

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, April 07, 2020**

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All on phone: Jason Fredette (chair), Morley Ayars, Gratton O’Grady, Ewald Lammerding, Henry deGooijer, Hamish Tulloch, Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein, Eric Johnson, Irene Ahner, Louis Bossaer, John Hauer, Deanne Belisle, Adam Ornowka, Blair Cummins, Carter Altwasser, Dylan Stang (ASA), Evan McClarty (ASA), Raelene Petracek

Regrets:

1. Call to order by Chairperson Jason Fredette at 7:05 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** E. Lmmmerding. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from the March 2020 meeting
 - **MOTION** – E. Johnson. CARRIED
4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - Accounting package – see Treasurers report
 - Pins/Pens for 2021 event – see Banquet Report
 - Jason email to Reunion Chairs
 - Will be done shortly

5. Financial Report – M. Ayars

- Report provided

Dennis has transferred all treasurer records to me. But we still have not changed signing authority.

I still familiarizing myself with Dennis’s Excel accounting system so I do not have financial statements ready at this time but I will have them ready for September meeting.

I checked out accounting packages – Sage 50 is available at Best Buy for \$229 and Quickbooks for @249. Both accounting packages will do what we require for an audit. My preference is Sage because I have an accountant friend who will help me if I run into trouble. At the above prices there is not any technical support provided by the software companies. These prices are based on a one user standalone package. If we decide to buy we should adopt it for 2020-21 fiscal year.

Transactions since the previous treasurer’s report are

Revenues	- Sale of Sodbuster Book	\$25
	-Hockey	\$470
	-F.C.C	<u>\$500</u>
	Total	\$995
Expenditures	- Master Card Fee	\$38.56

-Visa Fee	\$54.10
-Bank Charge Moneris	\$136.29
-ASA	\$200
-WDM posters	\$57.13
-Trophies	\$173.83
-Picture Framers	\$466.20
-Name Cards	\$133.05
-Misc. Bank	\$10
-Liquor Licence	\$60
-Engraving	\$72.79
-Website	\$286.20
-Canada Post	<u>\$16.30</u>
Total Exp.	\$1704.45

Current bank balance \$17,072.58 I don't know the value of mutual fund, I just know it's down.
 Outstanding cheques SAHF membership \$100 and Calcutta \$375
 Invoices to be paid – Website \$778.04 and Canada Post (I have not yet been able to access this invoice)

- Discussion at meeting:
 - Accounting Package
 - Irene contacted Lorence and asked him to contact Dennis, no information on whether this happened or not.
 - Morley noted that the new accounting package won't be used until next fiscal year
- **MOTION:** To purchase an accounting software package with the decision as to which one be up to M. Ayars - E Johnson - CARRIED
- Discussion at meeting re: Signing Authority
 - Suggestion: Other groups use e-transfer then as long as there is a record in the minutes works well
 - At Bank: may be possible for us to go in separately rather than all together
- **ACTION:** Morley will check into how to get the change in signing authority done
- **MOTION** To approve the Treasurer's report as circulated: M. Ayars CARRIED

6. Correspondence

- None

7. Committee Reports

Scholarship – E. Lammerding/H. Tulloch

- One new donation in March
- Total Donations to date: \$12,580.00

ASA – C. Altwasser/E. McClarty

- Report provided
 - Bedpush
 - Final total was \$55,081.69

- Big thank you to SAGA for all of their help, Mayson finding accommodations for the bed, and the meet & greet in Bladworth.
- 2020-2021 elections have now ended
- Dylan Stang is the new PRO
 - I have brought Evan McClarty, the new External Social Director who would like to work with SAGA more as well.
- Thank you to SAGA for letting me be a part of this committee.
- Discussion at meeting
- Congratulations on the Bedpush and coordination – job well done!
- ACTION: Send a list of the students and Alumni that participated to Louis
- Noted that 2022 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Bedpush – there is talk about getting some of the original runners again.

Reunion Report – D. Belisle

- Hasn't had a chance to do much with the reunion chairs

Banquet/Mixer Report – E. Lammerding/J. Hauer

- Report provided :

The SAGA pins are 1" x 2/3". Cost for the pins will be as follows.

Honorary Lifetime Pins

Size: 1 inch

Qty: 200 = \$3.60 each Qty: 500 = 2.70 each Qty: 1000 = \$1.99 each

Set-up = \$90.00

The above prices subject to applicable tax. Production time: 7-8 weeks from artwork approval.

{Glen has an earlier design which is a rounded version of the rectangular ones we do have}

In regards to the Alumni Pins, we have no record of supplying those in the past. We would be happy to do so if you would like. Please let me know if you would like to proceed with any of the above. We would require a 50% deposit at time of order.

