

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club
Main Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, September 25, 2014 in 1352 Gilman. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. There were 148 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of August meeting were briefed by Lauren Malecek. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Blake Bayliss announced the current balance available \$23,925.30.
- Ag Council: CALS Week will be Sept 29 – Oct 3 with the theme “Telling Our Story”. Mon: Sigma Alpha “Mr. CALS”, Tues: Tractor Show & Quiz Bowl, Wed: Ag Olympics, Thurs: David Nail concert. There will be FREE lunches provided next week. Come cheer on Drew and Luzum as they compete for Mr. CALS!
- Reporters: Like our Facebook page! Let Drew know if you are not receiving the emails ddmogler@iastate.edu

Guest Speaker: John Taets – Northwest Bank

John Taets is the Regional President of Northwest Bank in Fort Dodge, IA. John is excited that NW Bank is sponsoring our club and can't wait to become more familiar with our club. NW Bank is a \$1.5 billion holding company with 25 locations in Iowa as well as 2 in Nebraska. NW Bank ranks #8 in Iowa for size. What makes them a great company? John said NW Bank holds true to their compass. The four essential parts around the compass are: people, customers, market centric management, and safety and soundness. Culture is a large part of NW Bank and their goals are to be the employer of choice, customer's community bank of choice, and an investment of choice. John left our members with the following advice: control the things you can't control, get to know your advisor, don't settle...go out of your comfort zone, and get internships during the summer. If you are looking for an internship opportunity with NW Bank, please contact Alex Oponski at aoponski@nwfinancialcorp.com or at 712-580-4155.

Committee Reports:

- Career Day: New this year is a mixer before the Pre Career Day Panel on October 13th in Schemann with the mixer beginning at 5:30 pm and the panel following at 6:45.
- Finance & Fundraising: Golf outing is September 26th @ Coldwater Golf Course. \$25 for club members to golf, sign up in 174 Heady to golf or volunteer. A social mixer will follow the outing at the golf course.
- Publicity: Be looking for an email about polo deliveries. There will be an order for quarter zips in September and an order for jackets in Oct. Look for an email with further details.
- Special Projects: FIT will be October 2nd-4th in Omaha, NE. Sign up in the office tomorrow morning! 54 seats
- **Meet the Prof: Carly Cummings – AgEI Program Assistant**

Carly Cummings is from Pleasantville, IA and a recent graduate of the Ag Business program. Carly was an active ABC member and officer during her time at ISU. Carly is currently the program assistant for AgEI, advisor for NAMA, CALS Council, and the Iowa State Corn Growers Club. Carly encouraged members to get involved through the AgEI with competitions, internships, business development work, industry tours, or roundtable events. Her advice was to take advantage of networking, study abroad, and continue to be a leader outside of college.

New Business:

- **Member of the month:** PJ Frederick for his hard work on Finance & Fundraising
- **New/Old Member:** Reed Burres/Ridge Erdmann

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Deiter: Just because you think you know how to do something doesn't mean you do. Adjust to things in life and enjoy life while you are young. Take care of your body and learn how to deal with difficult things – keep life in perspective. Dr. Deiter left us with the poem titled, “Life is Like a Round of Golf”.
- **Guess the Member:** Paula Kovarik
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Natalina Sents (\$20)
- **Baylor Tickets:** Matt Joslin & Riley Busta

Announcements:

- Next meeting October 30th 1352 Gilman
 - Bring a non-member friend
- Golf Tournament September 26th @ Coldwater Golf Course
- Fall Industry Tour October 2nd-4th
- CALS Week September 29th – Oct 4th
- Pre Career Day Oct 13th

- Professional Mixer 5:30 pm – 6:45
- Professional Panel 6:45 – 8:00
- Career Fair Oct 14th at Leid Rec Center
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President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.