SAGA 79th Annual General Meeting Minutes 8:30 PM, January 11, 2014 TCU Place

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Present: Grant Wood, Vern Racz, Dennis Ewanus, Chris Unsworth, Irene Ahner, Bob Dodds, Bryan Harvey, Bob McKercher, Alan McDougald, Blair Cummins, Dan Acton, Carmen Berg, Keith Head, Glen Hass, Don Mitchell, Ewald Lammerding, Lorence Peterson, Ken Turner, Rick Bellamy, John Spencer

1. **Call to Order: 8:30 PM** – by G. Wood

2. Agenda:

Motion by: B. Harvey – To Have the Agenda approved as presented Seconded by: B. Dodds Carried: All

3. Minutes of the 2013 78th Annual General Meeting

Motion by: B. Larson – To Have the Minutes approved as presented. Seconded by: Keith Head Carried: All

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

The financial report was presented by D. Ewanus (attached to these minutes). Points discussed were:

- We need to aim for more email addresses for members to reduce the cost of distribution the newsletter
- The cost of an annual membership remains at \$10, with the lifetime membership being \$100.
- Wood mentioned that the last issue of the newsletter had more email copies sent than by surface mail
- Larson mentioned we can also reach out to more members by email than by surface mail due to cost
- The service of Lorence Peterson as our auditor was recognized. Lorence appears willing to continue to serve as the auditor, but he should be formally asked.

Motion by: B. McKercher – To have the Treasurer's report approved as presented **Seconded by:** B. Larson **Carried:** All

Motion by: B. Harvey – Lorence Peterson will be asked to serve as SAGA auditor

Seconded by: V. Racz Carried: All

5. Reports

Copies of the formal reports were distributed.

a) ASA - W. Cyca

Whitney Cyca was not able to attend the meeting but her report was distributed. The College is much more active in all areas than previously. There are now four degrees available from the College. There are sub-groups of students inside the College in addition to the ASA. We need to reach out to these groups as well. The question was raised as to whether or not we should set up a committee to handle this outreach. Grant Wood mentioned that the executive has already taken this step. The committee will pull in these students to discuss interactions with SAGA. Member volunteers are also welcome to work with the committee. Vern Racz also mentioned he has been sending packages to the students as they graduate so they can meet with the groups. Bryan Harvey asked what does our constitution say about reaching out to these groups. Racz mentioned that we are within the constitutional guidelines since all four of the degrees come from the College.

b) Membership - V. Racz C'68

Chris Unsworth offered to help with this part of the SAGA mandate. It was commented that SAGA needs more promotion. Irene Ahner mentioned that she has a photo album of some SAGA events with photos of some Honourary Life Members. The photos were printed in the Western Producer. Since that publication covers a lot of territory, we should get a press release out to them with photos from our current event. Blair Cummins mentioned that we have a contact at the Western Producer that could be approached.

c) Curling – B. Cummins

Enrolment in the curling event was down to 32 this year. We need to discover how to increase participation at this event. Alan McDougald commented that this is a great atmosphere to mix and mingle. The students who attended seemed to enjoy the experience. Grant Wood commented that this event goes back to our roots as an organization. Do we change this as our demographics shift? Blair Cummins suggested that the clinic that was held the day before the event could be shifted to an hour before the spiel starts – this might help. It was also important to note that the event is now an ASA event with SAGA support, since we must abide by the University of Saskatchewan's facilities usage policy.

d) Hockey - L. Ringdal

Lucas Ringdal was not able to be at the meeting. His report was distributed. Arrangements for this year's event were changed. It was much more economical to hold the event at Waldheim. This site is recommended for future usage.

e) Newsletter - Ewald Lammerding

The size of the newsletter has had to grow due to the number of obituaries that have been included in the newsletter. We need information submitted to make the newsletter more interesting to members. We are now moving to more emails than surface mail addresses, which reduces our costs significantly. There will always be a hard copy available to those who want this format. We have streamlined the product – Trina Mortson has been a great supporter for this project and has provided great help. A comment was made that we should ask for class coordinators for a report on this year's activities.

