

SAGA 80th Annual General Meeting
January 10, 2015
TCU Place, Saskatoon

1. President Cummins called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. with 25 members in attendance.
2. **Agenda**
Bob Dodds – Vernon Racz: that the Agenda be approved with the addition of Election of Officers to Item 6, New Business, and of three items under 7, Additional Discussion and Business.
CARRIED
3. **Minutes of 79th AGM**
Glenn Hass – Bryan Harvey: Approve with the addition of motion of approval of the 2014 executive. CARRIED
4. **Treasurer's Report**
See attached
Dennis Ewanus – Ewald Lammerding: that the report be approved. CARRIED

Dennis Ewanus – Carmen Berg: that Lorence Peterson be auditor for 2015. CARRIED
5. **Reports**
 - a) **Membership – Vernon Racz**
2014 was a year of change with the hosting of an Ag Grad event at Farm Progress Show and Agribition along with the use of Facebook and Twitter to reach out to our members. Memberships have increased to just over 2050 members reversing the trend of recent years. Blair and Chris led these initiatives and should be thanked for their commitment to make these new aspects successful. Tanya Napper from the College Development office has continued where Trina has left off, maintaining our lists and justifying these with those of the Alumni office. We look forward to Tanya's extremely capable assistance in the coming year. One issue that remains a problem area is that of the website. We are struggling as to the format and what we will expect it to do. Cost to provide transforming the format is an issue and will limit what we can do. We need a functional website that can provide in depth up to date information and contact to members beyond what Facebook and Twitter can do. This challenge will be a priority and may mean reaching out to members for a resolution to the problem.
Vernon Racz – Allan McDougald: that the report be approved. CARRIED
 - b) **Curling – Ewald Lammerding**
Reported verbally. Curling unsuccessful as turnout very poor. Must be discussed in executive respecting future of this event.
Ewald Lammerding – Frank Dunlop: that the report be approved. CARRIED
 - c) **Hockey – Blair Cummins**
Reported verbally. Hockey remains financially viable.
Blair Cummins – George Wilson: that the report be approved. CARRIED
 - d) **Newsletter – Ewald Lammerding**
Reported verbally. Cost of both postage and preparation for mailing are increasing. The biggest issue is need for more e-mail addresses and for submission of news items. The Association is moving towards a mailing list controlled by SAGA. Suggestions from the floor suggested that those who are mailed hard copies should be surcharged.
Ewald Lammerding – Vernon Racz: that the report be approved. CARRIED

e) Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame – R.B. McKercher

The Board of the SAHF met three times in 2014, in March, July and October. There was also a work bee to collate the commemorative inductees' book in July in readiness for the annual induction ceremony.

Six people were inducted into the SAHF on August 2, 2014 including three Ag Grads. The inductees were: Elvin Haupstein '58C (posthumously), Gary Jones, Alex Kennedy '82S, Guy Lafond Ph.D. '83 (posthumously), Dale Montgomery, and David Sefton.

There will be five inductees in 2015. Two of the five are Ag Grads. The inductees' names will be announced next week during Crop Production Week.

Last fall saw the change of the Induction Ceremony format to a one-day event with a dinner and ceremony at the WDM on the Saturday evening. A record attendance of over 300 guests made for a very enjoyable event. Feedback was very positive and people seemed to prefer this format.

The fee for successful nominees is now \$1400 after a decade at \$1200.

There will be changes in the SAHF Board at the March AGM in 2015. The new president will be Reed Andrew from Regina, replacing Jack Hay from Bradwell, who is stepping down from the Board after some 20 years of service. Reed is the chair of the Canadian Western Agribition Board. The Vice President will be Richard "Porky" Porter.

As of the March SAHF AGM, Bryan Harvey will replace me as the SAGA rep. I am delighted Bryan will take over this role. The following Ag Grads will continue serving on the Board: Arnold Petracek '65C, as Treasurer, Valerie (Smith) Pearson '86C, as Secretary, Bob Rugg '71C, representing the Sask. Seed Growers Association, Dale Winder '87S, representing the National Farmers Union, Tenille Knezacek '98C representing the Sask Poultry Council, and Brian Sim '77C representing the Sask Institute of Agrologists.

Bob McKercher – George Wilson: that the report be approved. CARRIED

f) Crop Production Week – Keith Head

The 2014 Crop Production Week was held from January 11 to 18.

Crop Production Week activities were held at two venues in 2014, The Saskatoon Inn and TCU Place.

