

SAGA 74th Annual General Meeting
MINUTES
7:00 p.m. January 10, 2009
TCU Place
Saskatoon, SK

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by President Jim Bessel with about 25 members in attendance.
A minute of silence observed to remember deceased SAGA members in 2008.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Bryan Harvey - To have the Agenda be approved as presented.
Seconded: Bob Dodds Carried.

3. **MINUTES OF 2008 SAGA 73 rd Annual General Meeting**

These were summarized by secretary, Teri Ife.

Motion: Fred Fulton – To have the minutes be approved as circulated.
Seconded: Bernie Sonntag Carried

4. **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

President Bessel appointed Glen Hass represent the committee.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Hugh Beckie, Treasurer presented the report 2008 Financial Report, as per attachment in the Agenda/Reports package.

Motion: Carl Lynn – To move that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented.
Seconded: Ken Turner Carried

Thank you extended to H. Beckie and to L. Peterson for their hard work in preparation of the financial statements for SAGA.

Motion: Bryan Harvey – To ask L. Peterson if he would continue to be the Auditor for the 2009 Financial Report.

Seconded: Jack Bradiak Carried

This appointment has been approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2008

These reports are appended in the Agenda/Reports Package:

- a) ASA Report by Kara Fowler
- b) Membership Report by Chelsea Bulani
- c) Reunion Report by Carl Lynn
- d) Mixer Reports by Derek Wilfing
- e) Banquet Reports by Lisa Horn
- f) Curling Report by Virginia Peters
- g) Hockey Report presented by President Jim Bessel
- h) Newsletter Report by Bernie Sonntag
- i) University Alumni Report by Bryan Harvey
- j) Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Report by Bob McKercher
- k) Crop Production Week Report by Les Henry
- l) President's Report by Jim Bessel.

Motion: Ewald Lammerding – To move that the committee reports be accepted.
Seconded: Glen Hass Carried.

7. NOMINATIONS

a) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS. Jim Bessel proposed on behalf of the SAGA Executive that the nominations be approved for Ken Kirkland 71C and Don Tait 55S

b) EXECUTIVE FOR 2009

Carl Lynn made the following recommendations:

President: Carl Lynn 74C

Honorary President: Allan McDougall

Past-President: Jim Bessel 88S

Vice-President: Jeff Schoenau 84C

Secretary: Teri Ife 97S

College Development Officer: Mark Wartman

Treasurer: Hugh Beckie 86C

Registrar: Richard Bellamy 66S

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame: Bob McKercher 54C

University Alumni Association: Bryan Harvey 60C

Newsletter Editor: Bernie Sonntag 62C

Ewald Lammerding 88S

Membership: Vern Racz 64C

Crop Production Week: Les Henry 64C

Mixer: Derek Wilfing 02C

Louie Bossaer 95C

Banquet: Sheglah Steckler 03C

Curling: Ewald Lammerding 88S

Hockey: Gerritt Baan
Agricultural Student's Association: Kara Fowler
Members at Large: NW – Eric and Trish Johnson
NE – Larry White
SW – Irene Ahner
SE – Juanita Polegi 83C

Motion: Ewald Lammerding, that the 2009 executive be approved.
Seconded: Virginia Peters Carried.

Motion: Jack Braidek - Moves that the executive be empowered to approve any unfilled positions from the AGM
Seconded: Ken Turner Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Question from Jack Bradiack: How will SAGA mark the 100 years of the college and the 75th Anniversary of SAGA?

Suggestion from Lorne McConaghy of the offer to assist any of those Ag grads who may want to plan a social weekend in the summer to contact him at McConaghy Tours Ltd. 306 752-3820 as he can help in organizing a eventful weekend for example at Waskiesu.

Ken Turner proposed having a member from SIA be a member of the SAGA Executive as it may help encourage SIA members to belong to SAGA and encourage other SAGA members to become SIA members in their professional development.

10. RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association has had another successful year, and whereas the members of the Executive were responsible for the leadership in which resulted in this success be it resolved that the SAGA membership express sincere appreciation to the SAGA Executive for their hard work and leadership.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 8: 35 p.m. moved by Jim Bessel

Fred Fulton asked for a round of applause for the 2009 Executive.