f) Alumni - B. Harvey

Bryan Harvey recommended that nominations to serve on the University Alumni Board should be sent in early. It is not necessary to live in Saskatoon to serve on the Board.

g) Hall of Fame - B. McKercher

Bob McKercher mentioned that he cannot announce all the appointees to the Hall of Fame, as only three are public at this time. The balance of the names will be announced after January 14, 2014. There is a new vice chair for the Hall of Fame's Board.

h) Crop Production Week - K. Head

Keith Head drew attention to the change of location for the meetings of several groups holding annual and general meetings at the Crop Production Week event. This is under the banner of Crop Sphere.

i) President's Report - G. Wood

Pres. Wood gave credit to the service of the executive. He said they are easy to work with. He invited others to join the executive as openings come open.

j) Past President's Report - J. Turner

Jill Turner was not able to attend due to illness. Her report was distributed.

6. New Business

• Ken Turner raised the issue of the cost of the dinner at the AGM. He felt the cost was too high. He said there had to be a way to make the event cheaper. Barb Larson asked how this was possible. She reminded members that the ticket included the cost of the banquet and the midnight lunch during the mixer. Ken Turner asked if we had to come to this location. Barb Larson responded that we did not but we have chosen to come to this location because of its proximity to the hotels usually booked by reunion attendees. She also mentioned that part of the cost of the tickets is the surcharges (17% gratuity and 10% tax). Fortunately, there was no room cost, since the number of attendees passed the trigger number. She also mentioned that in the past some money has been lost. Another member commented that the cost of tickets also reflects the inflation in costs over the years. Need to better advertise what is included in the cost of the ticket for next year.

Motion by: B. Harvey – That the Reports be approved as presented or distributed Seconded by: Carmen Berg Carried: All

7. Additional Discussion and Business

- It was mentioned that a Vice-President is needed immediately. Bryan Harvey also mentioned that he is standing down as the Alumni Representative on the SAGA Executive. He said the position was set up when the Alumni Board had a representative from each College on Campus. He suggested Jill Turner as a replacement.
- Grant Wood surrendered the presidency to Blair Cummins.
- Bob McKercher mentioned that Terry Tollefson is coming back from his health challenges. Ewald Lammerding recommended that a gift should be sent by SAGA expressing our best wishes. The amount of the gift's cost will be left to the Executive.

Motion by: K. Turner – That a gift should be sent to Terry Tollefson on behalf of SAGA, the cost of the gift to be at the discretion of the Executive.

Seconded by: B. Larson Carried: All

8. Adjournment:

Motion by: B. Larson – To Move the meeting for adjournment

Seconded by: All Carried: All

Adjourned: Approximately 9:00 PM

January 11, 2014

SAGA 79th AGM

Financial and Committee Reports

John A.G. Spencer PAg C'73 Secretary

a) ASA - W. Cyca

The Agricultural Students' Association has put on numerous events and activities thus far in the year, which have kept students busy! The annual Ag Bag Drag *GOOSE* was held in November, along with numerous events to get everyone excited for the event. On the last day of classes there was a Winter Formal event, which took place at Beily's giving the students on last hurrah before exams and the new year! The New Year was kicked off with the ASA and SAGA Rock N' Rye curling event, which was a blast! There was lots of fun had on and off the ice, by alumni and students from the college. The SAGA hockey tournament also taking place this weekend, has alumni teams and teams from students in the college, which is bound to be a success as well! The AgBio Challenge is taking place on January 21, this is a challenge where teams of students can pitch ideas that they have about something that would be beneficial to the agricultural industry and have the chance to win money for the best ideas. The annual blood drive challenge between the Engineers and the Agros will take place in February and March. The first week of March is also the bi-annual Telemiracle Bed-Push, where we Agros will be pushing a bed all the way to Regina to raise money for Telemiracle! So feel free to come help us on our long journey there, by donating money or coming to run with us!!

b) Membership - V. Racz C'68

The principal 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 in Late September 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 supported by industry and SAGA and SIA executive members to make this activity a success. In discussion SAGA executive has suggested that we revisit this approach as to whether it be supported and or how could it be improved. The questions being asked is can we reach graduates by other means and how do we reach out to those that graduated in the last 15 years to stay in touch and become members?

