

**SAGA Executive Meeting  
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayson Maerz (chair), Keith Head, Dennis Ewanus, Carson Jorgensen, Madison Engelot, Lucas Ringdal  
by phone: Tanya Napper, Page Newton, Irene Ahner. Regrets: Louis Bossaer, Bill Brown, Bryan Harvey, Blair Cummins, Vern Racz

1. Call to order by Chairperson Mayson Maerz at 7:05 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
  - **MOTION:** Keith H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis E. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from December 2017 meeting
  - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
  - **MOTION:** Dennis E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith H. CARRIED.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
  - Scholarship Committee – K. Head.
    - Report provided prior to Meeting
    - Discussion and Highlights
      - Louis Bossaer accepted invite to become Campaign Manager
      - Hamish has been in contact w/ University and will provide additional details
      - Communication plan
        - Announcement to be made ASAP
        - March 31/18 social media links to U of S donations page to be up and running.
        - All procedures must be in place March 2019 in order to award for fall 2019
        - Terms of Reference will reflect desire to recognize participation, beyond strictly academics
        - Carson J. to supply tax receipt template to Keith.
        - Scholarship may be limited in duration, a function of funding.
        - Possible donation option could be that the receipt for a donation to Scholarship Fund could be used to receive a discount on the purchase of a SAGA Life Membership.
        - Page suggested a name for scholarship – SAGA Spirit Award which takes into account academic, ASA, and community involvement.
        - All social media formats to get involved – Webpage, Twitter, and FaceBook
        - U of S manages money and will supply tax receipts. We will receive donation details to track memberships.
      - Thanks to Committee for their hard work on this very special project.

- Tanya – a Grad email will soon be sent. Do we want to append with Scholarship announcement? Email goes out first week of April. Letter was written by executive member in the past. Recommendation is to forward original email to the Scholarship Committee. If the mechanisms for donation are in place before the e-mail goes out in April, the Scholarship announcement will be included.

## 5. Correspondence

- Interest charge invoice – Dennis managed.

## 6. Financial Report – D. Ewanus

- financial report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting
- we are in a good spot.
- website has been enhanced for easier display of budget spreadsheet, how to purchase membership.
- Moneris changes have been implemented
- Irene requested detail on Imagery Photo invoice. Dennis reported cost due to email of group pictures, some extra time charge. Credit for above-minimum picture order was applied
- Keith asked whether we are at break-even point re: Sodbusters books? Purchased 250, sold 125 so Dennis agreed we must be there.
- **MOTION:** accept Financial Report, D. Ewanus. Second – Page N. - CARRIED

## 7. Committee Reports

ASA - Carson introduced his replacement, Madison Engelot.

- Bed Push
  - \$43,000.35 raised – thank-you to SAGA for support from start to finish.
  - Inquiry came to Carson re: renaming Bed Push to recognize the large donations bequeathed by former SAGA members. Suggested to separate the two efforts, and for such request the ASA could bestow an Honorary Lifetime Membership.
  - Letter of recommendation would be required by ASA.
  - Best timing would be to announce Honorary Lifetime Membership nominations open three months prior to announcing.
  - Could be announced at Bean Feed or Grad Banquet. Latter event would allow for more recognition.
  - Bed Push wrap up video now up on Agro FB page.
  - Mayson – outstanding effort by both the College and our SAGA members who ran, repaired, and contributed either financially or social media-wise or both, to the Bed Push. Louis B and Mayson met with Carson, Madison, and Greg Cooper (Internal VP) Monday 12 March to capture successes and improvements for Bed Push 2020. Special note of Al Van Caesele ('89C), Louis Bossaer ('92C), and Catherine Laing (2016C)
- Winter Mixer Hockey Tournament – 24 March. SAGA enter a team?
- ASA AGM – Name changed from Agriculture Students Association to Agriculture and Bioresources Students Association to reflect the College. ASA acronym remains.

- Foam on the Range event changed back to Cummonawannalaya due to slow ticket sales. SAGA welcome, as long as one appears in beach attire.
- ASA and SAGA relationship is being noted around the campus. Dean Buhr reports other Colleges are envious of us.
- Liver Fundraiser just around the corner.
- Ronald McDonald House, another beneficiary of Agro fundraising, has requested Agros be involved in their garden project. Makes a lot of sense however operational challenges (needs attention when neither ASA nor SAGA members available) would limit success. Lucas – a third party could be hired to manage garden.

Reunion – M. Maerz

- No updates. See Tanya's report.

Banquet/Mixer Report – (Ewald L.)

- Ewald under weather.
- Nothing to report other than “No bill, No pay” – Dennis E.

Friday Event – Tanya N.

- Nothing to report

Hockey – (Bill Brown)

- Bill not present
- Complete report and dollars to be delivered soon.
- Mayson - Rink expressing concerns over lack of income, due to teams able to bring in own food, booze. Lucas – rink could make more \$\$\$ hosting kids tournament. We need to explore options to ensure Rink sees value in our attendance. Carson – purchase liquor from Waldheim Rink association.

Newsletter – (Ewald L.)

- Ewald under the weather and not present
- May 15 is news article deadline.

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – Tanya N.

- Reunion Reminder Postcard idea – a postcard sent to all members (Lucas – Reunion Year members) so they in fact remember the date.
  - Explore costs of postcard production and mailing. Use concept to then email (Carson – the younger grads) and/or cut out of Newsletter (Tanya).
- Free (>65 years) Grad invites – Tanya suggested a special invite for these most senior of SAGA members. All in agreement.
- Dean Buhr soon to host Spring Convocation Luncheon approximately first week of June. Last year 120 attended, parents and grads, and we believe Louis B. represented SAGA. Mayson will attend this year as this represents a ‘membership drive’ opportunity.

Crop Production Week – K. Head

- Industry Mixer Monday evening well attended

Membership/Website – (Vern R.)

- Vern laid up in Minnesota and not present.
- Nothing to report.

Hall of Fame – (Bryan H.)

- Bryan absent – nothing to report.

MAL –

- Page – very proud of the effort put forth in Bed Push. Page's daughter joining College in fall
- Irene – ex-MAL Brian O'Keefe is ill.
- Beers with Peers (BwP) participation
  - Page excited to get involved
  - Irene and Page could host a rodeo-oriented event in the great SW?
  - Blair C. was our QB for Farm Progress Show and Agribition BwP; Louis managed Ag In Motion last year.
  - Suggest heightened social media promotion, Tanya - bigger signs so that location and timing during a show is better advertised.
  - Sponsorship of event comes from industry support. SeedMaster (Agribition), Young's Equipment (FPSHOW), Koch and DEKALB (Ag In Motion).

Vice President – Mayson M. actively searching.

Past President – Lucas R.

- Will work with Bryan to get HLM organized.

President Report – Mayson

- Steady as she goes.

**MOTION:** Accept reports: Keith H. Seconded Irene A. - CARRIED

8. New / Other business

- ASA interaction with SAGA
  - Mayson – let's keep the relationship going. Suggested March 21<sup>st</sup> lunch hosted by SAGA members at Agro Lounge to promote SAGA. Feedback – too quick to organize so decided to wait (see below)
  - Carson – Executive Crossover Meeting Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Old Executive 'passes the torch' to new members. Dean Buhr, USSU in attendance. 4-7pm including supper. Opportunity for SAGA discussed. Mayson and ? will tentatively attend.
  - Tanya – Welcome Week idea. Sask Institute of Agriologists may not sponsor a lunch BBQ this fall so may be opportunity for SAGA to step in. 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tues April 17 7:00, Ag Building 2D21

10. Adjournment – 8:30pm Irene Ahner