

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at Lush Auditorium in Kildee Hall. President Andy Chamra called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. There were 158 members present.

**Officer Reports:**

- Secretary: Minutes from the April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting were briefed by Kelsi Guinn and approved.
- Treasurer: Jordan Vittetoe reported the current balance on hand as 20,158.78.
  - Donations from sponsors are included as well as AAEA bills paid.
- Ag Council: Tory Mogler and Nathan Johnston announced
  - Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm in the Kildee Pavilion - CALS Freshman and Transfer Student Welcome BBQ
- Reporters: Marcie Stevenson and Donna McCune
  - Song requests can be sent to [marcies@iastate.edu](mailto:marcies@iastate.edu).
  - For Guess the Member and if you are not receiving the newsletter email [dmlccune@iastate.edu](mailto:dmlccune@iastate.edu).

**Meet the Prof:** Did not recruit a "Meet the Prof" for this meeting.

**Speaker:** Jessica Marty introduced Kent Krager – Sales Leader and Recruiter for Cargill Amber Broulik, a May 2012 grad from ISU, and former Ag. Bus. Club Officer. Kent is a 2002 graduate of ISU from NW IA. Kent is now in Des Moines and has been with Cargill for the past 8 years. Cargill is at the top along with Coke for largest privately held company. They are the company behind products such as Truvia, Diamond Crystal, and even make the product that makes the cheese stick to the shell in a Taco Loco from Taco Bell. Kent liked working for Cargill because he had meaningful aspects of his job description which included getting out speaking with farmers at their kitchen tables. Cargill has a global supply chain, 140,000 employees in 65 countries and 60+ languages. They help with the nourishment of people worldwide. If you are one that likes to take initiative, Cargill's training program gives you real world experience. They look for high caliber people who will perform at their best in order to sit with the best. Kent also challenged the club to highlight their behavioral strengths on resumes and such. Leadership is not just a title, a rare ability given to a select few, nor is it for the higher educated. Think outside of the box because that is when you learn the most. What defines a great leader? Every leader is different. Hold yourself accountable as well as the others around you. Amber challenged the club to take different paths, be at every meeting, and take a freshman internship. Internships help you learn a lot about yourself and give you an edge. Working for Cargill is not sugar coated; you get the truth in order to build trust. There is no cookie cut training; you do what works for you within Cargill. Cargill will be at the following events: Cargill Info Session Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm Sunroom of the Memorial Union – Free Pizza; Career Fair Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>; [Cargill.com/careers](http://Cargill.com/careers), Facebook, LinkedIn

**Committee Reports - VP Julie Haugen**

- AAEA: Kayla Reiter and Derek Shedenhelm showed pictures from the AAEA conference in Seattle, WA. The ABC was awarded the Outstanding Club for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row! Andy Chamra, Tory Mogler, Josh Sonnabend won the Quiz Bowl Contest while Marcie Stevenson, Jarred Epley, and Nate Jones took 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- Banquet: Stacy Fitzpatrick, Blake Bayliss, and Ana Dubblede
  - Ag Business Banquet is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March.
- Career Day: Lauren Malecek, Jordan Neighbor, Dacia Dykstra, and Kelly Glanz
  - Ag Career Day is Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> with a Career Panel the evening before.
- Special Projects: Ben Tweeten, Jacob Aizicovitz,
  - The Fall Industry Tour is September 20-22 to St. Louis.
  - Sign-up will be Monday August 27 in 174 Heady. Must pay dues in order to go on the trip. Bus leaves at 8:45 am on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You will need a club polo for the trip. Roadside clean-up is coming soon.
- Recruitment & Retainment: Sandy Dion, Marissa Ham, Elodie Jones announced they will soon be sending out an email for intramural broomball. Let them know via email if there are any other intramurals you would like the club to participate in.
- VEISHEA Food stand: Marcus Christensen, Hannah Christiansen, Dillon Flynn, Whitney Taglauer explained their committee is in charge of the food stand on the Saturday of VEISHEA in front of Lago.
- Finance & Fundraising: Caleb Martin and Michael Collins. The golf outing is Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Cold Water Golf Links
  - Sign-up for participation is \$25. Deadline for Sign-up is Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer sign-up will be available - 10-12 needed.
  - Check-in at 11am with Lunch and Tee Time following
  - A practice for members will be held Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**New Business:**

- New Member of the Month: Jenna Lansing; Old Member of the Month: Jared Epley
- August Member of the Month: Josh Sonnabend for his hard work on the AAEA champion quiz bowl team.

**Advisor Comments:**

*Dr. Edwards* – He welcomed students including 3 from another country, congratulated the quiz bowl teams on their 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place wins, and shared that Tory Mogler is the VP of the student section for Agriculture and Applied Economics Association.

*Dr. Deiter* – He thanked Cargill for speaking. He knows the Ag Bus curriculum is not easy, so do not bail because of one class. Most of them are fun. Remembers GIGO – if garbage goes in, garbage comes out. Put good habits to use. Get involved and you will be rewarded. Step out of your comfort zone.

**Drawings: Guess the Member:** Dacia Dykstra won \$5 for correctly guessing Hannah Christensen

**Wheel of Fortune:** Kathleen Ward won \$20 leaving a 1 in 3 chance for \$100 at the next meeting.

**Announcements:** The next meeting will be held on **Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> at Lush Auditorium in Kildee Hall with President Leath!**