Attachments: 74th Annual Meeting Agenda/Committee Reports Package

SAGA 74th Annual General Meeting

Saturday - January 10, 2009
7:00 p.m. at TCU Place
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Agenda

1. Call to order: Moment of Silence to remember those deceased SAGA members from 2008
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting: Teri Ife, S'97
4. Appointment of a resolutions committee: Les Henry C'64 & Glen Hass C'60
5. Treasurers report : Hugh Beckie, C'86
6. Committee reports:
 - a) ASA: Kara Fowler C'10
 - b) Membership: Chelsea Bulani C'05
 - c) Reunion: Carl Lynn, C'74
 - d) Mixer: Derek Wilfing C'02, Louis Bossaer C'95
 - e) Banquet: Lisa Horn, C'94 & Shelagh Steckler C'03
 - e) Curling: Virginia Peters S'79, Ewald Lammerding S'88
 - f) Hockey : Mark Kuchuran, C'99, & Gerrit Baan S'97
 - g) Newsletter: Bernie Sonntag C'62 & Ewald Lammerding S'88
 - h) Alumni Association: Bryan Harvey
 - i) SK Agriculture Hall of Fame: Bob McKercher C'54
 - j) Crop Production Week: Les Henry C'64
 - k) President: Jim Bessel S'88
7. Nominations: Honorary Life Members: Ken Sapsford C'79
Incoming Executive: Carl Lynn C'74
8. Other Business:
9. Resolutions:
10. Adjournment.

SAGA 73rd Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

7:00 p.m. January 5, 2008

TCU Place, Saskatoon

1. CALL TO ORDER by president Ken Sapsford with about 60 members in attendance.
A minute of silence observed to remember deceased SAGA members in 2007.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: David Hryhor-Jim Vancha, that the Agenda be approved as presented. Carried.
3. MINUTES OF 2007 AGM
These were summarized by acting secretary, Bob McKercher.
Motion: Jack Braidek-Fred Fulton, that the minutes be approved as circulated. Carried
4. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
President Sapsford appointed Virginia Peters and Chelsea Bulani to be the committee.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT
President Sapsford presented the report on behalf of Treasurer, Hugh Beckie, as per attachment.
Motion: Ian MacMillan-Glen Hass, that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Carried
6. (a) CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION
President Sapsford detailed the constitution changes recommended to the membership by the executive as per attachment.
Motion: Frank Dunlop-Lorence Peterson, that the membership approve the revised constitution. Carried

(b) AUDITOR FOR 2008
President Sapsford recommended that Lorence Peterson continue as auditor.
Motion: George Wilson-Carman Berg, that this appointment be approved. Carried
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2007
These reports are appended..
 - a) ASA Report by Stephanie Dreger
 - b) Membership Report by Kathy Vancha
Motion: Kathy Vancha-Chelsea Bulani, that the Life Membership fee be \$100.00. Glen Hass spoke in support of the motion suggesting it was required to maintain an acceptable financial position. Carried
 - c) Reunion Report by Jim Bessel
 - d) Banquet and Mixer Reports by Lisa Horn and Sandy Russell
 - e) Curling Report by Virginia Peters
 - f) Hockey Report – not available
 - g) Newsletter Report by Bernie Sonntag
 - h) University alumni Report by Fred Fulton
 - i) Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Report by Bob McKercher
Correction from the floor by Jack Braidek. A husband and wife have been previously inducted. Wallace Alexander Thomson and his wife, Euphemia Jane Thomson were inducted in ceremonies in 1978 and 1989 respectively.
 - j) Crop Production Week Report by Les Henry
 - k) President's Report by Ken Sapsford. Special mention was made of Glen Hass' contribution to the Diploma Review.

Motion: Bill Cooper-Al McDougald, that the committee reports be accepted with the corrections and additions as noted in the minutes. Carried.

8. NOMINATIONS

a) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS. Judy MacMillan proposed on behalf of the Executive that the nominations be approved for Alex Kennedy '82S and Les Henry '64C.

