

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Wednesday Sept 18, 2013
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Grant Wood (Chairperson) (Recorder), Jill Turner, Darcy Jones, Trina Mortson, Keith Head, Allan McDougald, Richard Gray

REGRETS: Bob McKercher, Whitney Cyca, Dennis Ewanus

Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, Barb Larson, Al Scholz, Blair Cummins, Gary Storey, Vern Racz, Mayson Maerz, Lucas Ringdal, Don Mitchell, Curtis deGooijer, Ken Sapsford

1. Call to order by Chairperson Grant Wood at 7:10 pm
Jill introduced Darcy Jones and welcomed her to the SAGA executive

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Agenda was circulated electronically prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting.
- **MOTION** – Richard Gray / Keith Head - that the agenda to be adopted. CARRIED.

3. Adoption of minutes from April 3 meeting

- Minutes were distributed electronically and were distributed at meeting
- **MOTION** - Jill Turner / Allan McDougald - that the agenda to be adopted. CARRIED.
- Grant Wood reviewed the minutes

Business arising from April 3, 2013 meeting.

Suggestion to survey guests at banquet - will discuss at a later meeting
Honorary Life pins – Grant to ask Blair Cummins to follow up on this item
Grant to write letter to Irene Ahner – Grant spoke to Irene but will write a letter
Figure out how to connect with 5 to 20 year grads to get them to participate in SAGA events – what do they want to do at a reunion weekend – to be discussed later in meeting

4. Reading and adoption of financial reports:

- financial report was electronically distributed by Dennis Ewanus a week before the meeting ; Grant Wood presented the financial report ; no questions or issues
- **MOTION** - Allan McDougald / Darcy Jones - that the financial report be adopted. CARRIED.

5. Correspondence / Website

- invoices and correspondence from Canada Post – Grant Wood will get to Dennis Ewanus
- invoice from Sask Abilities council – Grant Wood will get to Dennis Ewanus
- two obit notices: Ross Evans ; Lloyd Goulden – Grant Wood will get to Ewald Lammerding
- updated info: Milo Grimsrud – Grant Wood will get to Ewald Lammerding
- address change – Wakelin ; Blacklock – Grant Wood will get to Trina Mortson
- membership – Marty Seymour – Grant Wood will get to Trina Mortson and Dennis Ewanus

6. Committee Reports

ASA - Grant Wood read report from Whitney Cyca

- Engineers won last years blood drive challenge between Agros & Engineers
- Big buddy little buddy was held on Sept. 12
- Blood drive coming up on Sept. 24
- Fall Mixer Sept. 26
- FCC Food drive starting soon from Sept-Oct
- ASA is looking into doing some Dairy and Grain Farm tours for International students, as well as anyone who wants to join!

College of Agriculture and Bioresources Development Officer

- Trina Mortson announced a new position in the deans office ; Alicia Wehrkamp has taken on the role of Student Recruiter/First Year Experience Coordinator ; Kira Glasscock has taken on the community liaison duties in addition to her role as Communications Coordinator
- Bean Feed is being held on the same night as Ag Bag Drag (Nov 1) ; hopefully Dean's Office and ASA can arrange transportation from downtown (Bean Feed) to Prairie Exhibition (Ag Bag Drag)

Membership Committee - (Registrar, Membership, Website)

- Trina Mortson indicated that the membership list was up to date
- Vern Racz sent info to Grant Wood re: AgBio Resume & Interview workshop sponsored by SIA and SAGA ; to be held October 1, 4:00-8:30 pm, Physics Building, U of S campus ; the coordinating committee is looking for SAGA members who would be willing to work one on one (two on one) with students in helping them prepare their resumes and improve their interviewing skills ; anyone able to assist should please contact Sue Nedelec at sue.nedelec@sia.sk.ca or call 306-242-2606

Reunion

- it was suggested that we should decide ticket prices at the October meeting ; we need to start marketing the reunion event a bit earlier than in past years
- all present recommended to use services of CCDE for registration, as was done last year
- it was suggested to include curling on the registration form

Banquet/Mixer

- no report

Curling

- no report

Hockey

- no report

Newsletter

- please submit all information to Ewald Lammerding by Nov 15 - at latest

Alumni

- no report

Hall of Fame

- no report

Crop Production Week

- Keith Head indicated changes to the Crop Production Week were outlined on page 11 of the June, 2013 SAGA newsletter ; the Crop Production Week Special Session, a presentation of all the member organizations, is moving from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening. – topic Cost Containment which will cover the cost side of the crop production equation. Speaker yet to be decided ; several speakers to choose from

- two newly formed commodity groups - Sask. Barley Development Commission and Sask. Wheat Development Commission are joining CropSphere next year at TCU Place and are interested in becoming part of Crop Production Week SK Inc

MAL

- no report

Past President

- Jill Turner formed a committee with Bob McKercher and Allan McDougald to select honorary life members for this year ; committee recommends:

* Bernie Sonntag – C 1962, Saskatoon ; worked many years for AAFC, was very instrumental in coordinating the class of 62 class gift. Bernie was the SAGA newsletter editor for many years.

* Marcel Dubois – S 1961, Rosetown : also has BSA which he obtained at a later date, still farming, lots of volunteer work, trap shooting head coach Canadian team ; local school board ; former U of S Senator; member of district 5 Regional Advisory Council

MOTION: Jill Turner / Keith Head : that the honorary life memberships for 2014 be awarded to Bernie Sonntag and Marcel Dubois : CARRIED

President Report

- no report

7. New / Other business

* Trina Mortson to email Saskatoon SAGA members asking if anyone is interested in assuming the role of SAGA secretary

* Discussion on how to attract 5 to 20 year grads ; Kaiser tournament, bridge tournament, Video game tournament, ???

- it was suggested that a rep from each degree be selected to assist with getting info from recent grads

- recent grads are more segregated rather than big group ; four degrees rather than one now being offered ; fewer students are member of ASA compared to several years ago therefore smaller groups to stay in contact with

- students socialize all the time via electronics ; may need to have an event of some type to draw them to reunion weekend rather than just the opportunity to socialize with fellow classmates
- possible merit in arranging for a one year reunion - sponsoring an event at Agribition or Farm Progress Show or ... to bring people together ; get them when they are first out in workforce so they get used to coming to an event ; beer and pizza night
- maybe invite fourth year students and first year ag grads to a beer & pizza social immediately before mixer ; go from there into mixer ; can be intimidating for fourth years to walk into mixer where don't know a bunch of people
- will continue to think of ideas and have another discussion at the next meeting

8. Adjournment – Darcy Jones

Next meetings Oct 2 & Nov 6