

SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Present: Blair Cummins (Chairperson); Grant Wood (Past President); Art Delahey; Curtis de Gooijer; Ewald Lammerding; Chris Unsworth; Katelyn Duncan; Keith Head; Allan McDougald; Darcy Jones; Dennis Ewanus; John Spencer

Absent: Kerry Gerein; Lucas Ringdal; Vern Racz; Mayson Maerz; Don Mitchell; Ken Sapsford; Bob McKercher

- 1. Call to order by Chairperson Cummins at 7:01 PM.**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
 - No agenda was distributed prior to or at the meeting. It was determined that the executive would operate from the framework of the previous meeting's minutes.
- 3. Adoption of the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting**
 - The minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting were read.
 - Some corrections to the section on the Banquet and Mixer will be made during that committee report. They deal with the cost for the rooms being provided and the cost of tickets.
 - Clarification was provided on the section relating to Hall of Fame nominations. In the minutes about this item there was a notation about "First in Canada." Members attending were not sure what that was in reference to. It may be that the nominee in question was the first First Nations nominee in Canadian history. Discussion followed on the donation made to support the nomination, as there is a \$1400 cost to make the nomination. K. Head stated that one of the point of the last discussion was that SAGA should always contribute towards our nominees.
 - **MOTION** by Wood/Lammerding – **Minutes ADOPTED.**
- 4. Business from Minutes**
 - **Vice-presidential candidates** – Names originally presented by Spencer and Cummins did not accept the opportunity. However, Brian Harvey has agreed to serve as Vice-President. **Nomination** by Cummins/Ewanus – ***Brian Harvey as Vice-President. CARRIED.***
 - **Room Blocks** – Delahey has sent material to Cummins reporting. This item was tabled. Jones said that B. Larson had also checked into this. She found that hotels are very reluctant to make block reservations for conventions of this type.
 - **Representatives at the Executive Meetings** – Hamish Tulloch will come to the meetings in the future. Cummins advised that Tanya (?) will represent the Dean's office in the future. Cummins will send Tanya's contact information to Spencer for inclusion on the distribution list.
 - **Website Update Costs** – This item was tabled.
 - **Trina Mortson future involvement** – Mortson has now moved on as her new position is very demanding. Alternate support will be looked for.

- **Facebook and Twitter Accounts and Exposure** – Unsworth has this up and rolling with good responses all round. He has kept both accounts updated through the summer. Some people attended the Farm Progress show because these accounts were available to notify members. The Agribition show will also be advertised on these sites. Unsworth will work with Tanya (?) to see how this goes. The ASA and current students are making more contacts using these tools.
- **ACTION** - Cummins asked **Spencer** to send a thank you card to our sponsor/supporters for the Farm Progress Show
- **SIA co-sponsorship for Interviewing Skills Workshop** – Cummins advised that the SIA has indicated that they are not interested in any further co-sponsorships for this event. Discussion followed on whether or not SAGA should be involved. McDougald recommended that we should talk to the students before simply pulling out of the event. There is a lot going on in this area, so what we are offering may not be needed. **ACTION** – **Unsworth** will talk to the student organizations to see if we should keep offering this service.
- **Katelyn Duncan executive assignment** – Duncan does not have a specific executive responsibility. After discussion, it was determined that her talents are best applied to the Banquet/Mixer committee. **MOTION** by Jones/Lammerding. ***Katelyn Duncan to serve on the Banquet/Mixer committee. CARRIED.***

5. Financial Report – Ewanus

- See the financial report attachments to this report.
- The mutual fund has done very well this year.
- Only two cheques to be written, totalling \$30.00.
- A clarification was provided – the ice cost was for the curling clinic at Rutherford Rink.
- **MOTION** - Ewanus/Lammerding ***Adoption of report. CARRIED.***

6. Correspondence – None.

7. Reports

ASA – Spencer read **Kerry Gerein's** email report. It is attached to these minutes.

Reunion – McDougald and others

- Several class reunion chairs were picked up over the summer, but there are still several to be found. Some special support may be needed for the Class of '45 members, such as rides to the reunion. **ACTION** – **Wood** will talk to Tanya (?) and the Alumni Office to see if they can help find names.

