

**Minutes SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

Prepared by: Eric Johnson

PRESENT: Mayson Maerz (chair), Keith Head, Dennis Ewanus, Louis Bossaer, Eric Johnson, Ewald Lammerding, Hamish Tulloch, Owen Olfert
by phone: Irene Ahner, Page Newton, Chay Anderson
Regrets: Bryan Harvey, Vern Racz, Lucas Ringdal, Blair Cummins, Raelene Petracek, Madison Englot

1. Call to order by Chairperson Mayson Maerz at 7:05 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** D. Ewanus. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from November 13 2018 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION** (with date corrected to Nov. 13 and correct spelling of Lammerding): E. Lammerding CARRIED.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - none
5. Correspondence
 - Art Delahey provided Dennis with \$100.00 cheque towards SAGA contribution to SAHF.
 - Mayson received a Christmas card from the Honorable David Marit, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture.
6. Financial Report – D. Ewanus
 - Financial Report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting
 - Books have been audited and just need some signatures.
 - No changes from last spreadsheet sent to executive.
 - Now need to send this into Info Serv Corp for tiling of annual corporate statements
 - Any executive member is welcome to see any aspects of the books.
 - Because of registrations the bank balance is up to: \$16,682.00. Mutual fund has dropped somewhat - \$49,092.
 - Registrations coming in well: 124 people registered. Website is working great.
 - Sold 22 annual memberships and 6 life memberships.
 - Grads who get free registrations
 - ASA 8
 - Cummins Honorary Life 2
 - Halford Honorary Life 2
 - Peterson for auditing books 2

- William Heenan 1954 or earlier 1 (reversed cc charges)
- Bob McKercher 1955 or earlier 1 (reversed cc charges)
- Art Delahey 1956 or earlier 1 (reversed cc charges)
- Bill Cooper 1954 or earlier 1 (reversed cc charges)
- Jim Webster 1955 or earlier 1 (reversed cc charges)
- Banquet count
 - 1959: 33
 - 1964: 9
 - 1969: 12
 - 1079: 16
 - 1989: 14
 - 1999: 0
 - 2019: 8 grads to be

MOTION: Approve Financial report. K. Head – CARRIED

7. Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – K. Head/V. Racz/E. Lammerding/M. Maerz

- Keith has wrote a thank-you letter to send to donors. Keith would like to put it on SAGA letterhead.
- A list of donors to scholarship fund will be made that will be on display at Banquet / Mixer.

Discussion was diverted into how to recognize Honorary Members. Do we bring plaques, develop list for distribution? L. Bossaer to take care of.

ASA - M. Englot (sent electronically to Mayson)

Sorry I couldn't attend! I am on my second coffee of the hour trying to squeeze in the last bit of notes. The ASA has been pretty busy the last couple month!

- Budget Pub was in November, it was great to see some SAGA members out!
- The Movember campaign I had put on raised a total of \$2136 for Men's health initiatives
 - We had a couple Agros raise upwards of \$500 themselves!!
- Winter Mixer was on December 4th, everyone dressed all nice and got to enjoy a Ukrainian supper at the Branch.
 - We were entertained by a comedian (I forget his name)
- I have arranged a Blood Drive to see which program year can donate the most blood. An award which was given out in the past (I forget the name) is being brought back to the Grad Banquet (January 19th).
- Greg Cooper and Ryland Hanley organized a toy drive in collaboration with the UofS Huskies Men's hockey team
 - Agros had the most donations during the game!!
 - It was also a great public event as we were interviewed and got to get our name out across the colleges!

- Lastly, Co-op has sponsored breakfast in the lounge during exams which has been greatly appreciated!

