SAGA 78th Annual General Meeting Minutes 8:30 p.m., January 5th, 2013 TCU Place Saskatoon, SK

Present: Irene Ahner, Richard Bellamy, Carman Berg, Blair Cummins, Dennis Ewanus, Fred Fulton, Brian Harvey, Glen Hass, Keith Head, Lisa Horn, Ewald Lammerding, Barbara Larson, Ian MacMillan, Judy MacMillan, Allan McDougald, Bob McKercher, Lorence Peterson, Vern Racz, Jeff Schoenau, Lynne Schoenau, Al Scholz, Gary Storey, Terry Tollefson, Jill Turner, Ken Turner, Murray Westby, Grant Wood

1. Call to Order: 8:26 p.m. by J. Turner

2. Agenda:

Motion by: B. Harvey - To have the Agenda approved as presented. **Seconded by:** B. Larson **Carried:** All

3. Minutes of 2012 77th Annual General Meeting:

Motion by: B. Harvey - To have the 2011 Minutes approved as circulated.

Seconded by: B. Cummins Carried: All

4. Treasurer's Report – D. Ewanus C'70

2011-2012 Financial Statement Highlights

- Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2012 was \$4320.95 vs. \$2887.32 in Oct. 31, 2011.
- Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2012 was \$31,159.70 vs. \$29,649.00 in Oct. 31, 2011.
- Total Revenues for 2012 were \$26,072.54. Total Expenses were \$24,638.91 for a surplus of \$1433.63.
- Total Revenues for 2011 were \$28,677.40. Total Expenses were \$27,753.85 for a surplus of \$923.55.
- The Reunion Weekend had a surplus of \$8229.49 vs. \$2944.94 in 2011.
- We contributed \$200 to ASA Activities (Bed Push for Telemiracle).
- Expenses related to the Newsletters totalled \$4866.37 and Website expenses were \$1320.00.
- We acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits and auditing the 2011-12 books at no charge.

Net Surplus for the Year

Entity No. 20 Name of Cor	5879 poration Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.			
	Operating Statement 2011-11-01 to 2012-10-31			
		(CL	rrent Year)	(Prior Year)
REVENUES	(Includes revenue for which payment has not yet been received)	•	<u>2011-2012</u>	2010-2011
1	Membership Fees	\$	792.00	\$1,195.00
2	Grants	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	-	
3	Donations	\$	200.00	\$1,565.00
4	Fundraising \$ 25,080.00	\$	-	\$24,491.78
4a	Hockey	\$	230.00	
4b	Curling	\$	805.00	
4c	Banquet & Mixer	\$	24,045.00	
5	Other Receipts	\$ \$ \$ \$	-	\$1,425.00
5a	Professional Development	\$	-	
5b	Newsletter Subscription	\$	-	
5c	Website Ad	\$		
6	Interest	\$	0.54	\$0.62
7	Total Revenue for the Year	\$	26,072.54	\$ 28,677.40
EXPENSES	(Includes expenses for which payment has not yet been made)			
8	Personnel Costs (Salaries, etc)	\$	-	\$0.00
9	Taxes & Licences	\$	-	\$0.00
10	Lease or Rental Costs		-	\$0.00
11	Utilities	*********		\$0.00
12	Insurance	\$		\$0.00
13	Repairs & Maintenance	\$		\$0.00
14	Office Supplies & Postage	\$	6.41	\$23.95
15	Bank Charges	\$	-	\$31.76
16	Communication to Members	\$	-	\$4,385.89
16a	Newsletter (publication & Mailing)	\$	4,866.37	
16b	Website	\$	1,320.00	
17	Social Functions	\$	-	\$21,546.84
17a	Hockey (See above)	\$	63.12	
17b	Curling (See Above)	\$	604.80	
17c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	16,776.46	
18	Misc: Visa dedn,	\$	451.75	\$1,765.41
18a	ASA	\$	200.00	
18b	Professional Development-students	\$	-	
18c	Crop Production Week Membership	\$	250.00	
18d	Sask Ag Hall of Fame	\$	-	
18e	President Portrait	\$	-	
18f	Other \$100 Gift Card Peterson	\$	100.00	
19	Total Expenses for the Year		\$24,638.91	\$27,753.85

