**Monday, May 11th**

**Annual Golf Tournament:**

On Monday, May 11th, the R.M.A.A. held its annual convention golf tournament at the Willows Golf Course in Saskatoon. 103 golfers participated in the shotgun start event. The ‘Gang of Three’ (Canada Culvert, Kramer Ltd and Signal Industries Ltd.) were once again major sponsors for this event. In spite of the rather cool weather conditions, participants enjoyed the golf and the camaraderie.

Once again, the ladies tour was an alternative activity for those who do not golf. From all reports, the day’s activities were a big hit with the 24 Administrators and spouses who enjoyed a day of shopping and fun in Watrous with ‘Women on the Go Tours’, who hosted the outing.

On Monday evening, the staff of Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association registered the delegates for the annual convention. Delegates enjoyed a wine and cheese reception at the Saskatoon Inn Hotel.

**Tuesday, May 12th**

**Morning Seminars:**

Convention delegates had the choice of attending any two of three training seminars in the morning:

1. Seminar

 **“First Nation Reserve Creation in Rural Municipalities””**

2. Seminar

 **“Everything you didn’t learn in LGA but were afraid to ask”**

3. Seminar

 **“Occupational Health & Safety Legislated Responsibilities”**

**Opening Luncheon:**

The 95th annual convention of the R.M.A.A. officially opened at Noon on Tuesday with a luncheon. There were 255 Administrators, 36 Spouses, 11 Associate Members, 2 Honourary Members and 21 Visitors for a total number registered of 325. President Tim Leurer called the luncheon to order and asked for a moment of silence for those Administrators who had passed away during the previous year. Following the meal, Barb Griffin, the former Administrator of the R.M. of McKillop No.220, officially opened the convention. Ray Orb, President of S.A.R.M. and Don Atchison, Mayor of the City of Saskatoon brought greetings from their organizations. R.M.A.A. Vice-President Wendy Gowda responded to the greetings. President Tim Leurer acknowledged the 21 new members of the R.M.A.A. and presented those new members that were in attendance with a membership certificate and an association pin.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

**President’s Address:**

R.M.A.A. Executive-Director Kevin Ritchie reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Ritchie made several convention announcements. He also requested and received both a resolution to accept the annual audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2014, as well as a resolution to appoint Jay Meyer, Executive-Director of S.A.R.M., as returning officer for the 2015 R.M.A.A. elections

An amendment to R.M.A.A. Bylaw No. 4 was presented and passed by the delegates.

Mr. Ritchie then introduced R.M.A.A. President Tim Leurer, who gave his address to the delegates.

**25 Year Members:**

President Tim Leurer acknowledged the two members of this Association (Lori McDonald and Lowell Prefontaine) who have achieved 25 years of service.

**Board Of Examiners:**

President Tim Leurer, Rural Board of Examiners Representative Wendy Gowda, and Secretary to the Rural Board of Examiners, Kevin Ritchie, presented the advanced certificates. A Rural “B” Certificate as well as several Rural “A’ Certificates and Rural “Superior A” Certificates were presented to the successful applicants.

**Fraternal Delegates**:

President Leurer introduced the visiting delegates from our fraternal organizations.

 U.M.A.A.S. – Jan Hoffart, Administrator, Village of Halbrite, Saskatchewan

**Round Table Discussions**:

Delegates had a one hour period for Round Table Discussion. Several suggested round table topics were

displayed on the overhead screens. Delegates were encouraged to move to other tables to share

ideas and discussion.

**Entertainment:**

‘Off The Cuff” an Improv comedy troupe from Prince Albert, entertained the delegates at 4:00 p.m.

The convention adjourned for Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 13th**

The morning began at 9:00 a.m. with several members of Government Relations, Advisory Service staff, presenting on a variety of topics.

Rick Burton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture also briefly addressed the delegates.

A soup and sandwich luncheon, sponsored by BHP Billiton, was served to the delegates at noon. Chris Ryder, Head of Corporate Affairs, BHP Billiton, addressed the delegates briefly.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m., Trish Watier from Sask Energy, presented a short video on safety and underground natural gas lines and the importance of “Sask First Call”.and the concept of “Dial Before You Dig”.

**President Elected:**

At 2:00 p.m. Returning Officer, Jay Meyer, announced that Wendy Gowda, Administrator for the R.M. of Leroy No. 339, had been elected by acclamation as President of the R.M.A.A. Ms.Gowda spoke briefly to the delegates thanking them for putting their trust in her.

**S.M.H.I. Address:**

S.M.H.I. CEO Rodney Schoettler gave a brief address concerning updates with respect to S.M.H.I. for 2015. Mr. Schoettler then introduced the S.M.H.I. sponsored keynote speaker, Ms. Michelle Ray. Ms. Ray gave an interesting and entertaining presentation on leadership and accountability.

The afternoon session was recessed at approximately 3:30 p.m.

**S.M.H.I. Banquet:**

At 6:00 p.m. delegates enjoyed a banquet sponsored by S.M.H.I.

Master of Ceremonies for the banquet was Tim Leurer, President of the R.M.A.A. Also at the head table were Jim Reiter, Minister of Government Relations, Ray Orb, President of S.A.R.M., Wendy Gowda, President-Elect of the R.M.A.A., Wayne Black, President of S.M.H.I., Dan Dufour, grandson of the late Lou Jacobs, and David Marit, recipient of the 2015 Lou Jacobs Award.

Seven Retired Members were recognized for their years of service to rural Saskatchewan.

Mr. Wayne Black and Mr. Rodney Schoettler made presentations recognizing outstanding sales and performance in 2014.

Ray Orb, President of S.A.R.M. made three draws for door prizes at the conclusion of the evening.

**Thursday, May 14th**

At 9:00 a.m. Jay Meyer announced that nominations for Vice President would be received until 9:15 a.m.

At 9:15 a.m. Returning Officer Jay Meyer announced that an election for Vice President would be held immediately with two candidates having been nominated – Edith Goddard and Darren Elder. Following the vote and ballot count, Mr. Darren Elder, Administrator of the R.M. of Wilton No. 472, was declared elected as R.M.A.A. Vice President. Mr. Elder gave a brief address thanking the members for placing their trust in him.

R.M.A.A. Committee Reports were presented by the R.M.A.A. Board from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

**Divisional Meetings**:

At 10:00 a.m. all members moved to their respective divisional meetings. Divisional Directors for Division 2 (Guy Lagrandeur, R.M. of Redburn No. 130), Divison 4 (Fern Lucas, R.M. of Tisdale No. 497) and Division 6 (Jade Johnson, R.M. of Paynton No.470) were newly elected in their respective division.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. the divisional meetings adjourned and the main meeting reconvened. R.M.A.A. President Gowda introduced the members of the R.M.A.A. Executive for 2015-2016.

There were no resolutions brought forward from Divisional meetings.

**S.A.R.M. Door Prize Draws:**

Ray Orb, President of S.A.R.M, drew for several door prizes.

**CAA Travel:**

Cynthia Wong, from CAA Travel Saskatoon, was in attendance to make the draw for a travel voucher. The CAA Travel Voucher was won by Jenny Robinson from the R.M. of Piapot No. 110.

The 2015 R.M.A.A. convention adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.