

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting**  
**Zoom meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

Prepared by: Raelene Petracek

**Attending:** Jason Fradette (chair), Irene Ahner, Morley Ayars, Deanne Belisle, Louis Bossaer, Blair Cummins, Henry deGooijer, Bryan Harvey, John Hauer, Eric Johnson, Ewald Lammerding, Adam Ornowka, Raelene Petracek, Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein, Dylan Stang, Hamish Tulloch  
Regrets: none

1. Call to order by Chairperson Jason Fradette at 7:05 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
  - **MOTION** to adopt Agenda: B. Harvey. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from the October 2020 meeting
  - **MOTION** to adopt minutes– M. Ayars. CARRIED
4. Business arising from the Minutes
  - Executive remaining in place for an additional year
    - Will be discussed in New Business
5. Financial Report – M. Ayars
  - Report provided

There has not been any revenues since the last report. We have written cheques for \$500 to the University of Saskatchewan for the Vern Racz scholarship and \$250 for Crop Production Week Membership. These Cheques are still outstanding. The Cheque to Canada Post for the June Newsletter has been paid for \$210. Current chequing account balance is \$14,511.86 and our mutual fund as of November 06, 2020 is valued at \$56,340.45. You will note that our mutual fund has increased by \$16,340.45 since 2007 or 40.9% over 13 years or an approximate average increase of 3.1% per year. During that period my pension returned 70.28% with an approximate average increase of 5.4% per year. (Note I have used simple averages which would not be accurate because of annual compounding so the returns will be slightly less than the simple average.)

Attached is the Income and Expense Statement to October 31. You will note our net income over the year before the outstanding cheques are included is \$1,080.14 and will be down \$750 when all expenditures are accounted for or \$330.14.

<b>Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.</b>						
<b>Statement of Income &amp; Expenses 2019-11-1 to 2020-10-31 Account # 0602-8045-857</b>						
		<u>As of Oct 31, 2020</u>				
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Code</u>				<u>Balance</u>	<u>Dep #</u>
2019-10-31		Balance Chequing Account carried forward			\$13,431.72	
2019-11-01	1	Purchase of Memberships On-Line	see explanation notes	\$	3,160.00	BANK
2019-11-01	4c	Reunion Tickets on line	see explanation notes	\$	23,460.00	BANK
2019-11-01	4c	Reunion Tickets on line Refunds**	see explanation notes	-\$	1,395.00	BANK
2019-11-01	4c	Mixer Tickets on line	see explanation notes	\$	72.35	BANK
2019-11-01	4c	Reunion Tickets on line paid by cheque	see explanation notes	\$	1,275.00	D00
2019-11-01	1	Purchase of Memberships Paid by cheque	see explanation notes	\$	220.00	D00
2019-11-01	5d	Sales of "The Sodbusters Vision" Book	see explanation notes	\$	145.00	BANK
2019-12-31	5c	Municipal Hail Ad in The SAGA Dec 2018/June 2019		\$	500.00	D06
2020-3-03	5c	FCC Ad in The SAGA Dec 2019/June 2020		\$	500.00	D12
2020-4-09	5c	Brett Young Ad in The SAGA Dec 2018/June 2019		\$	300.00	D13
2020-1-13	4d	Money taken in prior to Mixer	cash	\$	355.00	D08





- Anyone wishing to make individual donations either to the ASA Milk Moustache Challenge or to join Dylan's team, contact Dylan for link.
- **MOTION:** That SAGA donate \$250.00 to the Milk Moustache Challenge (ASA). E. Johnson – CARRIED
- Looking for recommendations for a guest speaker for Grad

#### Reunion –

- Discussion around anything we still need to do/can do for 2021.
  - One group has decided to go ahead with something – probably a Zoom meeting
  - Honorary Life Awards – we will go ahead and present them and have the honorees attend the 2022 reunion.
    - Previously we had discussed possibly doing something with Crop Production or Cropshere – Jo-Anne has not had a reply.
  - Louis has been talking with Barb at Black Fox Distillery (one of the three distillers/brewers that have traditionally been part of the sampling event at the Reunion) and a suggestion of sending out a cheer to classmates, letting us know so we can post on our Social Media as well. See below:

Sending this out as an idea and I hope others will come up with more ideas.

