financial statement, membership receipts and a small deposit of \$415.00

The closing balance in the chequing account as of February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$6134.00

Mutual Fund Balance was \$ 33,171.00. Balance is up from 2012.

Financial details can be found in the financial statements that were emailed to the executive prior to this meeting.

Sapsford/McKercher: that the President (Wood), Treasurer (Ewanus) and Past President (Turner ) have signing authority for the bank accounts for 2013.  
CARRIED.

The President will arrange with Dennis Ewanus to go to the B of M to complete the necessary paperwork to give him signing authority and to replace Terry Tollefson as a permitted signature.

Ewanus/Lammerding: moved adoption of the financial report. CARRIED

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE:

An invoice from the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame for the annual membership fee and a bill for postage were passed on to Ewanus for payment.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a) ASA

Kaitlyn Schurmann reported that the ASA raised \$6379 for Telemiracle. The Blood Drive Challenge with the Engineers continues until March 26<sup>th</sup>. ASA executive elections will be held this week. The new ASA rep will be at the next meeting with Kaitlyn.

### b) COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

- Trina Mortson reported that the master list of Ag grads is now updated.
- Deceased members are still on the list but addresses have been removed.
- There are 1848 SAGA life members which includes 120 honorary life members (63 of which are deceased).
- Trina has email addresses for 823 life members. For 2013 there are 13 annual members (all have email addresses). The majority of the 885 mailing addresses are still valid. There are 72 members that do not have any contact information. Trina will put together a list of the "lost" people for the next newsletter.
- Trina thanked people for submitting names for the 'Distinguished Alumni' list.
- The College of Agriculture Bonspiel is March 30. If SAGA is interested in putting in a team they are to contact Phil Thacker. Cost is \$15.
- Trina put together a list of all SAGA members in the Saskatoon area. This list can be used to recruit new executive members.
- Ross Reynolds 53C is organizing a summer reunion in June.

### c) MEMBERSHIP

Vern Racz was absent. President Wood read his report . Vern spoke with Dean Buhr regarding increased communication and closer ties with the College of Agriculture. One proposal is to place College news &

happenings on the SAGA website. The Dean will speak with the College communication officer and will get back to Vern. Dean Buhr is very supportive of working closer with SAGA.

Professional Development Day – Vern will continue to arrange and seek partnership with SIA for a PD day for September.

d) REUNION

Allan McDougald has started recruiting reunion chairpersons for 2014. He has secured 4 chairs so far. Allan and Al Scholz will meet in the near future to continue the process.

e) BANQUET/MIXER

Barb Larson has not signed the contract with TCU as the Salon A, B, and C space that we had in January has been booked for with another company for 2014 – 2017. Barb knows who has booked this space and will approach them about a possible change. SAGA does have the Grand Gallery spaced reserved and has 2<sup>nd</sup> hold on the Salon space. Barb will do a Letter of Intent with TCU Place rather than contract at this time. She will also check the availability of WDM and Prairieland.

f) CURLING

Don Mitchell reported that the Granite is booked for January 2014. “Learn to Curl” event with the students will be held in December at Rutherford rink. There will be more advertising this year for the students and also to SAGA members. SIA donated \$200 for the curling expenses.

g) HOCKEY – No Report

President Wood will speak with the coordinators regarding expenses and that breakeven or a small profit is what is expected and not to be concerned about ice rental costs.

h) NEWSLETTER

Ewald Lammerding reported that the next newsletter will go out June 1<sup>st</sup>. All information must be to him by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

i) ALUMNI– No Report

j) SASK AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

McKercher reported that the next committee meeting is next week.

k) CROP PRODUCTION WEEK

Keith Head was absent. Larson and Wood reported some of the producer groups are moving to TCU place while the rest will remain at the Saskatoon Inn for 2014.

l) MAL

McDougald is working on securing reunion chairpersons.

m) PAST PRESIDENT

Jill Turner reported that she sent thank you notes on behalf of SAGA to Dean Buhr and Judy MacMillan, Alumni President, for bringing greetings at the banquet.

The Honorary Life Membership committee met and is gathering information on possible candidates.

n) PRESIDENT

Grant Wood will continue to work with Al Sholtz and Allan McDougald on reunion chairpersons.

He will contact Adrian regarding Honorary Life Membership pins.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

McKercher raised concerns regarding the Honorary Life presentations. Discussion pursued regarding ways to keep the presentations short and interesting. The Honorary Life Membership committee will discuss and bring proposals to the executive.

He reviewed the membership list and identified 220 names where the information may not be correct or is missing. Suggestions about ways to track down these SAGA members, such as using Canada 411, having long time SAGA members review the list, having the executive phone these people (also to secure email addresses) and also to publish the names in the SAGA newsletter.

A discussion was initiated regarding the frequency of the newsletter and how to keep in contact with the membership. Should we have a more frequent newsletter? Possibly more email campaigns between the newsletters.

A reminder to all SAGA executive members that we should be seeking information and contributing to the newsletters.

All minutes are kept in the U of S Archives, however, minutes from 1981 are lost. If anyone has those minutes please let Carmen Danyluk or Bob McKercher know. Previously missing Minutes from 1979 and 1980, were recently contributed by Irene Ahner.

Lammerding moved the adjournment of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 , 7:00 pm.