Motion: Judy MacMillan-Kathy Vancha, that the recommendation be approved. Carried.

b) EXECUTIVE FOR 2008

Jim Bessel made the following recommendations:

President: Jim Bessel 88S

Honorary President: Glen Hass 60C

Past-President: Ken Sapsford 79C

Vice-President: TBA

Secretary: Teri Ife 97S

College Development Officer: Michelle Gallucci

Treasurer: Hugh Beckie 86C

Registrar: Richard Bellamy 66S

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame: Bob McKercher 54C

University Alumni Association: Bryan Harvey 60C

Newsletter Editor: Bernie Sonntag 62C

Ewald Lammerding 88S

Membership: Chelsea Bulani 05C

Vern Racz 68C

Crop Production Week: Les Henry 64C

Mixer: David Hryor 72C

Derek Wilfing 02C

Louie Bossaer

Banquet: Lisa Horn 94C

Sheila Torrie 03C

Curling: Virginia Peters 79S

Mayson Maerz 83C

Hockey: Mark Kuchuran 99C

TBA

Agricultural Student's Association: Stephanie Dreger

Members at Large: NW – Eric and Trish Johnson

NE – Larry White

SW – Irene Ahner

SE – Juanita Polegi

Motion: Gordon Moore-Ewald Lammerding, that the 2008 executive be approved. Carried.

Motion: Jack Braidek-Ken Turner, that the executive be empowered to approve any unfilled positions from the AGM. Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS – none

10. RESOLUTIONS – none

11. ADJOURNMENT – moved by Judy MacMillan

Fred Fulton asked for a round of applause for the 2007 Executive.

Attachments: Committee Reports, Treasurer's Report and revised Constitution

Report to SAGA:
2007-2008 Financial Statement Highlights

Hugh Beckie P Ag, Treasurer
December 3, 2008

- Chequing account balance of October 31st was \$5,975.10 (vs. \$7,591.37 one year previous).
- Investments were down sharply from one year ago: \$29,512 vs \$40,505 due to the recent financial turmoil that began in October.
- Not including the negative impact of Investments on Revenue, total Revenues were \$32,230.10, total Expenses were \$33,852.07, for a deficit of \$1,621.97. The main reason for the deficit was \$2,420 spent on the new website for SAGA (50% of contract).
- Revenue from membership fees and donations were down \$1,620 from the previous year; however net revenue from Social Functions (Reunion Weekend) was up \$1,159 from the previous year.
- Expenses related to Newsletter publication were down \$1,476.86 from last year; however, about half of that difference was due to expenses charged to this current fiscal year. More members receiving the Newsletter by e-mail helped reduce publication costs.
- Going forward, the second installment of \$2,420 will be paid soon on the website contract. Therefore, finances will be tight. It is important that we realize a profit from the Reunion weekend to carry us forward without resorting to liquidating investment funds. We also expect financial benefits from the new website in terms of increased revenue and reduced expenditures, as outlined in the business plan presented to the Executive by the Website Committee.
- I acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits, and auditing the 2007-2008 books at no charge.

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2008

With Comparative Figures for 2006-2007

	<u>2007-2008</u> (Current Year)	<u>2006-2007</u> (Prior Year)
Revenue (Include revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1. Membership Fees	\$ 2490.00	\$ 1395.00
2. Grants (specify)		
3. Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Fundraising	<u>1510.00</u>	<u>4225.00</u>
Bingos	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Functions	<u>28230.10</u>	<u>19052.22</u>
Hockey 491.00		
Curling 1350.00		
Banquet 12535.00		
Mixer 13854.10		
5. Other receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>2559.75</u>
6. Interest	<u>(10986.96)</u>	<u>5396.02</u>
Bank 5.70		
Investment (10992.66)		
7. Total Revenue for the Year	<u>\$ 21243.14</u>	<u>\$ 32627.99</u>
Expenses (Include expenses for which payment has not yet been made)		
8. Personnel costs (salaries, etc.)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
9. Taxes and Licenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
10. Lease or Rental Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
11. Utilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
12. Insurance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
13. Repairs and Maintenance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
14. Office Supplies & Postage	<u>77.36</u>	<u>0</u>
15. Bank charges	<u>0</u>	<u>64.74</u>
16. Communication to members	<u>9423.03</u>	<u>8479.89</u>
Newsletter (publication & mailing) 7003.03		
Website 2420.00		
17. Social Functions	<u>22752.10</u>	<u>14733.05</u>
Hockey 71.84		
Curling 865.00		
Banquet 11216.13		
Mixer 10599.13		
18. Misc.	<u>1599.58</u>	<u>1011.70</u>
ASA-'SK Challenge' 400.00		
SK Ag Hall Fame-'B. Copeland induction' 300.00		
SAGA Exe. portraits 528.00		
Crop Production Week Membership 250.00		
Other 121.58		
19. Total Expenses for the Year	<u>\$ 33852.07</u>	<u>\$ 24289.38</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year (Line 7 Subtract Line 18)	<u>\$ (12608.93)</u>	<u>\$ 8338.61</u>
Entity No. <u>205879</u>		