I was thinking a fun thing to do for the cancelled reunion would be to have reunion members buy their favorite local brewery or distillery product and video a cheer to their classmates. They could then post it to the SAGA Facebook page.

#### Ask each person to

State their name clearly with their year and degree/diploma

1. Leave a short (not too long) message for classmates
2. Show off their local beverage of choice (Support a buy local message)
3. What are they doing today in a few sentences. Ie live in X, Sk, have X kids and work for X company/retired.
4. State what have you been doing to keep entertained in this Covid world.

I think we should also ask reunion years if they would be interested in setting up little webex/Teams meetings with their groups with the note that we would still like their personal messages so people outside their reunion year can still see what they are up to.

Maybe for the usual Friday evening event the Ag College would be willing to make a short fun video to post to all grads on our Facebook site also. I think if we leave it to Eric and Bryan they can find the right people to make up a fun video

- Any other ideas?
- 2022
  - TCU is willing to work with us for space if we think we will need more.

#### Newsletter – E. Lammerding

- All three advertisers have committed for the next two issues.

- FCC articles – we will include links in the newsletter if people want to check them out.

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Presented the results of the last meeting (advertising but not using the Insightrix platform for our AGM)
- Advertising is at no cost again
- Gave them the information for our AGM
  - Saturday, January 09 at 7:00pm
- Mentioned our HLM, no feedback as of now.

#### Membership– H. de Gooijer

- We have approximately 1850 members
- Continuing to clean up the list. There were only about 10 bounce backs with the last mailing
- Question about Faculty, should they be added to list? Hamish coordinates sending the newsletter to them. Decided to continue as is.

#### Website –

- There are some updates needed
- Keith Head has continued to add Minutes and Empty Saddles.

#### Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- The meeting to select new inductees has been postponed. The plan is to still choose them and will do the face to face presentations at some point down the line.

#### MAL – I. Ahner, J. Hauer, Adam Ornowka, B, Cummins

- Irene noted that for the first time in many years they are snowed in.

#### Vice President –D. Belisle

- Nothing further to report

#### Past President –E. Johnson

- Selection of HL will be in the spring. If anyone has suggestions, send them to him.

#### President Report –J. Fredette

##### Report Provided:

Since our October SAGA meeting its looking like our next few executive meetings will not be following the familiar pattern of the past.

I looked through some minutes from October and November 2019. At that time we were working through details of the reunion, contacting reunion chairs, thinking about Friday night tour guides etc. ASA was talking about Bean Feed and Drag. We also had regular business like Crop Production Week, financial report, scholarship donations, and the newsletter. So it appears a lot of the things

that would have required our attention at this time of year are now postponed or affected in some way by this pandemic.

It might appear that the next few months will be a quiet time for SAGA until things begin to get back to normal, but maybe we should not get to complacent. With the recent increase in COVID cases these last few weeks and new health guidelines, maybe what we need to be thinking about are SAGA activities in a not-so-normal situation, and options for our members and the college.

Also some things are already in motion. Right now we have TCU Place booked for a 2022 reunion and we have reunion chairs in place to help us plan. It is to our advantage to talk about that event sooner than later.

We are already adapting the 2021 AGM to the current health guidelines restricting large gatherings. Thank you Joanne for getting our virtual AGM coordinated and advertised with the Crop Production Week committee. We still may need to figure out how we will run that, take motions and count votes if necessary.

So really this may be time for some new ideas, ideas for the reunion or other ways to connect grads, students and the college. Those ideas may be a lot of what we discuss in our upcoming meetings.

**MOTION:** Accept Reports: I. Ahner CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- Discussion on current Exec remaining in place as is for an additional year
  - **MOTION:** The current Executive slate be presented at the AGM as the slate in place for another year. B. Harvey - CARRIED

9. Date of Next Meeting

- TUESDAY December 08<sup>th</sup>

10. Motion to adjourn B. Harvey at 8:45 PM