

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

April 28th, 2022

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on April 28th, 2022, at Moore Memorial Park in north Ames. President Ryan Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 90 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the March meeting were briefed by Jenna Vander Heiden. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Jordan Balderston announced the current balance available is \$97,848.58. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** Get ready for CALS Week in the fall! This semester, four clubs were added to CALS Council.
- **Reporters:** Follow our social media! Watch for the officer team Instagram story take over! Social Media Spotlight: Isaac Wiley
- **Logistics Coordinators:** We hope everyone enjoyed the meal sponsored by the Iowa Pork Producers and thank you to AGR for grilling.

Committee Reports:

- **Philanthropy and Service:** Several club members volunteered at the Spring Roadside Clean Up on Tuesday, April 12th. The Agricultural Business Club has been caring for 2 miles of U.S. Highway 69 south of Ames for several years.
- **Professional Meetings:** AAEA quiz bowl will take place July 31st-August 2nd, 2022, in California. 8 members can compete; sign up by emailing Amani
- **Publicity:** Thanks to everyone who ordered apparel this spring.
- **Recruitment and Social:** The Agricultural Business Club Spring Social was held Thursday, April 14th at 2007 Kildee Street, Ames from 7:30-10:00 PM. Hickory Park and games were provided and there was a great member turnout!
- **Sponsor Relations:** The Spring Leadership Dinner was held Tuesday, April 26th at Reiman Gardens. B Fabulous out of Slater, IA catered food. 10 faculty members, 44 club members, and 25 sponsors attended.
- **Travel:** The Spring Industry Tour was held Friday, April 22nd in the Des Moines area. Club members toured ADM and Corteva.

Guest Speakers:

- **Industry:** Tom Brincks, Partners for Production Agriculture

After graduating from ISU in 1986 with a degree in Animal Science, Tom spent 25+ years in the agricultural chemical business working as a manufacturing representative, distributor representative, and consultant. While consulting, he agreed to a 1-year project with a property and casualty insurance company in western Iowa. That led to 7 years as a General Manager of a mutual insurance company and an in-house full-service agency before transitioning to Partners for Production Ag in Ames where he leads their insurance team.

Partners for Production Ag is a risk management firm which touches 40% of the U.S. hog production in some capacity. Besides risk management, the team at Partners for Production Ag specializes in consulting, speaking, economic analysis, procurement, and insurance.

During his time at ISU, Tom was involved in VEISHEA, serving as General Co-Chair in 1985. He was also involved in Block and Bridle, judging teams, and Alpha Gamma Rho. Tom is very happy to be back working in Ames and attending ISU activities.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Words from graduating seniors
- Iowa Pork Tent at the Iowa State Fair Sign-Up

Member Recognition:

- Member of the Month: John (Gannon) Cook
- New Member of the Month: Drew Staudt
- Old Member of the Month: Megan Staudt

Advisor Comments: Amy Brandau

Going into finals week, Amy commented that there are 6 ways to be happier. Be grateful, practicing kindness, be mindful, offer forgiveness, and be self-companionate.

Drawings:

- Are You Here?: Austin Suddeth won \$200
- Wheel of Fortune: Faith Kuehl won \$100 from the S
- Perfect Attendance Scholarship Winners:
 - Freshman – Alexis Moeller – \$100
 - Sophomore – Alli Youngbauer – \$100
 - Junior – Colton Moore – \$100
 - Junior – Justin Campbell – \$100
 - Senior – Emma Aljets – \$100
 - Overall – Nicole Smidt – \$500
 - Overall – Emma Kielesmier – \$500

Announcements:

- August 21st – volunteering at the Iowa Pork Tent at the Iowa State Fair
- See you all in the fall!

President Ryan Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.