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Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at October 31, 2008

With Comparative Figures for 2006-2007

	<u>2007-2008</u> (Current Year)	<u>2006-2007</u> (Prior Year)
Assets		
1. Cash		
-cash on hand	\$ 0	
-cash in bank	5975.10	
-Less outstanding cheques	(0)	
Total Cash	\$ 5975.10	
2. Term Deposits	\$ 5975.10	\$ 7591.37
3. Receivables (specify)	0	0
None		
4. Other Current Assets (specify)		
Investments (Mutual Fund)	29512.00	40504.66
5. Fixed Assets		
-land	0	0
-buildings (cost less depreciation)	0	0
-equipment (cost less depreciation)	0	0
-other None		
6. Other Assets None		
7. Total Assets <u>Cash & Investments</u>	<u>\$ 35487.10</u>	<u>\$ 48096.03</u>
Liabilities		
8. Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0
9. Other Current Liabilities (specify)		
None		
10. Loans	0	0
11. Other Long-term Liabilities (specify)		
None		
Surplus (Deficit)		
12. Balance forward	\$ 48096.03	
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (12608.93)	
Balance end of Year	\$ 35487.10	
13. Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$ 35487.10</u>	<u>\$ 48096.03</u>

(Note: line 7 Must equal line 13)

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Hugh J. Beckie
Director

Hugh J. Beckie PAg

Jim Bessel
Director

Jim Bessel

Audited by: L. Peterson
Lorence I. Peterson PAg

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The ASA Report

September

The 2008-2009 term started with the usual Agro events. Our annual Big Buddy Little Buddy was held on the 11th. On the 12th was Ag Club Day, each representing club had great success with new and existing members. Fall mixer had a good turnout on the 18th. On the 19th we had our College splash (water balloon fight) with the Engineers; of course we won determined by the fact that we did have more water balloons left. The Agros travelled to Regina on the 19th to watch the Saskatchewan Roughriders play against BC Lions... Riders lost. The month ended with Budget pub on the 25th, Agros have proven to be very creative with their costumes.

October

October was our Drag month. 92.9 The Bull kicked it off with us as well as Hudson learning all about our University Farm. Drag was held on October 17th starring 'The Right Touch', 'Grambo Brothers' and 'Julian Austin', Marca College came in and gave haircuts; \$400 was raised and donated to Breast Cancer. The 18th was Drag Pub-crawl. During the drag month we stunted the Engineers lounge by assembling a 1960's New Holland bailer. The tank was stolen for drag kickoff but taken back by the Engineers through a courageous battle. Within two hours the tank was again back in the Agro hands. We worked with the Canadian Blood on the 29th and over 15 litres of blood was donated by the agros.

November

November 5th the Agros raised \$583 with the annual United Way Blitz. The College of Agriculture and Bio Resources held Bean Feed on the 7th.

December

December 1st was the A.S.A Christmas formal. On December 9th and 11th SAGA brought pizza to the lounge to fill the hungry and stressed students during their term one finals.

Upcoming events

Many agros will be assisting as card dealers at the SAGA Mixer this year. In February The Range Team will be going to Albuquerque New Mexico from February 8th -13th. In March The A.S.A will be hosting WAAC dates from March 11th -14th. The A.S.A and SAGA will be planning another date in the spring, where students can be informed about Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduate Association.