The member groups meeting at the Saskatoon Inn included:

Agri-Arm Applied Research Management
CWB
Canary Seed Development Commission of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association
Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association
Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association
Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission

Member groups meeting at TCU Place – CropSphere

Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission
SaskCanola
Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission
Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission

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

<http://www.cropweek.com/archive-presentations/2014-presentations/>

The Special Session topic on Thursday evening was "Managing Costs: Strategies to get the best bang for your buck". Presenters were Doug Faller, Policy Manager, APAS, and Allyn Tastad, CGA, Hounjet Tastad Harpham. Attendance was down significantly from previous years.

The Crop Production Show (Prairieland Park) had an attendance of 18693, down from the record attendance of 20,072 in 2013 but still a great success.

Changes for Crop Production Week 2015

In 2015, AgriArm and The Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association will hold their meetings at Prairieland Park. CropSphere will be at TCU Place with the same participants as last year. All other meetings will be at the Saskatoon Inn.

There will not be a Special Session in 2015.

Keith Head – Bryan Harvey: that the report be approved. CARRIEFD

g) President's Report – Blair Cummins

Welcome to all. As usual, it has been another interesting challenging year for the SAGA Executive. The biggest challenge continues to be attracting new members. We have devoted considerable time and energy to this problem. I believe that Chris Unsworth efforts to bring us into the modern communications era are bringing us dividends already. Facebook and twitter have increased our profile with recent Ag Grads. Our initiatives in partnering with past Ag Grads at agricultural based events are increasing our profile with Ag Grads and with the larger Ag community. I am referring to our events that took place this year at Western Canadian Farm Progress Show and Agribition. SAGA is very pleased to have partnered with Pat Beaujot of Seed Hawk, and Lloyd Streifel of Moody's Equipment to make these events a success. Marty Seymour of Agribition is a strong supporter of our efforts as well.

I should mention that these initiatives came forth from a meeting we had with a few recent Grads last spring to discuss ways to get more interest in joining SAGA. We also continue to interact with the student body at every opportunity that presents itself. The ASA rep on Saga did a very good job of let us know of upcoming student events and where we can get involved. This year, this job is being done by Kerry Gerein.

And as usual there was discussion about Banquet ticket prices and location. For those of you that were at last year's AGM you will remember our Banquet chair's response to the concerns raised. I have asked Barb Larson to give us that response in a written form. Look for it in an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

We also have the ongoing efforts to recruit new executive members. We are fortunate to have four recent grads join us so far. Katelyn Duncan 14C, Chris Unsworth, Curtis de Gooijer, and Lucas Ringdal. All are Degree grads from 2012. This would be a good time to mention all the help we get from the College Development office. Tanya and Hamish have always made themselves and their office available to help us out whenever we need.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank SAGA and the SAGA executive for the opportunity to serve as your President. It is a pleasure to work with so many really good, highly motivated and capable people. It makes this job very easy. (Everybody should try it). We are a busy bunch and we work very hard to make SAGA a very good organization to be involved with. Check us out!

Blair Cummins – Vernon Racz: that the report be approved. CARRIED

h) Past President's Report – Grant Wood

The selection of the 2015 Honorary Life Members was coordinated by Al McDougald and Bob McKercher. Based on a list of names brought forward to the committee as a starting point, two individuals: Bryan Harvey 60C and Dale Blair 61S were put forth and approved by the executive. I wish to thank Al and Bob for all their time and effort and their amazing dedication to SAGA. SAGA is always accepting names of individuals, deemed worthy of

honorary life status. Information on how to submit a nomination, will soon be posted on the SAGA website (<http://www.saskaggrads.com/>).

I have had a great time on the SAGA executive. They are truthfully an amazing group to work with. The organization is evolving. We are now involved in a variety of activities that bring past graduates together for social reasons, and to help the graduates stay abreast of happenings in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and at the University of Saskatchewan. Now is an exciting time to be on the executive, and I strongly encourage you to consider getting more involved in SAGA.

