

**SAGA Executive Meeting**  
**Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**  
**Wednesday, April 08, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Bryan Harvey (Chairperson), Dennis Ewanus, Ewald Lammerding, Vern Racz, Kerry Gerein, Bayley Blackwell, Louis Bossaer, Keith Head, Darcy Jones, Brian O'Keefe, Ken Warkentin, Raelene Petracek, Chris Unsworth, by phone: Tanya Napper, Harv Petracek.

1. Call to order by Chairperson Bryan Harvey at 7:00 pm
  2. Adoption of Agenda.
    - **MOTION:** K. Head/L. Bossaer. CARRIED.
  3. Adoption of minutes from March 2015 meeting
    - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
    - **MOTION:** V. Racz/E. Lammerding- that the minutes to be adopted. CARRIED.
  4. Business arising from Feb 2015 meeting – none
  5. Reading and adoption of financial reports:
    - financial report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting; D. Ewanus presented the financial report
      - Membership outstanding – Vern has contacted Eugene Seitz.
    - **MOTION:** D. Ewanus/B. Warkentin - that the financial reports be adopted, CARRIED.
  6. Correspondence – none
  7. Committee Reports
- ASA - report by Kerry Gerein/ Bayley Blackwell
- New Rep is Bayley Blackwell
  - Events are wrapped up for the year, final one was Apr 07
- Reunion – report by Louis B.
- List went out today, still missing a few
- Banquet/Mixer – report by Darcy J.
- Have new contract to be signed
  - Cost went up a bit to \$2100.00, everything else is the same
  - **MOTION:** D. Jones/ D. Ewanus – proceed with signing the contract, terms of which are pretty much the same as last year, CARRIED.

Curling/Hockey – report by Luke R./Ewald L.

- Confirmed that both are booked at the Waldheim facility.
- This is the last gasp for curling

Newsletter – report by Ewald L.

- 5 weeks to deadline
- Suggestion: send out an email blast to membership for news
- ACTION: Tanya send out email to membership and especially chairs to send info.
- Advertising – Louis/Blair/Ewald worked on letter. Bryan will look at it.
- ACTION: Ewald will send letter to Tanya to format.
- Discussion on what to put in newsletter
  - Suggestion: Depts in College of Ag
    - Old Dept - what did they do then, what now
    - New Dept - what do they do
    - Probably a couple/month
    - May add others that work with AG ie Vet Med, Mech Ag
- Discussed costs:
  - if we go to 16 pgs @900 copies = ~\$883 + ~\$600 for mailing
  - 20 pgs = \$1039
  - 24 pgs ~\$200 more
  - If we get a full page add then may need to add pages
- ACTION: Add a section in every issue to invite people to become members

Alumni – report by Chris Unsworth

- Test for Arts & Science going out with Green and White shortly, Chris will find out details ie how many pages and how it worked.
- Easter Breakfast/Brunch @ Faculty Club sold out in 3 hrs, Alumni looking for more family friendly events, ie ghost week

Crop Production Week – report by Keith Head

- Nothing to report

Membership/Website – report by Vern R.

- ccde – has been partially disbanded and we don't know if it will be available for Reunion
- still people not getting newsletter, some email, some mail
  - send addresses to Tanya and she will enter them.
- Website is now working (not online yet, 3-4 wks to launch), features:
  - Membership form
  - Find a member
  - Last newsletter is there, old ones will be archived there
  - Suggestion: add live updating, search by grad year
  - Vern looking for a good picture of the Ag Bldg

Hall of Fame – report by Bryan H.

- meeting was last week

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- Irene sent report to Ewald

Past President – report by Ewald L. (from Blair)

- Producer has been contacted and there will be info every week or two starting last week of April
- Bryan reminded Past Pres to get pictures in.

President Report – report by Bryan H.

- Talked about sending electronic copies
  - Faculty – should be getting it already, was agreed to several years ago
  - Everyone on graduate list, not just the members of SAGA
  - Will add students as well
- Dean wants to be as inclusive as we can be, this might help with advertising request.
- Question: Is it possible to send to students? Tanya has several lists: faculty, staff undergrads, grads etc
  - Tanya has developed a SAGA section in the AgBio website and can include it there (in a page for Alumni)
- Hanging Honorary Life Member boards. There is an agreement to do it and place is to be determined.
- Letters to Gratton O’Grady and Elaine Moats have been sent (didn’t have email or phone info).
  - Gratton has emailed back that he is honored and would be delighted to accept
  - ACTION: Ewald will let Blair know so he can start the process.

**MOTION:** accept reports E. Lammerding/D. Jones – CARRIED

9. New / Other business - none

10. Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept 16; 2D21 Agric Building 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment – 8:00pm –E. Lammerding/D. Jones