Kara Fowler
A.S.A Student Representative

SAGA Membership Committee Report - Chelsea Bulani

SAGA Membership started off the 2008 year with a student/grad beer night at Rodeo's on February 26. It was attended by 3 executive members and 2 Ag Grads. Though attendance was poor, Rodeo's was excellent to work with, and is willing to work with SAGA again in the future.

An Ag Grad group was set up on Facebook which has increased contact between current and prospective SAGA members. From this, discussion arose regarding creating a SAGA website. By making SAGA more easily available to current and potential members, we will have a better opportunity to increase membership. As usual, SAGA included a membership letter in the convocation package sent out in May. Thanks goes to Jim Bessel for writing an excellent membership letter.

The fall of 2008 proved to be difficult to set up student/SAGA activities. I maintained contact with the ASA President and Executive to determine an appropriate date for an activity, unfortunately with the hectic schedule of the students and SAGA Executive it was difficult to do. A pizza meet and greet was set up with the ASA on December 9th & 11th. Both days were well attended by both SAGA executive and ASA members. This gave the students a chance to meet SAGA executive and members and learn more about SAGA. It also provided an opportunity to sign students up to help work the casino night at the SAGA Mixer.

Events currently being planned include another beer night and pizza meet and greet for the students for the winter term. New graduates are the primary focus as they are the best candidates for immediate new membership.

The membership committee will continue to work with the ASA to develop a strong relationship which will help encourage SAGA membership upon graduation.

Reunion Chairman Annual Report

The reunion year contacts for the 2009 reunion weekend have all been working hard. An excellent job was done by all. A very good turnout is expected by a number of the upper reunion years however the 5 and 10 yr reunion chairs have had some difficulty getting the grads enthused about coming back to a reunion.

I would especially like to welcome the 7 degree (14 at banquet) and 12 diploma grads (24 banquet) from the class of 1949 that are planning to attend the reunion this year.

Thanks to all the contacts who worked on this years reunion activities and thanks to all of Executive of SAGA for their collective efforts.

Overall, 298 banquet tickets have been spoken for the 2009 reunion years of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, and 2004.

The mixer appears to have substantial higher numbers planning to Agro the evening away.

Submitted by Carl Lynn (74C)

Mixer Committee Report

The 2008 SAGA Mixer was located for the first time last year at TCU Place on January 5, 2008. There was a significant increase in attendance of ~ 350 people from the previous year's attendance of 174 people. Last year's mixer changed substantially from the previous with door workers, bar ticket sales, and a casino night. With all the new activities the 2008 mixer reported a profit of 2660.12.

The 2009 Mixer committee decided to follow the success of the 2008 Mixer. The permit bar will open at 8:00 pm and close at 12:30 pm. All Ag Grads must have a current SAGA Membership to attend the Mixer. Students may attend free with a valid student card. The registration fee to attend the mixer is \$10.

A Casino will run from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm where a draw box – ticket system will be set up for numerous donated prizes. Every person through the door will receive \$2000 casino play money which they can turn into tickets (\$1000 = 1 ticket) prior to 11:00 pm and enter for prizes. Additional casino money maybe purchased for \$10 CND = \$11000 play money or \$1 CND = \$1000 play money. The draw boxes will close at 11:00 pm where the prizes will be drawn for immediately after closing.

Hope to see you all at the mixer.

Derek Wilfing, Louis Bossaer, and David Hryhor

S.A.G.A. Banquet Report – 2008

In 2008, the events of the SAGA Reunion weekend moved ahead of Crop Production Week and to a new facility, TCU Place. The SAGA Executive worked through many changes in 2008, and overall we are pleased with the results. The 2008 S.A.G.A. Banquet had approximately 367 grads and guests in attendance. Estimating the attendance with all of the changes was difficult and we chose to be optimistic to ensure tickets would not sell out. As a result, we did book more numbers than attended. Negotiations with TCU Place reduced our loss on the banquet. The cost of the banquet was \$12,656.2 and the ticket revenue was \$12,545.00. The net loss was (\$387.64). The key to success of the banquet is firm numbers from the reunion year groups. Thanks to Jim for his hard work in collecting these numbers.

