

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, March 27, 2014 in 1352 Gilman. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. There were 125 members and 32 guests present.

**Officer Reports:**

- Secretary: Minutes of December meeting were briefed by Lauren Malecek. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Blake Bayliss announced the current balance available \$23,837.58.
- Ag Council: Must be in CALS to be a member of the CALS Council. National Ag Day lunch went well on Tuesday. CALS Week will be Sept 29 – Oct 3 this coming fall with the theme “Telling Our Story”. Softball tournament April 27 – sign up in 174 Heady.

**Guest Speaker: Jared Epley & Joel Waskow – Hertz Farm Management**

Jared is a Management Associate and Joel is a Professional Farm Manager and Licensed Real Estate Salesperson for Hertz. Both gentlemen are ISU Ag Business grads. Jared mentioned that Hertz Farm Management has 16 different offices across the Midwest with around 2,400 farm accounts covering over 550,000 acres. When asked for advice to an undergrad at ISU, both men emphasized the importance of developing personal skills rather than just being able to put your information on a resume. If you are further interested in the company consider attending their Summer Education Week, July 13 – 17 in Des Moines. Hotel and travel will be compensated for.

**Committee Reports:**

- Banquet: Spring banquet was a success with 248 people in attendance. If you have any suggestions for next year please email Joni Erwin at jlerwin@iastate.edu.
- VEISHEA: Club food stand will be open from 7 AM – 3 PM Saturday, April 12. Volunteers are needed to help work the stand. Sign up sheet will be in 174 for workers.
- Publicity: Club apparel is in. Stop by 174 Heady if you did not pick it up after the meeting. Our philanthropy event for next fall will be volunteering at FFA State Convention. Window clings have been ordered and will be handed out to sponsors at the Career Fair next October.

**Meet the Prof: Paul Rhoads – ISU Head Football Coach**

Paul Rhoads is the Head Football Coach for our beloved Cyclones. Many people may be surprised to find out that he was an economics major at a D2 school where he played football. Rhoads congratulated our Club for our accomplishments and national awards. He mentioned that when he was first hired here at ISU the Ag Business Club was one of the first clubs he had spoken to. The team is currently practicing and focusing on fundamentals and technique. Rhoads ended with expressing how excited he is for the 2014 season and noted that Iowa State has the best loyal fan base in college athletics and that he wasn't impressed with his son's singing skills.

**New Business:**

- **Member of the month:** Paula Kovarik for her hard work on Banquet and Special Projects Committees
- **New/Old Member:** Nathan Hrubes/Josh Sonnabend

**Advisor Comments:**

- Dr. Artz: Quiz Bowl will be hosted in Minneapolis this summer from July 27 – 29. Practices will be held Tuesday evenings from 4 – 5:30 PM in 468 Heady. If you are interested in joining or have questions please contact her.
- Dr Deiter: Congrats to all Club Scholarship Recipients!
  - Donna McCune, Bethany Olson, Caleb Martin, Jake Holschlag, Becky Schnabel, Lauren Malecek, Hailey Meitner, Paula Kovarik, Katie Klaes, Meghan Mills, Celina Young, and Erin Patchen.
  - Don't forget to say please and thank you. Sometimes we can be satisfied with being “alright” and not challenging ourselves. Dr. Deiter encouraged us to not be settled.

**Drawings:**

- **Guess the Member:** Joni Erwin
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Rebecca Ness (\$100)
- **Bring a Friend:** Eric Thomas & Andrew McCarthy (\$20 ea)

**Announcements:**

- Farm Op Spring Softball Showdown April 27<sup>th</sup> – Sign up in 174 Heady
- Next Meeting Thursday, April 24 at Moore Park

President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.