

**SAGA Executive Meeting  
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building  
Tuesday, March 07, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Lucas Ringdal (chair), Ewald Lammerding, Dennis Ewanus, Blair Cummins, Raelene Petracek

by phone: Louis Bossaer, Irene Ahner, Billy Brown

regrets: Vern Racz, Bryan Harvey, Mayson Maerz, Tanya Napper,

1. Call to order by Chairperson Lucas Ringdal at 7:10 pm
  2. Adoption of Agenda.
    - **MOTION:** E. Lammerding CARRIED.
  3. Adoption of minutes from March 2017 meeting
    - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
    - **MOTION:** D. Ewanus CARRIED.
  4. Business arising from the Minutes
    - FCC ad on Facebook and Twitter. Ewald will send info to Louis to contact her.
  5. Financial Report – D. Ewanus
    - financial report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting
    - still some bills to come, there is an estimate in the report
    - also still expecting bills from Webmaster for 6 months
    - **MOTION:** accept Financial Report, E. Lammerding - CARRIED
  6. Correspondence – none
  7. Committee Reports
- ASA - no report
- Raelene to check with Tanya and see if they are on the mailing list.
- Reunion – Louis B. for Mayson M.
- Mayson is just starting to contact people
- Banquet/Mixer Report - Ewald L.
- Need to confirm when TCU needs the deposit.
  - Bio's – we didn't have the year they graduated
- Friday Event – Tanya N.
- See Development Office and Alumni Relations Report

Hockey – Billy B.

- Looking into a bus to transport people
- May add a Friday night game or two to finish up earlier.

Newsletter – Ewald L.

- Question: What kind of articles? 1/3 to 1/2 pg depending on subject. ie something new in Ag that happened in their area, so that all can hear about it  
ie: CFRC at N. Battleford, new feedlot facility at Clavet
- Pictures from Reunion
  - Louis has them, will send some to Ewald for newsletter. All will be put on stick for now and will find a central place for them – will talk to Tanya.
- Get dates for Ag in Motion etc to Ewald to put in Newsletter

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – Tanya N.

Report provided electronically

- **Email correspondence to members and new grads** (information already shared with executive by email):
  - Emailed to 1424 members and 223 new grads = 1647 TOTAL
  - 12 emails bounced back (2 as change of address, 10 as undeliverable)
  - Facebook had two posts:
    - Reunion Chair recruitment “reached” 1,935 people and 169 “engaged” with the post and 21 “shared/liked”
    - Research Day post “reached” 964 people and 30 “engaged” and 6 “shared/liked”
- **Alumni database**
  - updated with all member info and deceased records
  - New grads (excluding certificate grads) have been added as SAGA members for future contact records and correspondence, these records will expire December 31, 2017. The intent is to refresh this category each January 1<sup>st</sup> with graduates from the spring and fall convocations.
  - Updated executive roles in database. Will next be updated in January 2018.
- **Distribution lists**
  - The SAGA executive e-mail list has been updated with correct email addresses
  - The SAGA member e-mail list has been updated (1424 total)
  - The SAGA new grad e-mail list has been created (223 total)
- **Events**
  - **March 17, 2017 AgBio Research Day** – 5 emails were submitted then forwarded to Dr. Devine about his talk. One SAGA member inquired about attending. This event is not open to the public but if you are interested in attending, Danielle Baron, Research Facilitator is the contact at [danielle.baron@usask.ca](mailto:danielle.baron@usask.ca)
  - **May 18 – 21, 2017 Alumni Association Reunion Weekend** – several events are going on this weekend including a family day in the bowl, campus tours, talks and receptions. You will receive more information from the Alumni Association group directly over the next couple of months. Tanya will be receiving the rsvp lists to the registered events and can share the numbers of AgBio alumni expected. The College will be putting up a general display of class composite maps, general college information (facilities and programs) and possibly, a monitor to play the college information vignettes.  
**SAGA might want to consider putting out their sign and some information about becoming a member and promotion of the Ag In Motion gathering in July.** If you wanted to do this, Tanya can coordinate with you.

- Newsletters
  - No more newsletters have been returned since the last meeting.
- Class Reunion Chairs and reunion planning
  - Tanya has been in contact with 7 reunion chairs (1948C, 1955C, 1968S, 1968C, 1974C, 1978C, 1988S). 2 have submitted the confidentiality forms and received the information.
  - Tanya contacted Hilton Garden Inn to reserve a block of rooms for the weekend at a promotional price. This information has been/will be shared with reunion chairs.

Tanya can coordinate tours once again for interested parties on the reunion weekend.

Crop Production Week – no report

Membership/Website – Vern R.

- Report provided electronically prior to meeting
 

The membership lists are up to date and busy phoning some where we got newsletters returned. Some people are aged and perhaps moved to a care place or went on.

The book has been placed on website and according to Dennis we have one sale.

Just a reminder, to place things on the website all three of us Dennis, Keith and Vern will decide where the material goes and what with the executives help. So if you have something to put on address all three of us at the same time.

Hall of Fame – Blair C..

- Note: College sponsored the remainder of the fee (\$1250) for Bob McKercher

MAL – Irene A./ Blair C.

- Question about Honorary Life Committee
  - Usually made up of Past Presidents and MALs
    - There is a list of potential candidates that was compiled by previous committee
- Honorary Life Certificates – Blair will take care of printing, framing and plaque engraving for this year's Honourees
- Blair will contact Seedhawk to see if they will be sponsoring again
  - If want in Agribition showguide, need to have info by Aug

Past President – Louis B.

- Will be contacting Blackfox etc in a few weeks
- Suggestion: all members take a look at handbook and their duties and responsibilities
  - Lucas has copy and will forward to all.
- Request: send any pictures (and names if possible) to Louis to add to the ones he has

President Report –Lucas R.

- Ag Bio Research Day coming up – Lucas will try to attend

**MOTION:** Accept reports: E. Lammerding - CARRIED

8. New / Other business

- Life Membership for Jeff Sopatyk

**MOTION:** In recognition of his sponsorship donation, SAGA to give him a Life Membership- Blair C. -CARRIED

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tues April 11 at 7:00 (from Feb meeting)

10. Adjournment – 8:10pm Blair C.