Suggestions offered for the 2009 banquet included:

- Ensure someone is planning to deliver grace
- Shorten the program
- Spend more time explaining what the Honorary Life Member Award is. The recipient should come up to the stage with the presenter
- Briefly announce winning teams from curling and hockey

2008 Curling Report

The 2008 SAGA bonspiel was held at the Granite curling rink. There were 8 teams in the Hutcheon event and 6 teams in the regular event. The Hutcheon event was divided into 2 pools. Each team played 2 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. Points per game were used and the top team from the 2 pools played the final Sunday afternoon. The regular event only had 6 teams which made it difficult to put together a draw, so each team played a random 3 games again using the points per game system. On Sunday afternoon the top 2 teams played off for the A final, the next highest points played the B final and the 2 teams with the least points played the C final.

We received 3 life memberships and 4 annual memberships.

Financially there was a profit. The fees were \$100.00/team and \$10.00/student.

Income

14 teams \$1325.00

Income \$1325.00

Expenses

Ice Rental \$ 840.00

Engraving (pins & trophies) \$ 71.84

Refund (Lorence Peterson) \$ 25.00

\$ 936.84 Expenses \$ 936.84

Profit

\$ 388.16

Prizes were drawn for, each player received one of the prizes. They were donated by Biggar & District Credit Union, Rack Petroleum (Dennis Bulani, Biggar), Biggar Transport, Royal Bank (Biggar), Feudal Co-op (Perdue), Cam-Don Motors (Scott Weir, Perdue), Moody's Farm Equipment, Monsanto and Broncos.

Winners:

Hutcheon

Phil England C67
John Hemstad C63
Doug England C63
Peter Kirychuk C62

A Event

Bryan Nybo '86
Tyler Friesen '96
Kim Busch '83
Chris Baan '00

B Event

Tiffany Peters S08
Leo Perlinger C09
Andrew Zimmer
Virginia Peters S79

C Event

Tim Wiens '88
Ewald Lammerding S88
Ed Podhorodeski S88
Jordan Wiens 2025

I think everyone had a good time and we hope to see everyone back next year. We will probably be back at the Granite next year as they treated us very well.

Virginia Peters

Hockey Report

In 2008, there were a total of 8 teams competing for the two SAGA Hockey Tournament trophies, A and B sides during the January 5th and 6th event.

The site for the 2008 tournament was different than in 2007, which took place in Waldheim, SK. The Waldheim rink was booked so the tournament was moved to the Aberdeen Recreational complex in Aberdeen, SK. The rink was excellent and 8 teams played a total of 3 games each over the SAGA weekend with 9 games being played on Saturday and 3 finals on Sunday.

Each team was contacted by phone or e-mail as to when their first game was to be played.

The winners of the tournament in 2008 were as follows:

The A side winner was Jeremy's Farm Team which was made up of players such as Jeremy German, 01C, McMartin, 96C along with others from different University of Saskatchewan colleges. The B side winner was the Dino's Oilers team (Different than the Oilers team that won the A side in 2006 and 2007). They won a hard fought battle against the Hornets. The C side winner was the Oilers, who beat the St. Louis Greens, who were a mix of 73C to 10C.

The rink fees were \$125/hour for 14.5 hours which came to \$1812.50 plus taxes and referee fees. Overall we ended up with a revenue of \$491.00 from the tournament in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted
Steve Cuddington, 2007 & 08 Hockey coordinator
Mark Kuchuran 2008 Hockey coordinator

SAGA Newsletter

Highlights:

