

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

Prepared by: Raelene Petracek

PRESENT: Eric Johnson (chair), Keith Head, Dennis Ewanus, Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein , Bryan Harvey, James Pruum, Jason Fradette, Deanne Belisle, Louis Bossaer, Raelene Petracek
by phone: Irene Ahner,
Regrets: Ewald Lammerding, Hamish Tulloch, Vern Racz, Mayson Maerz, Blair Cummins

1. Call to order by Chairperson Eric Johnson at 7:02 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** B. Harvey. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from September 2019 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION** to adopt: D. Ewanus. 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.
6. Correspondence
 - None
7. Committee Reports

Scholarship – K. Head

The application was posted a bit later than expected, not sure how many applications will be received. There are two-\$3000.00 Scholarships.

ASA - J. Pruum

- Golf tourney lost ~\$1000. May look at changing the date
- Drag is October 25. Tickets available online
- Budget Pub – will be in Nov
- Crop Production – suggestion made to set up a networking event for SAGA and students
- Bedpush year – Bed needs some repairs
 - SAGA would like to be involved in pushing the bed again this year
- SAGA has been asked to provide some guidance on acceptable behaviours at activities.
- Interim President – Conner Jorgenson

Reunion – J. Fradette

- Chairs are in place for this year
- Will send out reminder to the chairs in the next few weeks to the chairs
- Reminder to stress that people can attend just the mixer if they don't want to attend the banquet (this includes the reunion years).
- Discussion around moving the AGM away from the banquet so people so people don't miss as much of the visiting. Noted that had been done in the past but attendance was low. Will leave for now
- Note: will need to change hotels for 2020 as it is booked for another event.

Banquet/Mixer Report – E. Lammerding

Report provided

- We are now locked in with TCUP, as the first choice to hold the Centennial Halls, downstairs, thru 2023 on the dates in January that we need for our Reunion weekend. Unless we chose to release our hold, we cannot be bounced by anyone without our permission.

Friday Event - L. Bossaer

- Louis will arrange for snacks again.

Hockey –

- No report

Newsletter – E.Lammerding

Report provided:

- Nothin', at this time to report. But I would like to mention to our newest members, and remind our usual suspects, that we do like to have {at least} one full page report/article on some subject important to Ag Grads. Last year was the opening of the new Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence {LFCE} out by Clavet. In previous editions we had a Professor of one of the sub-colleges that make up the College of AgBio, write of their history. All of them a great read. So if anyone has an idea such as these, I'm always waiting to hear about it.

And, of course, I require a summation from each of the Saga Members of whatever job they are doing, so our Reunion members know what to look forward to in January. These articles are needed by me by Nov. 15th, so that I can assemble to Newsletter for Dec. 1st. That date always arrives sooner than you expect!! And I gotta get one last Dean Speak from Dean Buhr. { Hamish...!!! }

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report

- No report

Crop Production Week – J. Relf-Ekstein

- Meeting was June 10
- Now separated from Cropsphere, is now a Volunteer Board
- Networking session
 - Mon Jan13 at TCU

- Our Reunion Agenda is on the Crop Production website which is linked directly to SAGA

Membership/Website – V. Racz

Report provided:

- For membership there is not much to report other than keeping up with joined or passed away members. We have been able to email members now on an ad hoc basis as the need arises. This will give our members a greater link to SAGA.

Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- Selection meeting coming up
- 50th Anniversary coming, may do something extra special.
- Always looking for nominations

MAL –I. Ahner, L. Bossaer

- Irene is working on something for the newsletter
- Cheers for Peers at Ag in Motion went well, good event because there are always some students.
- Suggestion: If looking for another venue – Precision Ag Conference

Vice President –J. Fradette

- Happy to be on Board.
- Has started looking for a replacement.
- Reminder that new people can be on committee and don't need to be a Board member.

Past President

- No report

President Report –E. Johnson

Report provided:

Agriculture and BioResources Faculty

I sent an email informing Ag & Bio faculty that they are members of SAGA and provided our rationale for including them as members. They were also sent a copy of the most recent SAGA newsletter. Really didn't get much feedback or response from faculty. Graham Scoles sent an email thanking us for doing this.

Honorary Life Members

I contacted the honorary life members for 2020 (Vern Racz, Ewald Lammerding, Harold Chapman) and informed them of the award. I have not received biographies from them yet.

New Members

After a lot of asking, I had great success in recruiting new members. Jason Fradette has agreed to be VP (2019) and President (2020). Deanne Belisle has agreed to be VP (2020) and President (2021). John Hauer has agreed to join as an MAL. Ward Headrick has expressed interest but I forgot to contact him for this meeting.

AgKnowledge Magazine

Ewald and I prepared an article called “SAGA Highlights 2020” for AgKnowledge magazine.

Convocation

I attend convocation on behalf of SAGA but it didn't turn out as expected. The Dean's office had little to do with convocation organization this year so our representation kind of fell through the cracks. I wasn't invited to the Dean's lunch (although I went anyways) nor was I invited to be on stage for the convocation. I talked to Bryan Harvey after convocation and Bryan said he may be able to help sort this out for next year.

ASA Golf Tournament

We entered a team in the ASA golf tournament (Blair, myself, my wife Trish (83C), and a ringer friend of Blair's who made our score respectable). Raelene sat at the Tee Box where we set up our banner and handed out pamphlets. It was a lot of fun. Next year, I think we should have a draw where the winner gets a free membership. Some of the other hole sponsors had a draw which I thought was a good idea. We just set out the banner and didn't bother with the display. Next year, I think we should make tee markers with our logo on them as well as the banner. Ewald has suggested we get a larger banner.

MOTION: Accept Reports: B. Harvey CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- Dean Search
 - Suggestion to talk to the Provost Office. It is important to us and SAGA would like some input into the process. SAGA did used to have some input into it at a lower level.
- Backup for Positions (Report provided by E. Lammerding)
 - In past years, Saga has always had 2 members in most of our jobs. Of course only one person for the upper echelons. But the idea was to have yearly turnover; so people would be assistant the first year, than in charge the second, but now with experience. Perfect example is VP, than Prez, than Past Prez. That dynamic has changed over the last few years, as we found it difficult attracting new volunteers. Then along came Eric, and he found a bunch. Wonderful for us!! Eric.
- There should be two people in each of my jobs, Newsletter and Banquet, both being just-in-case positions. Ya know, being an older fart now, who knows, eh? So someone else needs to have the knowledge that has been passed along to me. Which means someone will eventually take over each spot, whatever timeline we work out. I'm good doing the Newsletter for a while yet, but I

helped Bernie Sonntag for 4 years before he handed the reins to me. Banquet used to be a 2 yr. thing, but I'm going into my 4th now. Darcy did it for 4 before me. We'll ease into things

9. Date of Next Meetings

- TUESDAY October 8th at 7:00
- TUESDAY November 5th at 7:00

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 pm by E. Johnson