

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, December 03, 2019**

Prepared by: Raelene Petracek

PRESENT: Eric Johnson (chair), Dennis Ewanus, Ewald Lammerding, Keith Head, Bryan Harvey, Deanne Belisle, John Hauer, Morley Ayars, Ward Headrick, Raelene Petracek
by phone: Irene Ahner
Regrets: James Pruim (ASA)Mayson Maerz, Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein

1. Call to order by Chairperson Eric Johnson at 7:00 pm
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** B. Harvey. CARRIED.
 3. Adoption of minutes from November 2019 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION** to adopt: E. Lammerding. CARRIED.
 4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - None
 5. Financial Report – D. Ewanus
 - Financial Report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting.
 - Most of the grads are registering online, some have phoned Dennis and he registers and sends receipts.
 - **ACTION:** Dennis requested that list of people to receive complimentary tickets be sent to him.
 - Copy of the audited statement transferred to Secretary (R. Petracek) for archive.
 - **MOTION** to accept the Audited Report as circulated: D. Ewanus CARRIED
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 - **MOTION** The Treasurer's report as circulated: D. Ewanus CARRIED
 6. Correspondence
 - Registration letters only
 7. Committee Reports
- Scholarship – K. Head
- Banquet invitations for the recipients need to be distributed. Jason will coordinate with Hamish.
- ASA – J. Pruim
- Report provided

Sorry I was not able to make the meeting tonight, I accidentally double-booked myself for this evening. Finals are just around the corner for students in the college, so everyone is starting to buckle down and keep their heads in the books. However, that hasn't stopped us from keeping ourselves busy around school work. November was busy with numerous events as usual. Some of the highlights were a group of students volunteered in baking cookies at the Ronald McDonald House, we had the Blood Services do a blood typing event at the school, and we kicked off our annual toy drive for the Secret Santa foundation this past weekend. Groups of Agros went to the volleyball games and women's hockey game to raise funds and collect toys. I was in to donate blood last week and I noticed some SAGA participation (good for you Raelene) so that was awesome to see!

Some business items to mention:

- The lounge is booked for the Friday night SAGA social on January 10th
- The LongBranch bus is booked for SAGA on January 11th to head to Clavet for the LFCE tour. Beverages will be available for purchase on board.
- I'd also like to give a big thank you to SAGA for hosting Cheers to Peers at Agribition.

That is all for my report. If there are any question or concerns, feel free to email me. Otherwise I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we will see you in the New Year.

Reunion Report – J. Fradette

I have been in touch with most reunion chairs that are not executive members, ie Eric, Dennis and Irene

Most years have made contact with respective grads

Three years at least, including younger grads have used email as well as Facebook sites set up for the purpose. Some of the older years are phone calls only which seems to work for the smaller classes.

Most of the classes pre 1990 have things well organized. Many have hotel meeting rooms booked, members contacted and were just starting to purchase banquet tickets on-line. Some have experienced a few issues with the website for ticket purchase One year has asked that Dennis be thanked for walking them through the on-line registration process.

Some are reluctant to give a number or estimate of attendees. Pre 1960 most have less than 10 possible attendees so expect small numbers for those.

There are a couple years where things had some problems. A few chairs were caught in a late harvest and emails just went out in November. 2000 College has had some difficulty with emails and mailing list that Hamish has been trying to resolve. We should contact the chairs one more time around to ensure they have what they need for their respective classes.

Banquet/Mixer Report – E. Lammerding/D. Belisle

- All under control
- Still need to set up the meeting at TCU.

Friday Mixer Event Report - E. Johnson

- All under control

Hockey – E. Lammerding for Chay Anderson

- Everything in place

Newsletter – E. Lammerding

- Running a bit behind, will go to print soon
- Thanks to Dennis and Keith for getting the mailing and email lists cleaned up.

College of AgBio Alumni and Development Office Report –

- No report

Crop Production Week –

- No report

Membership/Website – K. Head

- Report provided

Dennis, Ewald and Keith have been dealing with the Membership/Website activities. The priority has been updating the lists to which the Newsletter is sent.

Files were retrieved from Vern's computer and Dennis has organized the spreadsheets into an e-mail list and a mail out list.

The lists have been updated regarding new memberships, returned Newsletters, and deceased members. Memberships purchased with Reunion tickets are being added as they are received.

Members with non-current annual memberships have been removed from the mailing lists.

Many grads buy an Annual Membership on their reunion years, but don't keep them up until their next reunion. Perhaps we should send out an e-mail each fall reminding them to re-new their membership. At the same time, we could promote upgrading to a Life Membership as Vern was doing.

There are 1856 current members. There are 677 on the Newsletter mail out list, 1151 on the Newsletter e-mail list, and 28 "lost sheep" among our Life Members.

Still to be done is update the member list on the website.

This past month has given us an appreciation of Vern's dedication to SAGA and particularly to looking after the membership files over the years.

Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- Six recipients have been selected and will be announced in January.

MAL – I. Ahner, J. Hauer

- Nothing additional to report

Vice President –J. Fradette

- Bean Feed

It was my pleasure to attend the Bean feed on Eric’s absence and on behalf of SAGA. My first observation is that the event has changed significantly since the last time I attended in the Engineering tractor lab. Second was the wide range of awards that are now presented recognizing the achievements of students, staff and faculty.

One of our SAGA recipients was in attendance. It was a pleasure getting to visit with Amanda Loeffen, Animal BioScience, 4th year, with ambition to proceed to Vet Med. The other recipient, Brooklyn Bourgeois, was unable due to attend due to a vet students event that same evening.

SAGA was recognized along with the other award sponsors and also we had the privilege of being introduced at the opening of the event.

Overall, as a grads association, these scholarhips are an excellent method for past grads to recognize and support College of Agriculture and what it has provide all of us, as well as future ag grads. And as a bonus, we have likely gained two future SAGA life members.

Past President –

- No report

President Report –E. Johnson

- Nothing additional to report

MOTION: Accept Reports: B. Harvey CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- none

9. Date of Next Meetings

- TUESDAY January 7th at 7:00
- TUESDAY February 4th

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM by E. Johnson