

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

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

1. Call to order by Chairperson Mayson Maerz at 7:05 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** B.Harvey CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from March 2018 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION:** V. Racz CARRIED.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - none
5. Correspondence
 - none
6. Financial Report – D. Ewanus
 - financial report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting
 - Signing authority at bank now changed to M. Maerz, D. Ewanus, R. Petracek
 - Sodbuster book: we are at breakeven, have about 140 left.
 - Past Imagery invoices have now been paid
 - Some changes were made to website to make it compliant as per Moneris request

MOTION: accept Financial Report, B. Harvey - CARRIED

7. Committee Reports

ASA - G. Cooper

- Crossover meeting is done. Several second years on Exec which will be good for continuity
- Career fair – suggestion for SAGA to have a booth there
- Working on Grad, cost is ~\$12,000
- Golf Tourney is a new possible fundraiser in conjunction with SAGA
 - Possible dates: Aug 24, 31
 - Date selected as that is the time year companies are doing year end golf tourneys with summer students
 - Also would be a good networking event

- Suggestions
 - Sponsors for each hole
 - Longest drive, put-off, buy a mulligan, start 120yds from hole etc
- Greg will check into a couple of courses
- Mayson and Bryan will be SAGA liaisons
- **MOTION:** SAGA will jointly sponsor golf tourney with ASA and will sponsor at \$500 level – V. Racz - CARRIED

Reunion – M. Maerz, T. Napper

- Tanya emailed all the confirmed reunion chairs today with the hotel information

Banquet/Mixer Report - Ewald L.

- Banquet will be Jan 12
- Downstairs is booked for next year
- Dennis confirmed that the website is all set to go, have done a couple of test runs
- Deposit paid for next year

Friday Event – Tanya N.

- Has started getting in touch with departments to find people to run the tours
 - Exec can help
- Suggestion that the Friday afternoon tour at CLS worked well. Tanya is working on it.

Hockey – Billy B.

- Trophies are engraved
- Writeup finished, will send to Ewald
- Trophies- can go into AGRO trophy case
- Billy may not be able to run the hockey next year due to work commitments, he will try to find someone to cover or take over.

Newsletter – Ewald L.

- Deadline is May 15
- Tanya to send notice to chairs for stories etc for newsletter
- Dave Christensen will be writing something for Red Williams

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – Tanya N.

- Tanya was contacted by daughter of a grad that turned 100 this year, College will be giving him some gifts and will include a banquet invite
- Save the Date – tabled to fall meeting
- Convocation for Ag Bio is June 06, 2-5pm and will be just Ag Bio this year.
 - Before the ceremony the Dean hosts a luncheon come and go 11:30-2:00, SAGA could have a table if we like
 - At Convocation ceremony, no Alumni Assoc but running a video. Would like a SAGA Exec to sit on stage – no speech but will be introduced. SAGA will have someone there.

- Ag in Motion July 17,18,19. SAGA has hosed a gathering on the Thurs (19th). Tanya will help promote us as well
- Alumni Reunion weekend. Will be mid-September. Tanya is on committee and will keep in mind how SAGA can be involved

Crop Production Week – K. Head

- Much the same as last year, may be a couple of new members

Membership/Website – Vern R./K. Head

- Will have a new list for Tanya in approx. week.
- Thinks the annual memberships will be reduced quite a bit by the scholarship promotion and the increase to \$20.
- Suggestion: send an email to all of the new grads once their free year has expired to suggest life membership
- Still looking for some identities on the pictures from the reunion. Let Keith know if you can help.

Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- Awards ceremony this Sat

MAL – I. Ahner/ B. Cummins

- Irene provided updates on a couple of members
- Farm Progress Show- Report provided to Mayson by Blair
 - Young's Equip will be sponsor again
 - Thurs June 21
 - In Young's Lounge in the Mosaic Stadium

Vice President – M. Maerz

- Still looking for new Vice-President and reunion chairs. Pass any names along to Mayson

Past President – L. Ringdal

- Had an enquiry for an Honorary Life Membership for a member that is deceased
 - Discussion: Have had one awarded posthumously but that person had been nominated prior to their death. Usually this type of award is for people that are still living

MOTION: Honorary Life Memberships will be awarded to people that are still living with the exception for people that have been nominated and pass prior to awarding it. B. Harvey - CARRIED

President Report –M. Maerz

- All going well

Scholarship- K. Head

Report was provided electronically prior to meeting (below)

Progress since the last report to SAGA meeting, March 13, 2018:

- The plans for the Scholarship have been put on the SAGA homepage
- Hamish has set up the SAGA Undergraduate Scholarship on the U of S donation site: <https://donate.usask.ca/online/agbio.php>
- The Scholarship will be announced in the Note to Grads as sent out by Tanya. It will offer new grads the opportunity to donate 50% of their life membership fee to the scholarship fund.
- Have developed a tri-fold brochure to promote the scholarship. Costs estimates to produce in colour (including folding) on 28 lb stock are \$75/100, \$150/250, or \$275/500. On 80 lb stock the costs are \$80/100, 162.50/250, or \$300/500. Taxes not included.
- Have prepared the first draft of the Terms of Reference (see attached)

Next Steps:

- Develop a campaign strategy:
 - e-mail to all members;
 - Discounted life memberships with a donation to the scholarship fund
 - Promotion at SAGA events and other activities
- Have brochure printed if approved
- Announcement in spring SAGA
- Finalize Terms of Reference

Respectfully submitted by the Scholarship Committee,
Vern Racz, Ewald Lammerding, Mayson Maerz, Keith Head

Discussion - a few changes to the brochure were suggested.

MOTION: To purchase 250 of the 80lb stock brochures. K.Head - CARRIED

8. New / Other business

- Fall BBQ
 - SIA used to sponsor it. There is the possibility of co-host with SAGA. Discussion about cost and that it is likely more than we could spend.
 - There is a club day that would also be an opportunity for SAGA

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tues Sept 18 at 7:00

10. Adjournment – 8:40pm I. Ahner