\$ 1,433.63 \$ 923.55

Name of Corporation

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at Oct 31, 2012 With Comparative Figures for 2010-2011

Assets					2011-2012 urrent Year)		2010-2011 (Prior Year)
1	Cash						
	cash on hand	\$	_	\$		\$	
	cash in bank	\$	4,384.07			-	
	less outstanding cheques	-\$	63.12				
	Total Cash	\$	4,320.95	\$	4,320.95	\$	2,887.32
2	Term Deposits			\$	•	\$	-
3	Receivables (specify)			\$		\$	
4	Other Current Assets (Charles)						
•	Other Current Assets (Specify) Investments (Mutual Fund	1)		\$	31,159.70	\$	29,649.00
5	Fixed Assets						
	Land			\$		\$	-
	buildings (cost less depre			\$		\$	
	equipment (cost less depr	reciation)		\$		\$	•
	other <u>None</u>			\$	-	\$	
6	Other Assets None			\$		\$	
7	Total Assets Cash & Investm	ents		\$	35,480.65	\$	32,536.32
Liabilities						-	3-,000,02
	<u>Total</u>	Liabilities		\$			
Surplus (D	eficit)						
12	Balance Forward	\$	32,536.32				
	Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$	1,433.63				
	Balance at End of Year	\$	35,480.65				
13	Total Liabilities & Surplus			\$	35,480.65	•	20 500 00
	(Note: Line 7 must equal line 13)			<u> </u>	00,400.00	\$	32,536.32
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	Audited by: Lorence I. Peterson P Ag	alle	ess				

Motion by: D. Ewanus - To move that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented.

Seconded by: K. Turner Carried: All

5. Committee Reports:

a) ASA - V. Kennedy/K. Schurmann

January:

- Fundraising for Telemiracle included a competition between Colleges to see who could raise the most funds selling Helping Hands and auctioning off bowling teams. The events proved very successful. A \$1000 was raised.
- A 4th Year male student volunteered to have his back waxed if \$250 could be raised.

March/April:

- Kaitlyn Schurmann was selected as new PRO for next year.
- Telemiracle was a great success. It took three days to push the bed to Regina in order to be there by 7 p.m. on Sat. Mar. 3rd, 2012. A total of \$7500 was presented at midnight. The grand total from all of the Colleges at the University was \$10,000. SAGA was thanked for their donation.
- Billy Brown has been elected as ASA President for 2012/13.

October:

- The ASA gathered as many non-perishable food items and donations as possible for the FCC Drive Away Hunger Food Drive.
- Ag Bag Drag kickoff BBQ was held on Oct. 2nd
- The first Blood Drive sponsored by the ASA was on Oct. 17th.
- AgBio Career fair was held on Nov. 1st.
- Ag Bag Drag took place on Nov. 2nd.

November:

- Ag Bag Drag 2012 was a profitable and successful event.
- A Blood Drive competition between the Agros and Engineers was held on Nov. 21st. This was not a College supported event.

b) Membership - V. Racz C'68

- The main activity of the membership committee is to increase awareness of SAGA to potential new members and solicit new memberships from past graduates. Reunion activities are one of the main times for selling new memberships, with the rest of the year having limited sales.
- A resume and interview workshop (professional development day) was held for Agriculture and Bioresources students Thursday September 27 as a joint effort between SAGA, SIA and the college. The one day event was well received by the students with a reasonable attendance. The program was well supported by industry (particularly Federated Cooperatives Ltd. and Cargill, Cargill Ag Horizons) and SAGA and SIA executive members to make this activity a success. Plans are being made to continue this activity with SIA in Sept. 2013 to try to increase attendance. The program based on evaluations was excellent and efforts will be increased to increase promotional activities through regular