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. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

- c) Reunion No report included.
- d) Banquet B. Larson C'77 No report included. 327 persons are expected at the January 2014 reunion banquet.

e) Curling - E. Lammerding S'88

All 40 curlers told us they did have fun with the new format, but it could probably use some tweaking. For the most part things went smoothly. And we had a great student turnout, hence much mixing and camaraderie was had by all. The same could not be said about the ice at Rutherford Rink. Being a 40 yr. vet playing against a rookie meant nothing at all, sweeping rarely accomplished a thing, weight only referred to how much a rock weighs as the ice was different every foot of its width. "Up and Chuck" was about the only strategy that worked.

Blair Cummins had devised a mischievous scoring system, with points scored for each end by a variety of things such as, most rocks 'out' of play, or most rocks 'outside' the house, which screwed a certain team who had 7 'inside' the house. At the end of the evening Blair established that the student team of Tom Kelly, Spencer Staffen, Rodney Cowie, and Nathan Slobodian had won the event. Congratulations.

The next SAGA "Bonspiel" will be held on Friday Jan. 10th, 2014, again at Rutherford Rink. Coordinators will be Blair Cummins and Don Mitchell.

Because we did not receive the hoped for numbers of curlers we incurred a loss of \$363. With numbers up next year, we should break even.

EXPENSES	Liability Insurance of 2,000,000 - \$256						
	Ice Rental + Taxes	236.25					
	Louis' Pub Catering + Taxes	<u>716.40</u>					
		\$1208.65					
INCOME	40 Curlers @ \$15 each	\$ 600					
	4 Meals @ \$12 each	48					
	Donation from SIA	<u>200</u>					
		\$848					
		<u>\$-363</u>					

f) Hockey - L. Ringdal

The 2013 tournament had a few twists but overall was a success in the 2013 year. The tournament was held in Aberdeen at the Rec Complex (this was the 6th year the tournament was held there). The single day tournament had a target of six teams but was reduced to a five team tournament at the last minute.

Team Overview

There were five teams entered in the one day tournament at a cost of \$400/team. This consisted of four graduate teams and one undergrad team. The sixth team was slated to be another undergrad team. The week leading up to the tournament, our contact in the ASA informed us that he was having trouble getting concrete 'yes' from the students. This made it very difficult to say for sure if they would be able to put in two teams of 6 or 7 skaters, or just go with one team. It was decided to have one team as people were continuing to back out. As it turned out; about 22 undergrads showed up to play. Other teams were short a few guys so some undergrad players were traded over to other teams for the day. This year we had the external rep, Mitch Bond, organizing both teams. He did a great job and stayed in constant communication, but spreading out the responsibility would have helped a lot. The key for next year will be to have captains for each undergrad team and put all the responsibility to make it their own team. Once this is established, preferably by mid-November before exams start, this should help to minimize the uncertainty of what players are on each team and who will be showing up.

Overview

The tournament was changed to a 5 team tournament a couple days before it started. This consisted of a 5 game draw where rankings were determined. From here the bottom two teams played off for the consolation trophy. The 2nd and 3nd were to play off to see who plays the 1st place team for the A final. The two teams set to play off ended up being short of guys on each side so decided just to combine a team to take on the 1st place team in the A final. This was ok with everyone involved so the A-side championship was played early. The tournament ran on time and finished early, around 5pm, this year due to one game being cut out.

The Winners

A-side: Dirty Sticks (Schmidt Sticks + Dirty Danglers) Consolation: Thirsty Third Years (Undergrad Team)

The Facility

The Aberdeen Rec Complex is a great place for an all-day tournament like this one. The kitchen is great and kept the food coming and the bar kept everyone watered. Donald Crowe is the new manager there and was great to work with. We have not yet booked up the rink for next year because it may be worth-while to shop around due to price. If nothing else this can be used to help with price negotiations at Aberdeen. The rink should be booked by the end of February at the latest if desired to go there next year.

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. We ended up getting two lifetime memberships and 8 annual memberships with a total of \$280.00.

