

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting  
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

Prepared by: Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein

**PRESENT:** Eric Johnson (chair), Dennis Ewanus, Ewald Lammerding, Blair Cummins, Keith Head, Bryan Harvey, Deanne Belisle, Hamish Tulloch, James Pruiim (ASA), John Hauer, Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein

by phone: Irene Ahner, Jason Fradette

Regrets: Mayson Maerz, Raelene Petracek, Louis Bossaer

1. Call to order by Chairperson Eric Johnson at 7:03 pm
  2. Adoption of Agenda
    - **MOTION:** B. Harvey. CARRIED.
  3. Adoption of minutes from October 2019 meeting
    - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
    - **MOTION** to adopt: I. Ahner. 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
    - **MOTION** to adopt: D. Ewanus CARRIED
    - **MOTION** The Treasurer's report as circulated to the executive along with all documents go for review to the auditor, Lorence Pedersen: D. Ewanus CARRIED
    - D. Ewanus announced he will be retiring after January 2020 AGM and offered to assist new Treasurer.
  6. Correspondence
    - None
  7. Committee Reports
- Scholarship – K. Head
- 25 eligible applicants. Winners will be announced at Bean Feed (Amanda Loeffen, Animal BioScience, 4<sup>th</sup> year; Brooklyn Bourgeois, Animal BioScience, 4<sup>th</sup> year). J. Fradette and guest will attend Bean Feed and present award
  - **MOTION** to invite the two recipients to attend the Reunion banquet on SAGA expense: K. Head. Carried

- K. Head announced he will be retiring from Scholarship Committee after January 2020 AGM. The committee included: K. Head, E. Lammerding, Blair Cummins, L. Bossaer, M. Maerz, and V. Racz (deceased).

#### ASA – J. Pruin

- Drag was October 25, a successful event for ASA
- Casino Night/Networking event – very good turnout
- ASA invited to visit the new Children’s Hospital and see the ASA included on the Wall of Honour
- Golf tournament (summer 2019) was a financial loss, event timing will be reconsidered
- Senior Stick presentation moved from Bean Feed to graduation in January
- Bed Push drive initiated with a weight loss challenge to get in shape for the Push; advertising in the SAGA Newsletter for donating \$20 on 2020 Bed Push and inviting Ag Grads as runners
- Blood Drive – a category for Alumni was added to Canadian Blood Services, if an Ag Grad donates blood, their donation will be registered as an Agro donation in support of the Oct-April blood donor award.
- ACTION item: J. Pruin will invite Agros to attend Cheers for Peers at Agribition.

#### Reunion Report – J. Fradette

- All Reunion Chairs have been contacted, they have their class lists, some have set up Facebook pages, others have been phoning. Not all AgGrads wish to purchase tickets on-line and some of the older classes are not comfortable using the website. SAGA is also losing some key members from these senior classes and surviving widows of some of these members would like to attend banquet. The 1990 years and up are not getting all the release forms in as many are still harvesting,
- . Been busy checking with chairs. Some are on top of it, some haven’t signed the confidentiality form yet so haven’t gotten their lists.
  - ACTION: Jason and Hamish will sort out the ones that need to sign the form yet

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

- Organization is progressing well/on-track.
- Executive invited to attend the tasting event at TCU Place
- Discussion on recognition of serving SAGA Executive members at the banquet.
- Presenters for Honorary Life Awards – Dave Christenson for V. Racz, Blair Cummins for Ewald Lammerding
- ACTION: Bios are needed for award recipients and help needed to put program booklet together, need a presenter for Harold Chapman

#### Friday Mixer Event Report - E. Johnson/ H. Tulloch

- A few loose ends to tidy up:
- M. Maerz/H. Tulloch to book lounge, J. Pruin will coordinate

- Tour guides as needed: E. Johnson - Phytotron, B. Harvey – Crop Science building, H. Tulloch will make available copies of the Ag building (self) tour guide
- ACTION Items:
  - Need one person for Kirk Hall tour,
  - Need one more person for Phytotron
  - E. Lammerding will contact Lana Haight for tour of LFCE (this is a Saturday event - J. Pruin to request use of Agros bus for the trip to Clavet);
  - Need name tags and someone to sit at desk and write out/put on name tags;
  - Need someone to take care of food

#### Hockey – B. Cummins

- Everything in place, J. Pruin reported ASA will be refereeing.

#### Newsletter – E. Lammerding

- Advertising this year by Brett Young , Farm Credit Canada, Municipal Hail (\$500 @), could use more advertisers – e.g would Federated Cooperatives be interested?
- 44 returns of prior newsletters, at a cost to SAGA
- Mailing list – need someone to coordinate email list as V. Racz did this for SAGA,
- K. Head will coordinate retrieving the email list from Vern’s computer and updated list of memberships (12 new since May),
- H. Tulloch currently distributes newsletter through email to those on our list. Is there an opportunity for Alumni Office to assist in the future?

#### College of AgBio Alumni and Development Office Report – H. Tulloch

- Previous discussions were to maintain status quo, but maybe needs for distributing newsletter are changing with retirements from SAGA board etc. The Development Office works with the U of S Alumni office and they may be able to help out with newsletter, maintaining list of membership data, website etc. The (privacy) issues surrounding provision of information about Alumni would need to be sorted out, no cost to SAGA, and balance this with SAGA losing control of SAGA member’s information.
- ACTION: H. Tulloch will invite Alumni Office to next meeting.

#### Crop Production Week – J. Relf-Eckstein

- Conference Call CPW board on October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Networking reception will take place on Monday following the Sask Pulse AGM at TCU Place. The event will run 6:00 – 9:00 PM. The Agriculture Minister will deliver greetings at 6:30 PM. A formal program is not planned, but there will be an MC and the CPW organizations and Crop Sphere commodity groups will be acknowledged. All board members of organizations from these two groups are invited to attend, plus 4-5 members of the ASA are welcome to attend. Appetizers and drinks will be served with the cost for the reception fully supported by the Crop Sphere organizers.
- The SAGA Reunion agenda was updated and will be printed in the Western Producer.
- Sponsorship of the Crop Production Week has not been confirmed but \$5K will probably be provided to the CPW group; the amount used to offset advertising costs. The CropSphere group has received \$5K support from Sask Ag.

Membership/Website – E. Lammerding

- We will need a replacement for Vern Racz. The duties of the position are posted on the website. (see notes under Newsletter)

Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- A meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>
- This year's awards will be done as a stand-alone event in December

MAL –B. Cummins, I. Ahner, J. Hauer

- B. Cummins: Cheers for Peers, beer gardens at Agribition will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 4:00 – 700 PM. Sponsors will be approached, advertising on FB and Twitter
- I. Ahner, J. Hauer nothing to report\

Vice President –J. Fradette

- Nothing additional to report

Past President –M. Maerz

- Nothing to report

President Report –E. Johnson

- A letter was prepared regarding the search process for the new Dean of Agriculture.
- The Dean's term has been extended to April, the president will once again, write to the Provost (no response to prior communication).

**MOTION:** Accept Reports: B. Harvey CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- Several SAGA Executive attended the memorial service for Vern Racz and SAGA provided a floral arrangement for the service.

9. Date of Next Meetings

- TUESDAY December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00
- TUESDAY January 7<sup>th</sup>

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 PM by E. Johnson