- channels and working with college faculty. In addition facilities will be sought in advance that can accommodate an increase in attendance.
- This is a time of change for SAGA as it struggles to stay current and offer to its members increased services mainly through communication efforts. The organization relies solely on volunteer help, while being good; it may be in some ways restrictive. A subcommittee of SAGA met in early 2012 to discuss this matter as it relates to the membership, registrar and SAGA database maintenance positions. The challenge for SAGA will be to be able to respond through restructuring and perhaps contracting out some of the services such as database management.
- V. Racz thanked R. Bellamy and L. Horn for their years of service as Registrar and Website manager respectively.

c) Reunion - G. Wood C'79

- The role of the vice president is to coordinate the reunion years for the upcoming reunion weekend and 2013 was no exception. The reunion weekend will honour the graduates from both the school and college from 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2008. We are expecting a great turnout mainly due to the efforts of the reunion chairpersons from each of these classes.
- Many graduates from all years will be attending the reunion weekend that kicks off a week-long series of professional development events in various fields of agriculture. Welcome everyone to the reunion.
- G. Wood would like to thank all of the people that volunteered to act as reunion chairpersons for their respective graduating classes. I greatly appreciate their time and efforts on behalf of myself and SAGA. He would especially like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Trina Mortson - Development Co-ordinator in the Dean of Agriculture's office. Thank you very much Trina.
- The 2013 Reunion Chairpersons:

1953 1963	Degree Ross Reynolds Frank Dunlop Gary Storey George Wilson	Diploma Bob Dodds Kurt Klein
1973	John Beckton Russ Horvey	Greg Marshall
1983 1993	Henry DeGooijer Kirk Blomquist Rod Lessmeister Arlan Frick	David Klinger Trevor Herzog
2003	Shawn Senko Faye Dokken- Boucha	Dean's office rd
2008	Dean's office	Dean's office

d) Banquet - S. Steckler C'03/B. Larson C'77

2012 SAGA Banquet:

- 360 people attended the Banquet, which was a special celebration of the Centennial of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.
- 360 was the maximum number of tickets that could be sold.
- 100 more people attended this year over last year.
- A profit of approximately \$7500 was realized.
- The guest speakers, video presentation, display of archive photographs, and merchandising were appreciated and found to be positive addition to the evening.
- TCU is very efficient at feeding large groups of people.
- The Mixer turned a profit of \$1510.00.
- The parking is very expensive: \$25 for the evening

2013 SAGA Banquet:

- On Mon. Dec. 31, 2012, 224 people had registered to attend the Banquet. By Fri. Jan. 4, 2013, that number had ballooned to 297.
- B. Larson thanked L. Horn for all her assistance with the 2013 Banquet.

e) Curling - D. Mitchell S'89

SAGA 2012 Reunion Curling Report – Don Mitchell:

- A total of eight teams entered the SAGA bonspiel this year; four teams in the regular and four teams in the Hutcheon event.
- This again followed the trend of a couple less teams entered as the year before. The question the SAGA executive must consider is because of the lack of interest, the possibility of not hosting this traditional SAGA Reunion Weekend event. A decision should be made soon to confirm with the Granite Curling Club the ice rental.
- The Bryan Nybo team won the regular event and the Phil England team won the Hutcheon event.
- A thank you to the Dean's Office team for putting a team into the bonspiel this year. It appears they did enjoy the event along with everyone else.

Income

8 teams at \$ 100 entry	\$800
Raffle	<u>40</u>
Total income	\$840

Expenses

Ice rental 16 games @ \$36/game	\$576	
Trophy engraving	<u>40</u>	
Total expenses		<u>616</u>

Profit \$ 184

SAGA 2013 Sip and Slide Curling Event – E. Lammerding:

- **45** people in total came to Rutherford rink to participate in the Fun Spiel: 41 students and Alumni and 4 fans joining in the meal.
- There is an expectation that this event will incur a loss of approximately \$400.
- The condition of the curling ice was not ideal.
- Will repeat this event next year.
- The November 2013 Newsletter will advertise this event with a push on the "fun" aspect.

f) Hockey – A. Bouchard C'02

2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend Hockey Report – A. Bouchard C'02

- The tournament was once again an overall success in 2012. The tournament was held in Aberdeen at the Rec Complex (this was the 5th year the tournament was held there). The single day tournament was full with the target of six teams.