Grant Wood - Ewald Lammerding: that the report be approved. CARRIED

6. New Business

The proposed Executive for 2015 is as follows:

President	Bryan Harvey '60C
Honorary President	Frank Dunlop '63C
Past President	Blair Cummins '77S
Vice President	Louis Bossaer '95C
Secretary	Harvey '86C and Raelene Petracek '86C
Treasurer	Dennis Ewanus '70C
College Development Coordinator	Tanya Napper
Sask. Ag Hall of Fame	Bryan Harvey '60C
U of S Alumni Rep	Chris Unsworth '12C
Newsletter Editor	Ewald Lammerding '88S
Memberships/Registrar	Vernon Racz '68C
Website	Chris Unsworth '12C
Crop Production Week	Keith Head '67C
Banquet/Mixer	Katelyn Duncan '14C, Darcy Jones '80C
Curling	Ewald Lammerding '88S, Blair Cummins '77S
Hockey	Lucas Ringdal '12C
ASA Rep	Kerry Gerein
Members at Large	Irene Ahner '65C Allan McDougald '65C

Bob Dodds – Lorence Peterson: that the 2015 executive be approved with changes and revisions to be made by executive. CARRIED

7. Other Items

- a) Ewald Lammerding paid tribute to past president, Grant Wood.
- b) Irene Ahner questioned why our Honorary Life Members aren't published in The Western Producer. President Cummins informed the AGM that he was working on this issue.
- c) Constitution Changes
Lorence Peterson – George Wilson: that the following constitutional changes be approved.
 - (i) Article 3 Membership
Article 3.3 Add 1956 in amendments
 - (ii) Article 4 Officers Add
(d) The chair of any committee established by the executive as required to conduct the affairs of the Association. (Amend 2015). CARRIED

8. Irene Ahner - Frank Dunlop: that the meeting be adjourned.

Report to SAGA:

2013-2014 Financial Statement Highlights

Dennis Ewanus, Grad 1970, Treasurer

January 10, 2015

Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2014 was \$4,267.51 vs \$3,535.78 on Oct. 31, 2013.

Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2014 was \$40,522.50 vs \$35,734.49 on Oct. 31, 2013.

Total Revenues for 2014 were \$28,820.26. Total Expenses were \$28,088.53 for a surplus of \$731.73

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

The Reunion Weekend 2014 had a surplus of \$5,419.59 vs \$2,785.76 in 2013

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

Expenses related to the Newsletters totalled \$3,545.10 and Website expenses were \$420.00.

**We acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits and auditing the 2013-2014 ✓
books at no charge.**

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.

Operating Statement 2013-11-01 to 2014-10-31

		(Current Year)	(Prior Year)
		2013-2014	2012-2013
REVENUES	(Includes revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1	Membership Fees	\$ 410.00	\$600.00
2	Grants	\$ -	
3	Donations	\$ 30.00	\$300.00
4	Fundraising	\$ -	
		\$ 28,379.99	
4a	Hockey	\$ 647.00	\$415.00
4b	Curling	\$ 1,399.41	\$658.00
4c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ 26,333.58	\$21,258.00
5	Other Receipts	\$ -	
5a	Professional Development	\$ -	
5b	Newsletter Subscription	\$ -	
5c	Website Ad	\$ -	
6	Interest	\$ 0.27	\$0.54
7	Total Revenue for the Year	\$ 28,820.26	\$ 23,231.54
EXPENSES	(Includes expenses for which payment has not yet been made)		
8	Personnel Costs (Salaries, etc)	\$ -	\$0.00
9	Taxes & Licences (Corporate Registry)	\$ 10.00	\$20.00
10	Lease or Rental Costs	\$ -	\$0.00
11	Utilities	\$ -	\$0.00
12	Insurance	\$ -	\$0.00
13	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$0.00
14	Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 13.23	\$13.24
15	Bank Charges	\$ 10.00	\$0.00
16	Communication to Members	\$ -	
16a	Newsletter (publication & Mailing)	\$ 3,545.10	\$3,438.23
16b	Website	\$ 420.00	\$420.00
17	Social Functions	\$ -	
17a	Hockey (See above)	\$ -	
17b	Curling (See Above)	\$ 1,579.82	\$1,208.65
17c	Banquet & Mixer	\$ 16,827.25	\$15,097.11
18	Misc: Visa dedn, CCDE	\$ 3,858.92	\$3,269.48
18a	ASA	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
18b	Professional Development-students	\$ 533.39	
18c	Crop Production Week Membership	\$ 250.00	\$250.00
18d	Sask Ag Hall of Fame	\$ 475.00	
18e	President Portrait	\$ -	
18f	Other \$100 Gift Card Peterson	\$ 365.82	\$100.00
19	Total Expenses for the Year	\$28,088.53	\$24,016.71
	Net Surplus for the Year	\$ 731.73	-\$ 785.17

