

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, October 08, 2019**

Prepared by: Raelene Petracek

PRESENT: Jason Fradette (chair), Deanne Belisle, Blair Cummins, Dennis Ewanus, John Hauer, Keith Head, Connor Jorgensen (ASA Pres), Mayson Maerz, Raelene Petracek, James Pruim, Vern Racz, Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein, Hamish Tulloch, Evan Zentner (ASA Comm Director)

by phone: Irene Ahner,

Regrets: Bryan Harvey, Eric Johnson, Ewald Lammerding,

1. Call to order by Chairperson Jason Fradette at 7:00 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** K. Head. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from October 2019 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION** to adopt: J. Relf-Eckstein. 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: V.Racz CARRIED.
6. Correspondence
 - None
7. Committee Reports

Scholarship – K. Head

29 named donation plus some anonymous ones so far. Total in fund is \$10,070.00. Don't know at this point how many applications there have been.

ASA - J. Pruim

- Upcoming Events:
 - Career Fair next week
 - Drag is October 25. Tickets available online
 - Bedpush- bed is scheduled for upgrades/repairs (steering system to be added)
 - Blood Drive – CBS doesn't bring units to campus anymore so now donations are being recorded at CBS. They are looking at bringing back the award for the most donations by year (Oct-April).

- ACTION: add a category for Alumni. SAGA will send it out to membership once setup.

Reunion – J. Fradette

- 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

- Ewald and Deanne have working together and information has been shared.
- Note: Sask Ag will post information on events at no cost
- ACTION: Make sure there are/find presenters for Honorary Life Awards

Friday Event - M. Maerz/H. Tulloch

- Mayson gave a background of the event for new members
- Suggestion: ASA set up a Bedpush collection station
- ACTION Items:
 - Book lounge
 - Next meeting, get tour guides in place

Hockey –

- No report

Newsletter – E.Lammerding

Report provided:

- November 15 is the deadline

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – H. Tulloch

- Background – SAGA may be able to get some help from U of S Alumni but for now all will stay status quo.

Crop Production Week – J. Relf-Ekstein

- Discussion around the format of the Hospitality Event. Recommendation is that as a member SAGA would recommend that there be a return to more formality including introductions and an agenda.
- ACTION: Jo-Anne to check on the number of students that could attend.

Membership/Website – V. Racz

- ACTION: emails to be sent out
 - Blood Drive
 - Reunion information including Chairs
- Website
 - Dennis has worked with Steve quite a bit over summer on website
 - We don't get much feedback on the "Contact a member" but it gets used quite a bit and it works well.

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Hall of Fame – B. Cummins

- 2021 is the 50th Anniversary.
- Looking at possibly doing some renovations. Don't want to move from WDM but are running out of space so looking at a way of adding more places for plaques

MAL –I. Ahner, B. Cummins, J. Hauer

- Farm Progress was a bit disappointing, there were a few Ag Grad connections but no actual Ag Grads.
- Agribition: Still working with them to set it up, will give info to Vern to send out once confirmed.

Vice President –J. Fradette

- Nothing additional to report

Past President –M. Maerz

- Louis and Mayson are still doing Twitter. Will add the Blood Drive once set up

President Report –E. Johnson

Eric could not attend but provided Report:

Search for New Dean

As discussed at the meeting, I sent an email to the Provost of the University the day after our meeting. This is the email I sent:

Dear Dr. Vannelli:

I writing on behalf of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association (SAGA), one of the longest running alumni group on campus. SAGA was established in 1935 by a group of 7 enthusiastic Ag students so we are celebrating our 85th anniversary in 2020. We currently have 2097 members with 78 percent of them being life members. A number of our members are leaders in the agriculture industry.

The position of the Dean of College of Agriculture and Bioresources is important to our organization and we would like the opportunity to provide input into the current search process. We have provide a representative in past searches and would be willing to appoint a suitable representative for the current process.

Thank you for considering this request and I look forward to hearing from you.

Eric N. Johnson

President, Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association

I have not had a response.

ASA guidance

I met with Dr. Fran Walley the day after our meeting as well. She was pleased that we have offered to work with the ASA and provide them with guidance in terms of acceptable behavior. We will start working on this when I return.

Reunion

I think it would be good to follow up with Reunion chairs and see where they are and if they require further assistance. Jason, if you could lead this and don't be afraid to delegate. It may be better to call them personally rather than send an email.

Noted at meeting re: Dean's Search, Jason and Eric will respond if anything is needed before next meeting,

MOTION: Accept Reports: M. Maerz CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- Sat tour to Livestock and Forage Centre
 - Do we want to do it again?
 - Mayson will check to see if it was included in the information sent to the Chairs.
- Bean Feed
 - November 20 at TCU
 - Will revisit at next meeting

9. Date of Next Meetings

- TUESDAY November 5th at 7:00
- TUESDAY December 3rd at 7:00

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm by J. Fradette