The Teams:

- There were six teams entered in the one day tournament. There were three graduate teams and three undergrad teams (1st/2nd years, 3rd year and 4th year teams).
- Cost was \$400 per team. There was no interest from Vet Med students this year and once again any Prof Team.
- Positive comments were made by all and many said that they want to participate again next year.
- The graduate teams were registered well before Christmas. However, it is a stress every year counting on the undergrad teams to enter the tournament in advance. It is difficult to find out who to talk to so that the undergrad teams are registered more than a few days prior to the tournament.
- Several attempts were made by the SAGA PRO to advertise the tournament via posting on the ASA Facebook page. Unfortunately there was no response to these attempts. In the end, I contacted last year's ASA Social Rep and he gave me the name and contact information for the current rep, Royce Lodoen. He quickly got these teams together and without him the tournament wouldn't have been a success.
- Simply put, I almost went with a four team format as we have the same 3 graduate teams ever y year and it would have be easier to attract one more team (undergrad or not) versus three. A four team tournament would be simpler but much more expensive, I think to better attract the students and maintain the six team tournament style younger people need to be sought to manage this tournament (likely more contact with current students and grads) and the ASA Social Rep needs to be identified and contacted well in advance.
- The winners of this year's tournament were:

A-Side: Thirsty Third Years (3rd Year Undergrad Team)

B-Side: Beaver Busters (Graduate Team)

The Facility:

- The Aberdeen Rec Complex did a fantastic job again this year. When we arrived that
 morning the schedule was up, dressing rooms allocated, and kitchen was open for
 breakfast.
- The ice quality was good and the venue very clean. The staff also had the lounge open and provided dressing room beer service. With great service, close location to the city, and a great facility for families to and come watch, I feel that we should continue to hold the tournament here provided costs stay in check. The facility is tentatively booked for the 2013 event.

Memberships Sales:

- As always we promoted membership sales to all Ag grads playing in the tournament. There was a registration desk set up so that when they signed in for the tournament the grads were also asked to purchase a membership provided they did not already have a lifetime membership. It was encouraging to see that 8 playing in the tournament already had lifetime memberships.
- 2012 Sales:

Annual – 13

Lifetime - 2

Total Membership Sales = \$330

SAGA Hockey Tournament Financials:

<u>Hockey</u>		<u>Memberships</u>	
Expense			
Ice Rental	\$ 1,630.00	Lifetime Membership	2 \$ 200.00
Referee cost	\$ 600.00	Annual Membership 1	3 \$ 130.00
Engraving		Revenue	\$ 330.00
Total	\$ 2,230.00	Given to Vern Racz Jan 8th, 20	12
Income			
Team Fees	\$ 2,400.00		
Total	\$ 2,400.00		
Revenue	\$ 170.00		

Financial Notes:

- For our loyalty the Aberdeen Rec Centre gave us a discount on the ice rental, they charged us \$1,630 versus the anticipated \$1,827. This was good because our reffing costs were considerably higher this year because people willing to do it were harder to find. The refs (Gerrit

- Baan, Wayne Wutzke, and 2 students) were all paid in cash. If we get proper refs in advance, then I suspect this cost should drop to approx. \$400 in future years.
- The engraving cost was also higher than in past years because the B-Side trophy needed an extra level added to it.

g) Newsletter – E. Lammerding S'88 & B. Sonntag C'62

- A hard copy of the May 2011 edition was mailed to all 2100 of our members. Layout and postage for this issue was paid in the **Oct. 2010 Oct. 2011** fiscal year.
- The late payment for printing [\$1,337. 75] was added to our Oct. 2011 Oct. 2012 financial sheet. This brought the total paid this fiscal year for Newsletter publication to \$4,866.37.
- However, the 2011-2012 actual total cost for assembling, printing and mailing the Nov. 2011 and the May 2012 Newsletters was \$3,528.62.
- Many thanks to the Saskatoon Abilities Council as they do all the printing, folding, stapling and postage. E. Lammerding is pleased with the job they do.
- The cost of producing and mailing the Newsletters are creeping up, but on the other hand the SAGA mailing list is slowly shrinking.
- With more members accessing their SAGA Newsletters from the Website, only 1025 hard copies are mailed out.
- On behalf of the SAGA Executive and all our members, E. Lammerding would like to thank Bernie Sonntag for dedicating many years of his time to be the Editor of the SAGA Newsletter.

