

# **Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University**

## **Main Meeting Minutes**

January 24, 2019

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held January 24, 2019 in Curtiss Hall. President Riley Arthur called the meeting to order at **6:02 PM**. There were **144** members present.

### **Officer Reports**

- Secretary: Minutes of the November meeting were briefed by Emmi Taets. Approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Holly Cook announced the current balance available is **\$65,520.80**.
- CALS: The horticulture club will be selling roses for Valentine's Day. Block and Bridle has left over summer sausage and cheese they will be selling for a discounted price. Look out for Vermeer International Program applications. It is a great program to gain more leadership skills as well as get a scholarship & a funded trip to the Netherlands.
- Reporters: Like all of our social media outlets. Devin Lansing was social media spotlight winner. For a chance to win next month's social media spotlight, like our Instagram page!
- Logistics: Introductions

### **Committee Reports:**

- Banquet: The event will be held March 2. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Get your tickets soon, we are looking forward to a full house.
- Travel: Ski trip will be February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Devils head Wisconsin. The bus will be leaving at 7 AM. The cost is \$90 and you must sign up by February 1<sup>st</sup> in Heady 174.

### **Guest Speaker: REG – Catherine Hayes & Pat Sogard**

Tonight's guest speakers were Catherine Hayes and Pat Sogard. Both Catherine and Pat started as interns with REG and transitioned into full time employees. Catherine is an Agricultural Business alumnus and a former Ag Business Club Officer. She works on the operations control team and Pat works more with supply chain and logistics. He is also an ISU alum in the Agricultural Systems Technology program. The Renewable Energy Group is headquartered in Ames with multiple locations around the United States along with a few locations internationally. They account for more than 30% of all US biofuel production. They produce about 500 million gallons a year and are continuing to expand. Catherine stated she is still looking for one intern. Every year they hire 40 interns to work in a variety of different areas. There is a 65% transition rate from interns to full time employees. Catherine stressed the importance of getting involved in campus organizations and Pat emphasized that college is a great time to develop good habits.

## **Meet the Professor: Dr. Dermot Hayes – Economics Department**

We had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Dermot Hayes speak tonight. Dr. Hayes comes to us from Ireland. He mentioned the warm winters Ireland has and the rainy summers. He recalled a time when he plowed a two-acre field with a 135 Massey Ferguson with no power steering. He has four children and one big dog! He is very proud of his children and really enjoys traveling in his free time.

## **New Business:**

- Club Budget: Treasurer Holly Cook highlighted changes to this year's budget, the changes made from last year and the addition of the Ag Alliance committee budget. The budget was approved by club members.
- 2019 Executive Team Goals: President Riley Arthur summarized the executive team goals.
- Perfect Attendance Scholarship: New this year, the executive team has decided as a way to encourage attendance, to offer two \$500 scholarships for members that have perfect attendance.

## **Member Recognition**

- Member of the Month: Celeste Swanson
- New Member of the Month: Cale Pellett
- Old Member of the Month: Ryan Chalupa

## **Advisor Comments:**

Amy Brandau: For any women interested, there will be a networking event at West Town Pub with Northwestern Mutual. The event will be January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 PM.

Dr. Deiter: January is a month for resolutions. A resolution everyone should make is to stay active in the club and to make a difference. Also, come to the club banquet, many awards will be given out.

## **Drawings:**

- Guess the Member: (Eleanor Korum) **Winner:** Andrew Epley
- Wheel of Fortune: Rebekah Sletten \$25 in G
- Are you here?: Jacob Looney

## **Announcements:**

- Next Meeting: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- Ski Trip: sign up tomorrow in heady, cost: \$90
- Ag Business Club Awards application due February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Separate application for seniors
- Ag Business scholarship application due March 1<sup>st</sup>

President, Riley Arthur, adjourned the meeting at **7:01 PM**.