As for the SAGA Banquet and mixer, we have chosen the eight attendees, I have passed the list on to Dennis. We will be set up on Friday evening in the lounge with clothes and other items to purchase, I hopefully will have received the flags

Reunion – Johnson

This is the information I have received from chairs:

- **Class of 49C and 49 C: James Webster**
 - James will be attending for sure, perhaps 2 more. None for the bus tour.
- **Class of 54C: Bob McKercher**
 - Just heard from him today. Said response from his class is “underwhelming” since people are spread all over and some can’t travel unaccompanied. Expects 5 in total (3 grads, 2 spouses).
- **Class of 59C Al Shortt:**
 - He estimated that 34 to 38 alumni would be attending. None of them are going on the bus tour.
- **Class of 59S Barry Raymond:**
 - About 7 are attending. None will be going on bus tour.
- **Class of 69C Al Hingston**
 - Has asked people to respond directly to me about the tour. Al has no idea how many will be attending. Sounded frustrated.
- **Class of 79C Jim Vancha**
 - Between 20 and 30 attending. No response yet on the bus tour.
- **Class of 99S Clarke Moebis**
 - Clarke got a late start as he took over from Trevor Scherman. Got him the contact list and working with him to get move things along.
- **Class of 2014 Nikki Burton / Matt Vercaigne**
 - 10 are attending. One is interested in the bus tour.
- **Livestock and Forage Center of Excellence**
 - Only 2 people have registered to date: Cal and Sharon Ramsay 79S. Virginia Peters 79S is a maybe (they are calving!!)
- Will be sending a follow-up email to Reunion Chairs on Dec. 15. Will include information on scholarship as well.

- Eric to contract Bob McKercher regarding Sodbuster books and ask him to pre-sign some books. Will sell them as ASA table.
- Started compiling a list of people to contact for 2020 Reunion Chairs. Have 3 already committed: Glen Hass 1960C; Zach and Moria Kurtenbach 2015; Lorence Peterson and Irene Ahner 65C. Dennis Ewanus and / or Don Gray may be possibilities for 70C.

Banquet/Mixer Report - E.Lammerding / L. Bossaer

- Photos done by Imagery
- Need someone to announce photos and someone to coordinate / prevent personal photos.
- Older grads and HLM should go first.
- Placards needed for Dean Buhr and Honorary Life Members.

Friday Event – H. Tulloch.

- Louis has made arrangements with Three Farmers for Lentil snacks and Blaris Ag for beef jerky for mixer. Also, alcohol from Living Sky, BlackFox, and 9 Mile Legacy will be available for tasting.
- Lounge is booked and food is ordered
- Will need to check and see if buildings are open
- Runs from 4:00 until 7:00 pm. Executive to act as tour guides. Eric to lead tour of phytotron.
- ASA display?
- Guest book?

Hockey – C. Anderson

- Booked up with teams: trying to squeeze in one more team (6 tentative teams)
- Process of ordering Heart Award Plaque
- Mixer is \$20.00 and need membership if hockey players want to attend.
- Will have referees this year.

Newsletter – E.Lammerding.

- Distributed
- Facebook and Twitter are becoming more important communication tools.
- FCC and Brett-Young advertised in newsletter.

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – H. Tulloch

- Nothing additional to Report

Crop Production Week – K. Head

- Nothing new to report. Will need direction on how to vote for new structure proposal in April.

Membership/Website – V. Racz/K. Head/D. Ewanus

- 22 new annual members / 6 life memberships

Hall of Fame – B. Harvey

- Announcements to be made in Jan.

MAL – I. Ahner/ B. Cummins/P. Newton

- Brett Young sponsored Cheers with Peers at Agribition.

Vice President – E. Johnson

- I have recruited Owen Olfert (75C) for the 2019 Vice-President position. Owen is an entomologist who recently retired from AAFC Saskatoon.
- Ward Headrick, Saskatoon, has also expressed interest in joining the executive. Will follow up.

Past President – L. Ringdal

- No report.

President Report –M. Maerz

- Nothing to report.

MOTION: Accept Reports: L. Bossaer. CARRIED.

8. New / Other business

- Newsletter circulation – M. Maerz
 - Recently, FCC and Brett-Young advertised in SAGA newsletter. Mayson had told FCC that the newsletter is being circulated to 5000 people, which apparently isn't the case. We need to clarify the channels of circulation: Who should get the newsletter? How do we get it to all of them?
- Annual General Meeting
 - Everybody needs to give a report
- Honorary President
 - Role is help select Honorary Life Member
 - Eric to ask Bob McKercher if he would be willing to serve.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tues January 08 at 7:00

10. Adjournment – 9:00 pm I. Ahner