h) Alumni – B. Harvey C'60

- At its annual general meeting in June 2012 the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association adopted a new constitution. This was the result of several years of work. Most of the changes were editorial and housekeeping to update to current practise. The mission and objectives remain essentially unchanged. One significant change was the manner of electing officers. The Board is elected at the AGM as in the past but the selection of officers is now made by the Board at its first meeting. Committee structure has been somewhat modified. For example there is now a Governance Committee and no Executive. The 12012-2013 President is Judy MacMillan.
- The association again sponsored the pancake breakfast at welcome week and it was a great success. Over a thousand students and staff were served and welcomed by alumni volunteers.
- The Alumni Award Ceremony for the second time was held in the new format. Two things have changed. There are now only two awards, an Alumni Achievement Award and a Young Alumni Award. Both of these take into consideration a wide range of accomplishments which cover the full range of what in the past was separate categories of awards. Instead of a sit down dinner a reception followed by a presentation ceremony is the new protocol. Again this was a huge success with several hundred people in attendance. Ted Turner was one of the award winners. Ted is a former

- Chancellor and President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. He is the father of SAGA president Jill Turner.
- On the staff front 2012 saw the retirement of Wendy Bates a long time employee of the Alumni Office who interacted with thousands of Alumni over the years. Wendy provided excellent service with proficiency, caring and a positive attitude always accompanied by a ready smile. An announcement of her successor will be made shortly.

i) Hall of Fame - B. McKercher C'54

- The SAHF board had three meetings, March, July and October 2012, plus a work bee in July collating the annual induction programs.
- Four people were inducted into the SAHF on August 5, 2012. They were Maurice Delage '69C who was very involved with the international and local agricultural chemical business and more recently as a model farmer near Indian Head; Graham Simpson, Crop development Centre and Plant Science Department at University of Saskatchewan; Thelma Howard, who spent much of her career at the Extension Division University of Saskatchewan on 4H work; and Carol Teichrob who had contributed much to the poultry industry and served as an MLA.
- Four people will be inducted in 2013, including one graduate from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. If the announcement is made prior to our AGM, the names will be publicized then.
- Changes to the Hall displays have been made. Although the portrait frames have been reduced in size, the portraits remain the same size. This change gave the Hall space for the next 10-20 years depending on the number of annual inductions. The changes were necessitated because the Western Development Museum cannot expand the space occupied by the SAHF.
- Induction fees for 2013 will remain are \$1200 per person. Nominations are encouraged and should be submitted by September 1, 2013 to be considered for the 2014 selections.

j) Crop Production Week – K. Head C'67

- The 2012 Crop Production Week was very successful. The member groups meeting during the Week included:

Canadian Wheat Board
Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association
Sask Canola
Saskatchewan Flax Development Association
Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association
Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission
Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission
Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association

Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission

Many of the presentations have been posted on the Crop Production Week website: http://www.cropweek.com/presentations/2012.html

- The Special Session on Wednesday evening featured Geoff Honey of Grain Trade Australia, who gave an Australian perspective on the end of single desk selling.
- The Crop Production Show (Prairie Land Park) was also a great success in 2012. It attracted a record attendance of 19,948, up 15.8% from 2011.
- Crop Production Week 2013 is January 5 to 12.

k) Past President's Report - T. Tollefson

- An important role of the Past President is to chair the Honorary Life Membership selection committee. The 2013 committee consisted of myself, Bob McKercher and Al McDougald. The committee reviewed a list of names that had been previously submitted for consideration of this award. The committee carefully considered the nominations and brought forward two candidates, one from each of the School and College of Agriculture, for approval by the SAGA executive.
- It is imperative that our members continue to submit names of worthy individuals who may qualify for the Honorary Life award. Without this continued input from the membership very worthy candidates may unintentionally be overlooked.
- T. Tollefson is looking forward to the 2013 reunion celebration and to the induction of two new members to SAGA'S Honorary Life Membership award.