Financials

SAGA Hockey Tournament Financials

Hockey		<u>Memberships</u>		
Expense				
Ice Rental	\$ 1,637.00	Lifetime Membership	2	\$ 200.00
Referee cost	\$ 220.00	Annual Membership	8	\$ 80.00
Engraving		Revenue		\$ 280.00
Total	\$ 1,857.00			
Income				
Team Fees	\$ 2,000.00			
50/50	\$ 100.00			
Total	\$ 2,100.00			
Revenue	\$ 243.00			

Financial Notes

The total revenue does not include the cost of engraving [as this was not done at the time the report was prepared]. From what I've been told this should be around \$50 for the two trophies. We decided to have a 50/50 as we felt we would not have had enough money due to one team dropping out. The refs worked out great. The plan was to have the teams provide refs for the games in order to cut costs. Wayne Wutzke gave us a hot deal and offered to do every game for \$20/game with the finals having two refs at \$40/game. Total of \$220 for the day was very reasonable and offered to do it again next year.

- g) Newsletter E. Lammerding S'88 No report included.
- h) Alumni B. Harvey C'60 No report included.

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

The Board of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame met three times in 2013. The March meeting is the combined AGM and a regular Board meeting at which major policy decisions are made. This is the time the Executive for the year is named, constitution changes are considered, and policies regarding operating procedures and fiscal matters are considered and approved. The July/August meeting is mainly concerned with the awards function and its procedures. In October, the major business is nomination approval. Any matters may be brought before any Board meeting and approved providing it does not have to be approved (need only be reported) to the AGM. For instance, a sub-committee of the Board has under discussion whether to condense the banquet, tea, and induction into a one-day event.

Six people were successfully nominated to the Hall of Fame in October 2013 for induction in August 2014. At the time of this report, three were announced at Agribition and three more will be announced at Cropsphere this week on the 14th.

Those inducted on August 4, 2013, were Lorne Babiuk for his work with VIDO, Zenneth Faye a pioneer in the canola industry developments, Gordon Rowland a renowned flax breeder from the Crop Development Centre, and Sara Williams a gardening book author and extension horticulturalist. Babiuk and Williams are Ag Grads.

A new vice-chair of the SAHF Board, Richard (Porky) Porter replaces Murray Purcell on the executive. Several other new board members have been named by the member organizations over the past year.

A reminder, nominations for consideration at the October meeting must be on hand by September 1st, 2014.

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

The 2013 Crop Production Week was held from January 5 to 12.

In 2013 Agriculture-Applied Research Management (Agri-Arm) joined Crop Week. The Agri-Arm meetings were held on Friday, January 11.

The member groups participating in Crop Week 2013 included:

Agriculture-Applied Research Management (Agri-Arm)
Canadian Wheat Board
Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association
SaskCanola
Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association
Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission
Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission
Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission

Many of the presentations have been posted on the Crop Production Week website:

http://www.cropweek.com/archive-presentations/2013-presentations/

The Special Session topic on Wednesday evening was "Farmland Prices: Can we afford the land we farm?". Presenters were J.P. Gervais, Senior Agriculture Economist, Farm Credit Canada, and Earl Smith, Vice President, groPartners Farm and Land Management.

The Crop Production Show (Prairie Land Park) was also a great success in 2013. It attracted a record attendance of 20,072.

Changes for Crop Production Week 2014

Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association

During 2013 changes were made to the format and venues for Crop Production Week 2014. Sask Pulse Growers, SaskCanola, Sask Flax, Sask Oat, and the new Sask Barley and Sask Wheat Development Commissions will hold their meetings at TCU Place under the banner CropSphere. All the other groups will be at the Saskatoon Inn.

The Crop Production Week Special Session will remain at the Saskatoon Inn but has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday evening.

k) President's Report - G. Wood C'79

The year as President of SAGA has come and gone. A lot of time and energy went into the position, but it was fun, thanks to an amazing executive who did all the work. Past leadership from Terry Tollefson and Jill Turner was

extremely helpful and very much appreciated. A huge Thank You to all the executive for your time and effort in making this organization a success and for making my role as President a LOT easier.