- Three 16-page editions published in 2008 – March, September and December.
- Co-editor, Ewald Lammerding 88S , added to the work force.
- The newsletter remains a major cost factor in operating SAGA (See Treasurer's report for details.) Newsletter costs are, however, trending downward as more members receive the newsletter via email, thereby reducing printing and mailing costs.
- Input by the ASA into newsletter content is excellent.
- Member submissions for inclusion in the newsletter 'newsy' sections, **Thundering Herd** and **Pooped Deck**, seem to be declining over time. The **Empty Saddles** section is often longer.
- SAGA experienced some newsletter distribution difficulties in 2008 as the email and regular mail address lists were reconciled and updated. There appear to have been no significant problems with distribution of the December issue due to the good efforts of Mayson Maerz 83C
- The SAGA Newsletter can also be read on the SAGA Website at www.saskagrads.com Which is up and running thanks to Lisa Horn and Chelsea Bulani. Assistance from Mayson Maerz.
- Members are strongly urged to contribute information about their activities and others where it concerns agriculture.
- Comments on newsletter content are invited from SAGA members – the positive comments might be included in the next edition.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bernie Sonntag
Ewald Lammerding

January 7, 2009

Alumni Report

The U of S Alumni Association represents over 125,000 alumni world wide and agriculture graduates have always played a significant role in that organization. We currently have two members on the Alumni Association Board, Fred Fulton is Past President and I am Vice- President. The mission of the Association is to encourage and foster lifelong involvement of alumni in the life of the university. It is committed to adding value to the lives of all alumni by engaging the community of graduates and celebrating their success throughout the world.

One of the ways of that the Alumni Association celebrates successes is by recognizing alumni achievements annually through six awards: outstanding young alumni, humanitarian, service, mentorship, excellence in aboriginal initiatives and the highest award the Alumni Achievement Award. Gordon Wilson has received 3 of these awards which I think is a record and I was fortunate enough to receive one a couple of years ago but there is room for many more of our graduates and thus I would charge you with looking around and nominating qualified candidates. The deadline for submissions is in early April. The awards are presented at a gala 'Honoring our Alumni' in the Fall of each year. Visit the Alumni website for details.

Upcoming events that I draw to your attention include: the Annual General Meeting on June 4th, the Honor Years Reunion Program (40, 45, 50, 55, and 60+ years since graduation) June 19-20th, Homecoming Weekend September exact date to be decided (depends on the Huskies Football schedule) and the Honoring our Alumni Gala in October. The Alumni Association values its relationship with the college based alumni associations such as SAGA and looks forward to a continued strong and cooperative relationship in the future. It has been a pleasure to represent you on the Alumni Board.

Bryan Harvey

SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME 2008 REPORT R. B. McKERCHER

The 2008 year was very good for the SAHF. Five people were inducted (Bill Copeland, Clayton Hobman, Elmer Laird, Otto Radostits, and Brad Wildeman) at the August ceremony. The 2009 inductees will be John Buchan, Sinclair Harrison, Robert Zentner, Audrey Horkoff, and RHD (Bob) Phillips. Four of the 2008 and 2009 inductees are Ag Grads; Bill Copeland 60, John Buchan 66, Sinclair Harrison 77, and Bob Zentner 78.

The SAHF welcomes nominations for recognition and particulars can be obtained from the website sahf.ca

A Forward Planning Committee was struck in 2008 and I am a member of that committee along with chairman Jack Hay, Liz Delahey, Tom Waiser of the WDM, and Murray Purcell. The present space in the WDM will be filled in about seven years at the present average rate of inductions and the current practice of displays. The Planning Committee is to develop recommendations respecting the future of the SAHF. We are mainly looking at the location and alternative means of presentation of inductees within the Hall.

The 2009 inductions will be on Sunday, August 2, at the WDM. The 2008 ceremonies and the pre-induction banquet were each marked by the highest attendances in recent years. We hope this trend continues.

Crop Production Week - 2008 Report by Les Henry 64'C

In addition to our January 5-6 Sask. Ag Grads Association Weekend **Crop Week 2008** was held January 7-11,2008 and included meetings of :

- * Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
- * Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission
- * Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- * Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission
- * Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association
- * Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission
- * Canaryseed Development Commission of
- * Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission
- * Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association
- * Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association
- * Canadian Wheat Board Day
- * Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association

The Special Session was held Wednesday, January 9 and dealt with Transportation Challenges and Solutions.

Crop week continues to enjoy synergy with the associated Crop Production Show and is considered the premier crop show in the west.

