

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017**

PRESENT: Lucas Ringdal (chair), Keith Head, Louis Bossaer, Carson Jorgensen, Mayson Maerz, Vern Racz, Raelene Petracek
by phone:, Irene Ahner, Tanya Napper, Dennis Ewanus
regrets: Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, Billy Brown,

1. Call to order by Chairperson Lucas Ringdal at 7:06 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda.
 - **MOTION:** I Ahner CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from April 2017 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION:** Adopt with correction to the Crop Production report V. Racz CARRIED.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - none
5. Financial Report – D. Ewanus
 - financial report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting
 - discussion around finances associated with new registration process
 - increased our share (less fees)
 - discussion about the Sodbuster books. Revenue is \$2500, need ~\$500-600 to break even.
 - **MOTION:** Give Lorence Peterson 2 tickets to banquet as thankyou for doing audit as the adoption of the Moneris system will add to the work . L. Bossaer - CARRIED
 - **MOTION:** accept Financial Report, K. Head - CARRIED
6. Correspondence – none
7. Committee Reports
ASA - Carson Jorgensen
 - Bedpush – goal is \$30,000. They have more sponsors
 - SAGA would like to be involved
 - Decided easiest is to have link on our website to the ASA site, may be able to have an “are you a SAGA member” question.
 - They are hoping to bring back traditions; asking for stories, picture for the lounge
 - New: Snapchat
 - professional side – events tickets, introduce new exec
 - other – anyone in the college can post anything they want
 - Ag Nights – Thurs @ Twisted Tartan – Molson sponsor

- Partnership with Prairie Proud continuing
- Red Bull – supporter, fridge in lounge and will sell in support of Bedpush
- Drag kickoff Oct 01, held Oct 26
- Ridertrip Oct 12
- Question: how many ASA memberships are sold? ~820 sold (some are from other colleges), there are ~1,700 in College of Ag Bioscience, mostly An Sci, Ag Business, Agronomy
- Discussion around what does ASA need from SAGA and vice versa, as College feeds SAGA

Reunion – M. Maerz

- Still missing a few chairs

Banquet/Mixer Report - Ewald L.

- Report circulated electronically prior to the meeting
- Sent an email off to TCU Place, to ascertain the ducks know the order of their row. Please send me any questions you may have.

Friday Event – Tanya N.

- Tanya has it taken care of
 - Will order more food, staying with coffee etc
- Tours of John Mitchell, Kirk Hall and Archeology Bldg, will check with chairs about Sat tours
- Louis has Three Farmers bringing snacks, he will ask them to get in touch with Tanya

Hockey – Billy B.

- Report circulated electronically prior to meeting
- Not much to do until teams start coming in.
- I've started contacting a few captains from last year and I have two more I plan to call by the end of this week. I'll also get in touch with the PRO and see how many student teams we can get.
- Sometime next week i'm going to contact the Waldheim rink to touch base, as well as work out the details on the liquor license, bartenders, refs, and the time we can start and when we must be done. I'll have to wait until closer to the date to make the bracket in case we have teams drop out or something, so the start time might be subject to change. I called last winter to confirm the rink, I just want to double check the earliest and latest they'll let us play.
- I'll also start writing up a note for the newsletter sometime next week. It looks like this is our last good week of weather so I probably won't have a lot of time until then.
- Finally, I liked the draw and 50/50 we had in the past, but is there any other ideas that we could include for fund raising? If we just have those two again, that will be fine, but if anyone knows of any other fun (and fairly easy) fund raisers, if be happy to organize something!
- I'm new to all of this, so if anyone sees something I've missed and need to plan in the near future, please feel free to let me know!
- Reminder to Carson to arrange a College team.

Newsletter – Ewald L.

- Report circulated electronically prior to the meeting
- A report from each of you concerning your field of expertise is required writing.
- I need the President's Pen from Luke.
- From Mayson, an updated Chair List, a plea for more volunteers plus an article about the significance of the SAGA Reunion. Maybe you and Luke combine on something.
- Pictures and a write-up on the successes of our SAGA beer days at the farm shows this year from Louis and Blair. Co-write about the wonderful experiences Grads had at these events.
- If Dennis has a different synopsis of our year financially, great.
- From Vern, a good cover piece on Membership. Vern, Keith, and Dennis concerning contributions to our growing Webpage{Site}. [I know, it has been previously explained to me].
- I need a story from Billy Brown about what is happening and what will happen in Waldheim for our SAGA Hockey tournament. Definitely have to have dates, times and contact information.
- Something about SAHF, Bryan.
- Who is our Alumni Rep? I need a story from you.
- Keith, your updated list from CPW.
- We need a good article about our two HLM's-to-be from the Committee.
- Irene and I have discussed another possible Prairie Chicken story, but I would also like contributions from our other MAL's. I know Blair is one. Have we replaced Allan and Brian yet?
- Tanya will chase down Dean Buhr and and Hamish for their contributions. Tanya, I do not have the name or email address of the our new ASA Liaison. I know it was supposed to be a guy, but, did something screw up with him and he was replaced? Can you find out please.
- Tanya and Mayson. Could you send a request to the Chairs of something they'd like in the Newsletter. Can pertain to their entire class, or an individual accomplishment. A class setting up a scholarship or such.
- ***Plus any queries, any items, articles or pictures you would like to be in the Newsletter. Did one of your classmates or grad you know amaze us with something? I am always on the lookout for anecdotal tales of fellow Grads. Please ask around.
- If I missed someone, well, you know what your job is. The deadline for the Newsletter is usually Nov. 15, but I am extending to the 20th. It will be sent out most definitely the first week of Dec. but the 1st is possible if I don't have to chase anyone down, so I still request that you send your part sooner.

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – Tanya N.

- Sodbuster books: There is a permanent poster to tell people where to buy them and Tanya will make up another poster for the lounge.

Crop Production Week – K. Head

- Cropsphere back to TCU because Prairieland expansion won't be ready
- Rest stays the same
- Had decided not to have the beer section, too busy and it didn't work

Membership/Website – Vern R.

- Website is up, running and working well
- Membership – main database up to date
- Decided to add emailed reports to the Exec Meeting minutes.

Hall of Fame – Bryan H. – no report

MAL – Irene A.

- Western Producer – did have a small report but there were some errors, would have been better in Jan

Past President – Louis B.

- Initial conversations with the groups from last year selling testers at the Banquet
- Need to make sure TCU gives us the terms in writing
 - Would like to keep it so we sell tickets
- Louis is going to put the Sodbuster book on social media
- ACTION: Tanya please check that the Honorary Life member plaques are updated

President Report –Lucas R.

- Nothing new to report

MOTION: Accept reports: L. Bossaer - CARRIED

8. New / Other business

- We need to figure out how to connect with and how to bring value as time changes and the grads change

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tues Nov 21 at 7:00

10. Adjournment – 8:30pm Mayson M.