Thank You, Glen Wyatt Listowel Trophies Ltd. Saskatoon, SK 306-652-1330

{At this time Hamish hasn't spoken with Alumni about their available pins, he might have some, but he is working from home.}

For the pens we discussed, price can vary from just under a \$1 to... well, expensive. But, for more or less, a basic example; A plastic pen body in VocAg green or Agro blue (50/50 split) and a black grip, with just the SAGA logo would be:

Up to 500 pens = \$1.40/pen 500 pens + = \$1.20/pen
All prices approximate depending on our choice of final design and wording.
Doubtful we go above \$1.50/pen. {Glen feels we would get a pretty good looking pen.}

The same timeline for manufacture. But of course, Listowel Trophies, as well as all their suppliers have shut doors, so while we can make an order, nothing will be filled anytime soon.

Jason met with Vinh, the TCU rep, weeks ago, (I couldn't, had just developed a cough, even had to cancel curling with Keith and Bryan!!)

Out of that 1 1/2 hr. meeting came a good understanding of the differences between the ASA costs and ours. And as Carter mentioned, the ASA always incurs a loss with their Grad dinner. ASA receives some breaks (student discount) that we don't get, while they don't get some that we receive, such as a room discount and, we don't pay a security.

Vinh told Jason that TCU can and will work with us on some items, {good things happen when the Big Cheese is there} but none of these things would change our costs by \$5 or \$10/ person.

Basically the final price boils down to what SAGA decides is the best price we can afford.

Friday Mixer Event Report -

- No report.

Hockey –

- No report.

Newsletter – E. Lammerding/J. Hauer

Report provided:

Reading this morning's Star Phoenix, it dawned on me that Sask Abilities Council will be closed, for who knows how long, and of course that could very well delay the printed version of the June Newsletter. I have sent an email to my contact, hopefully by tonight I can get some information. No one is answering the phone.

There should not be a problem doing an Email version. If nothing else, of some sort.

So, for the time being, May 15th will remain the day to get any and all information to John or I.

Hoping that we get contributions from the Executive of the various activities SAGA has been and will be involved in this year. For example, SAGA assisting the ASA with the Bedpush. And then plans for Cheers with Peers, and possible sponsors. And, by all means, suggest a better title.

I have received an article once more from our past usual source, Bob McKercher. He discovered a letter of correspondence he had been given, from two '48 C grads. It is a fun read.

And from Sinclair Harrison; a classmate of his and Keith's, Colin Ahrens, ('67 C) received a Lieutenant Governor Award.

These are the kind of notable Ag Grad achievements we would like to post in the *The SAGA*.

I don't read too many Ag Rags, so please, if you do, and come across a Grad being mentioned, tell us. Easy for us to find if we know where it is. Last fall Bryan sent me what became very interesting connections for the 2019 Dec. issue.

Hoping Irene will have time to write up her story, as it is going to be a weird spring for livestock producers and everyone else trying to get a crop in the ground. Let alone finishing combining!!

Discussion at meeting:

- We won't be able to print it this time
- Get the email version out, we think people will understand and if they would like to print and send to neighbours and friends that would be fine.

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

- Nothing to report

Crop Production Week – J. Relf-Eckstein

- Very quite
- Should have a meeting in April but haven't heard anything yet.

Membership/Website – H. de Gooijer

- There have been a few changes to the membership list
- Henry has some questions on admin for the website.

Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- Report provided:
 - Like many other organizations SAHF has indefinitely postponed this year's AGM and the awards ceremony. At this time there is no predicted time for these events to take place.

MAL – I. Ahner, B. Cummins

- Irene is planning an article- topic TBD.
- Blair: Farm Progress show – if goes ahead he will try Cheers for Peers again.
- Eric noted that Ag in Motion is still going ahead.

Vice President –D. Belisle

- Nothing additional to report

Past President –E. Johnson

- Report provided:
 - Based on discussions with Gratton, Bryan and Jason, two names were submitted for Honorary Life Membership in 2021 (names withheld pending informing the nominees by SAGA)
 - I have also started an inventory of potential HLM nominees for guture years. Please provide me with any further suggestions.

MOTION: That the two nominees submitted be awarded the 2021 Life Memerships. E. Johnson - CARRIED

President Report –J. Fredette

- Some covered in other reports
- Dean Search:
 - SAGA was invited to presentations and to provide comment
 - Jason sent a response to the search committee from the SAGA point of view.

MOTION: Accept Reports: M. Ayars CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- ASA Welcome Week – E. McClarty
- Looking to remap this year
 - Game night in Lounge
 - Prank Engineers
 - SAGA involvement, maybe at BBQ- help to bring awareness of SAGA to the students.
 - Possibly a BBQ and Slo-Pitch tourney
 - Tentative date: Sep 09.
 - Discussion/Questions:
 - Availability due to combining
 - Help required? Finding sponsors and cooking burgers
 - Eric will take lead on this.

MOTION: SAGA to donate \$500 to help support the ASA Welcome Week BBQ – E. Johnson - CARRIED

9. Date of Next Meeting

- TUESDAY September 15^h

10. Motion to adjourn I. Ahner at 8:25 PM