I) President's Report – J. Turner C'80

- The past year has been a busy year for SAGA. The reunion weekend in January 2012 was the kick off for the centennial celebrations for the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. We were happy to celebrate 100 years of Agriculture graduates. A special presentation by Dr. Red Williams and Dr. Dan Pennock at the banquet was very entertaining. The College also hosted a 100 year celebration in conjunction with the U of S homecoming in June. It was well attended by many of our alumni. It was easy to see that Degree and Diploma Graduates alike are proud of the College and its rich history.
- The SAGA executive decided to continue with the one day format for the reunion weekend. The feedback on the one day event was very positive from both those attending the weekend and reunion organizers. The hockey tournament continues to be popular with six teams participating. After much deliberation, the executive has decided to discontinue the curling bonspiel. This decision was not made lightly as the bonspiel has been a mainstay of the reunion weekend for several decades. It was no longer

- possible to run a bonspiel with only 4-6 rinks. Instead, a fun curling event will be held. This will allow more people to participate.
- In 2012, SAGA focused on continuing to build strong ties with the Agriculture Students Association (ASA) and also with the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA). In September, SAGA and SIA collaborated on an Interview & Resume Writing workshop for the students. The event was well attended by students and many Ag grads that provided mentorship to the students. We hope this will become an annual event. We continue to work closely with SIA and ASA. We look forward to many members of both associations attending the curling event.
- J. Turner would like to thank the many volunteers that continue to serve on the SAGA executive. Without these people the events listed above and of course the comprehensive newsletter would not be possible. She would especially want to thank the volunteers that will be leaving the executive in 2013. Many thanks and a deep appreciation go outgoing executive members: Lisa Horn, Lynne Schoenau, Bernie Sonntag, Terry Tollefson, Jeff Schoenau, and lastly Richard Bellamy. Richard Bellamy has served as the SAGA registrar for 38 years. Richard's dedication to SAGA is unsurpassed and he will be missed.
- Finally, she would like to thank SAGA for giving her the opportunity to serve as president. It was a very rewarding experience. One that every SAGA member should experience!

Motion by: A. Scholz - To move that all the Committee Reports be adopted as presented. **Seconded by:** G. Hass **Carried:** All

Nominations:

a) Honorary Life Members

 J. Turner encouraged all those attending the AGM to contact her if he or she has someone they would like to nominate for the 2014 Honorary Life Members selection.

b) 2012 SAGA Executive

President: Grant Wood C'79
Honorary President: Gary Storey C'63
Past President: Jill Turner C'80

Vice President: Secretary:

College Development Officer:

Trina Mortson Dennis Ewanus C'70

Treasurer: Website:

Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame: Bob McKercher C'54
University Alumni Association: Bryan Harvey C'60
Newsletter: Ewald Lammerding S'88

Membership/Registrar Vern Racz C'68 Crop Production Week: Keith Head C'67

Banquet: Barb Larson C'77/Erin Cuthbert C'11
Curling: Blair Cummins S'77/Don Mitchell S'89
Hockey: Curtis de Goeijer C'12/ Lucas Ringdal C'12

Agriculture Student's Association: Kaitlyn Schurmann

Members at Large: I. Ahner C'65, Allan McDougald C'65, Ken

Sapsford C'79

Other Business:

- Irene Ahner asked the executive if the two action items from the 2012 SAGA AGM Minutes were accomplished. Neither one was acted upon.
- The executive decided to move the motion to strike a committee to look into the creation of an Honorary Life Membership pin forward to 2013.
- B. Cummins, with the assistance of his wife, will look into pin designs.

Adjournment:

Motion by: G. Wood – To move the meeting for adjournment. **Seconded by:** All **Carried:** All

Adjourn: 9:02 pm

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
		YES OR NO
		YES OR NO