2009 AGM President's Report

SAGA has a number of outstanding executive members; I want to thank all of them for their time and dedication to enhance our special organization. This team of individuals is truly committed to the 74 year legacy that has always been part of the College of Agriculture & Bioresources.

SAGA Executive has been on a mission of change for the past two years. This past year has been very exciting and encouraging. Exciting because of the change of venue to TCU place and moving the Reunion weekend to the front end of Crop Production Week. This action has resulted in enhanced interest from many new and long standing SAGA members. We are encouraged by the increased numbers of attendees at both the Mixer and Gala Banquet. This accomplishment speaks loudly to the continuing tradition and pride the College of Agriculture and Bioresources processes.

The initiation of our own SAGA web site is another exciting undertaking which was accomplished this past year. Many of the executive members were involved through a sub-committee and working on their own to ensure this task was completed, I wish to thank all that took part, especially those people that went the extra mile.

I was honored to be invited, bring greetings from SAGA, and take part in a number of activities hosted by the ASA this past year. We have a wonderful array of progressive grads coming into the agriculture industry and we can be very proud of them all.

Our newsletter continues to be the vital link to all SAGA members. As we progress with electronic technology, we are beginning to realize the cost benefit of less printing, mailing, etc.

As your President, one of the major activities that I took part in this past summer was being asked to participate on the 2008 Alumni Awards Selection Committee. A number of awards are given out by the U of S Alumni Assoc., in recognition of exceptional people and their accomplishments. The award list included:

- Alumni Award of Achievement
- Alumni Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award
- Alumni Humanitarian Award
- Alumni Mentorship Award
- Alumni Service Award
- Outstanding Young Alumni Award

After being involved on the Alumni Awards Committee, I am convinced that there are many Saskatchewan Agriculture Grads who would qualify for many of these awards. Therefore, if anyone is aware of someone who should be recognized by the U of S Alumni Association, please contact their office at (1-800-699-1907) and ask for the selection criteria.

I want to welcome Mark Wartman, the new College Development Officer to our Executive. We wish to thank him for his support of SAGA events, and keeping us updated regarding college activities.

As your President, I would encourage SAGA members to join me in welcoming our new Dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, Dr. Mary Buhr. Please take the opportunity to introduce your self and share with her our unique Saskatchewan hospitality.

Again, thank you to the entire executive, their continuous commitment and hard work maintain our PROUD tradition.

Jim Bessel 88S
SAGA President

SAGA 74th Annual General Meeting

Saturday - January 10, 2009

7:00 p.m. at TCU Place

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

SAGA MEMBERS ATTENDING

FIRST & LAST NAME	ADDRESS	GRADUATE YEAR
Bob McKeercher	25 Yale Cres	54 BSA
Ken TURINEN	1507-Adelaide St	69 BSA
GLEN HASS	1099 EAST CENTRE	60 BSA
Les Henry	143 Tulkefres	64 C
George Wilson	134 Rosedale Road	63 C
Lawrence Peterson	547 Blackthorn Cr	65 C
ALLAN McDOUGALD	234 BLACKSHIRE Pl	65 C
Jacki Braidek	257-253 Pinelouse Dr	C 1951
Bemie Goulet	318 Collins Cres	62 C
Fred Sutton	508 Lake Cres	50 C
Bryan Harvey	326 Guild Pl. Sta	60 C
Carl Lynn	1402 Main St. S'toon	74 C
Don De J	411 ADASKIN COVE SASKATOON	597
Kara Fowler	90 Gray Ave	10 C
HA Beck	318 Emmeline Rd S'toon	86 C
Bill Heenan	Box 28 R.R. 2 R.E.D.M.	49 S
Don De J Derek Clithy	1014 Beechmont Terr S'toon, SK S7J1E1	02 C
GRANT McGRAY	Box 26 Arkham, SK.	69 S
Mama Sander	Box 445 Craik SK	79 S
Vyoma Peters	Box 322 Perdue, SK	79 S
Linda Thessan	Box 644, Scept. Cement	79 S
Lloyd Thessan	Box 644 " " SK	78 S
Bill Cooper	2915 IRVING AVE STON S7J2A9	51 S
LORNE McConaghy	Box 53 - Beatty SK.	66 S

