

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held November 14, 2019 in Curtiss Hall. President Riley Arthur called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM. There were 106 members present.

Officer Reports

- Secretary: Minutes of the October meeting were briefed by Emmi Taets. Approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Holly Cook announced the current balance available is \$36,144.29.
- CALS Council: Nominate December graduates for senior awards and mentors for the Milleman award.
- Reporters: Continue liking and sharing on social media
- Logistics: There will be cake for seniors next meeting

New Business

- Officer Elections
 - Applications due Thursday November 21st
 - Elections will be held December 5, 2019
- Committee Applications
 - Application will be sent out after election meeting
 - Dues paying members are eligible
- Committee Appreciation Night
 - Tentatively planning the Tuesday after thanksgiving break--- look out for email

Committee Reports:

- Recruitment & Social: Barb S. won drawing for attending tailgate
- Clothing Order: Due Thursday November 21, 2019 at noon in 174 Heady

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jim Groepper, Ag Venture

Mr. Jim Groepper has been with Ag Venture Pinnacle for almost 16 years. Ag Venture Pinnacle was purchased from Corteva Agrisciences in 2015. He is a proud Iowa State University graduate in Agricultural Education. Ag Venture is in the top five nationally for ag/crop input retailers. They have 200+ retail locations and over 500+ research locations nationally. With four of their own seed brands and their precision ag platform Optigro-Precision, Ag Venture offers a great variety to their customers. They have career opportunities in sales, operations, agronomy, as well as in precision ag. Typically, they hire 2-4 summer interns. The biggest piece of advice he shared for students starting a career are to find the right fit in a company and take advantage of all the training and development opportunities offered.

Meet the Alum: Izak Christensen

Izak Christensen is a recent graduate from Iowa State University in our Agricultural Business program, as well as agronomy. He grew up in North Central Iowa on a grain and cattle farm. While at ISU, Izak was active in a variety of activities ranging from Ag Bus Club, AgEI, CALS Council and senior class council. Currently, he works as an investment analyst for Summit Agricultural Group. His advice for our members were to always be a yes person, find mentors, have a balance, and continue to learn and stay involved.

Old Business:

- ISU Alumni Association Impact Award
- Victory Lane Painting
 - 2nd place
- Trivia Night
 - Thank you to everyone that competed!

Member of the Month: Cody Pearson

Old Member of the Month: Devin Lansing

New Member of the Month: Beatrice Maule

Advisor Comments: Dr. Deiter

- Always be thankful
- Run for an officer position or apply to be a committee chair.
- His advice for running for an office is as follows:
 1. Look good, dress up
 2. Practice your speech buty= try not to sound memorized
 3. Ok to use index card to help you remember things
 4. Focus on how our club will benefit vs how you will benefit from getting elected
 5. Line up members to speak out at meeting in support of you
 6. Campaign! Encourage all your friends to show up & vote for you
 7. Hope for the best, prepare for the worst. Commit yourself to remaining involved with our club win or lose

Drawings:

- Social Media Spotlight: Erin Prochaska
- Wheel of Fortune: Daria Jorgensen \$20
- Are you here?: Hope Brecht \$50

Announcements:

- Committee Appreciation Night
- Officer Elections

President, Riley Arthur, adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.