Banquet/Mixer - Jones

- Jones reported that the room has been booked for 3:00 PM but we may be able to get in sooner if the room isn't being used by someone else earlier.
- The event contract is signed. We are not capped at 275 attendees.
- The fee discount arrangement we have been offered is being extended to all repeat customers.

- In future if we want to move to the Grand Salon, there will be another fee reduction arrangement.
- Re: Photographers. Unsworth has provided two names to Jones for consideration. Unsworth will talk to both again to ensure they have the ability to do the work and to obtain rates. Jones also has another name to be considered.
- The issues surrounding the old photographer have been dealt with.

Curling – Lammerding

- Lammerding reported that it would be good to move out of the Rutherford rink if possible. It is not a great facility. The search for a new site will go on.

Hockey – De Gooijer

- De Gooijer reported that the Waldheim site is booked for the 2015 event.
- That location is far enough away that some people couldn't get back in time for the banquet, but did attend the mixer. The committee will look for a closer facility that meets all our needs, but this may be challenging. Rutherford Rink and Vonda were suggested. Rutherford would not allow a bar. Vonda will be checked out.
- The sale of memberships at the hockey venue was discussed. Extra help will be needed, as the two hockey committee members are very busy during the event. That help will be sourced.
- De Gooijer also raised the issue of how to advertise the event. We have gone to old team captains in the past. The ice sports are already included in reunion materials packages sent out.

Newsletter – Lammerding

- Lammerding reminded the executive that the deadline for submissions is November 15, 2014.

Alumni – Unsworth

- Unsworth is now our Alumni rep.
- There isn't much going on right now in the aftermath of the Transform US blow-up. That program for cost reduction is formally ended, but many of the changes proposed are quietly going forward.
- Work has started for the 100th anniversary of the Alumni Association.
- Unsworth advised that we should start recruiting our future members while they are still students.
- Unsworth will ask Gerein and White to include the reunion banquet on January 10, 2015 as a pending event in all their mailouts or notifications until the event date.

Crop Production Week – Head

- Head report is attached to these minutes. The event will run from January 10 to 17, 2015. All changes being considered are included in his report.

MAL – McDougald

- McDougald will assist in finding reunion class reps

- McDougald has also done some work on finding nominees for Honorary Life memberships. The following recommendations were made:
 - Dale Blair S'61 and Bryan Harvey C'60. **MOTION:** McDougald/Head. *That Dale Blair and Bryan Harvey be recognized with Honorary Life Memberships in SAGA. CARRIED.*

Past President – Wood

- No report

President – Cummins

- Cummins spoke to Marty Seymour at Agribition regarding a SAGA event this year. The event is planned for November 27th at 4:00 PM in the Swamp. **MOTION – de Gooijer/Lammerding. *That the SAGA event at Agribition be held November 27, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Swamp. CARRIED.***
- Unsworth suggested that all current Ag students should be invited to the event. We should also be at the Ag Bag Drag to advertise our organization
- and to advertise this event. Hopefully we could be up on the stage at some point.
- Discussion followed about finding a sponsor for the event at Agribition. **ACTION – Unsworth** will follow up with potential sponsors. In particular, he will check with Marty Seymour to ensure we do not create a conflict by approaching particular companies. A sub-committee of the executive (Cummins, Unsworth and Harvey) will determine which sponsor if any will partner with SAGA at the November 27th event.
- The issue of whether or not the U of S has a booth at Agribition was raised. If yes, could SAGA put a sign up in the booth? **ACTION – Wood** will check.

8. New Business

- Cummins offered a tip of the hat to Unsworth for a job well done on the Facebook and Twitter projects. All executive members agreed that this was superior work.
- The need for a Communications Director was raised. Cummins asked for thoughts about this. This is a lot of what Unsworth is doing now. Wood asked if we could drop other positions and move the persons doing those jobs to this new spot. McDougald suggested that two persons could work on this and move the Alumni responsibilities to this committee. After discussion, it was determined that we need to check the bylaws to see what they require and/or allow. **ACTION – Wood** will check with McKercher to see what the bylaws say.
- It was determined that the next meeting will be a conference call. Unsworth and Spencer will work together to get this set up.

9. Date of Next Meeting – November 4, 2014 7:00 PM Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

10. Adjournment – MOTION – Lammerding. CARRIED.