SAGA continues to be involved in a variety of events which help us to meet our mandate. We again partnered with SIA, in coordinating the Interview and Resume Writing workshop which is targeted to existing agriculture students. Attendance this year was lower than in its initial year of offering but those who did participate were rewarded with a great deal of knowledge and experience. Although valuable, the executive has decided they will not continue to cosponsor this event but will look at other venues and opportunities to connect with current agriculture students.

In addition to planning the reunion weekend our main discussions revolved around the role of SAGA and how to be relevant to all, but especially recent agriculture graduates. Our mandate, as seen on our website (http://www.saskaggrads.com/index.php?page=our-members) is basically to connect ag grads with each other so as to expand our employment and social networks, plus to keep all ag grads connected to the college and the university. Increasingly this becomes a challenge as we live in a changing world.

The college has changed a great deal over the past few decades, and this is paralleled by the change in the students and their environment. Back in the 'old days' we were all Agros / Voc-Ags, we hung out in the Agro / Voc-Ag lounge and we all ended up with a BSA or Diploma in Ag. Today the college offers two diplomas and four degrees. There is still one lounge however there is a tendency for students to cluster in their areas of specialization. Students tend to refer to themselves by their area of study rather than collectively being an agro. The ASA (Agriculture Students Association) still represents all Agros, however numerous other organizations have formed which are area specific. Connecting to these groups will be a wise strategic move for SAGA.

For many of us who graduated in the 70's or earlier, the reunion is a chance to connect with fellow grads. It is our chance to once a year see and talk to our fellow classmates, especially if our class is one of the honour years being celebrated. Those who graduated say ten years ago, connect with their fellow grads on a regular basis, via Facebook, texting and other social media. These recent grads do not need a reunion gathering to stay connected. The reunion weekend serves a purpose and is a very effective tool for bringing Ag grads together, but we continue to explore other options. One option might be to sponsor a pizza and pop event during Agribition and Farm Progress Show. This would be an easy way to bring Ag grads together for an informal gathering and a chance to mingle. Smaller gatherings at other events where Ag grads congregate are also being considered.

A committee has been struck which will be meeting in early 2014, and will involve graduates whom we are targeting, to further this discussion. However, your input is greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you have suggestions on how SAGA can more effectively fulfill our mandate, please contact myself (grant.wood@usask.ca) or Blair Cummins (bmv@sasktel.net).

I very much enjoyed my term as President of SAGA and I look forward to staying involved with the organization as we evolve. I encourage everyone to get involved in SAGA and join the executive. It is a very rewarding experience. I am an Agro and Proud of it.

1) Past President's Report - J. Turner

The Past President is responsible for chairing the Honorary Life Member selection committee. The committee for the 2014 committee was comprised of Bob McKercher and Allan McDougald. Based on a list of names compiled from previous years, the committee selected two candidates to present for approval to the SAGA executive. These two individuals were Bernie Sonntag C'52 and Marcel Dubois S'61, C'65. The executive approved the nomination of these two most deserving individuals. The Honorary Life memberships were awarded at the 2014 SAGA Reunion banquet. I wish to thank Allan and Bob for volunteering their time to serve on the 2014 committee. I have been fortunate to work with a very dedicated SAGA executive for the past 3 years. I marvel at their commitment to keeping SAGA the biggest and best alumni association at the University of Saskatchewan.

m) Financial Report - D. Ewanus C'70 7

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Report to SAGA:

2012-2013 Financial Statement Highlights

Dennis Ewanus, Grad 1970, Treasurer

January 11, 2014

Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2013 was \$3535.78 vs \$4320.95 in Oct. 31, 2012

Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2013 was \$35,734.49 vs \$31,159.70 in Oct. 31, 2012

Total Revenues for 2013 were \$23,231.54 Total Expenses were \$24,016.71 for a loss of \$785.17.

Total Revenues for 2012 were \$26,072.54 Total Expenses were \$24,638.91 for a surplus of \$1433.63.

The Reunion Weekend 2013 had a surplus of \$2785.76 vs \$8229.49 in 2012

We contributed \$200 to ASA Activities (Bed Push for Telemiracle)

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Expenses related to the Newsletters totalled \$3,438.18 and Website expenses were \$420.00.

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