

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

Main Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held February 25, 2021 in Curtiss Hall 0127. President Gannon Cook called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. There were 123 members present by a combination of in-person and zoom options.

## **Officer Reports**

- Vice President: Thank you to committees for having first meetings.
- Secretary: The minutes of the January meeting were briefed by Emma Aljets. Approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Adam Knoblock announced the current balance available is \$122,309.29.
- Approved by club members.
- CALS Council: Destination Iowa State Leader Sign-up and Block and Bridle Cake Auction Announcements.
- Reporters: Follow our social media! Social Media Spotlight: Isaac Wiley
- Logistics: Hope you enjoyed the Chick-fil-a!

## **Committee Reports:**

- Banquet Committee (Jenna Vander Heiden): Banquet is quickly approaching. The sign up is due Friday, February 26 at noon.
- Philanthropy and Service (Caleb Kerhli): Looking for new events for the spring semester. Highway Cleanup is currently still postponed.
- Publicity (Julia Quisley): Be looking for an apparel order to be coming soon!
- Sponsor Relations (Jacob Hall): Going to start meeting and planning for the Fall Golf Outing.
- Travel (Megan Staudt): Ski Trip is Saturday, February 27. An email full of details was sent out earlier in the week. Still needing people to sign up. Stay after the meeting to learn more and pay! Side Note: Unfortunately, the Ski Trip was cancelled due to small turnout.

## **Guest Speaker: Mary Heiller, Cargill Provimi**

Mary Heiller is a 2018 graduate from Iowa State University with a degree in Animal Science. During her time in college, she took full advantage of multiple internship opportunities. She spent the summers with New Fashion Pork as a production intern and Iowa Pork Producers as a Legislative Intern. Currently, Mary is working with Cargill Provimi as an Account Manager.

Not only is Mary a very talented individual, but she is also a great mentor for students and is always willing to be contacted with questions.

### **Meet the Faculty Member:** Jodi Cornell, ISU Study Abroad

Jodi Cornell, a Minnesota native, graduated from ISU in 1996 with a degree in Political Science and Russian Language. As a sophomore, he studied abroad for six months in Ukraine at the National Agricultural University. Three weeks after graduation, he started training as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine. After his time with the Peace Corps, Jodi worked on an exchange program for Ukrainian high school students. All of these experiences led to a passion for encouraging and assisting ISU students to have their own life-changing experiences by traveling and studying abroad. Jodi has worked in the CALS Study Abroad office since October 2004, and was named director of the office in April 2020.

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- Advisor Voting
  - Advisors were approved by club members.
- 2021 Budget
  - Budget was approved by club members.
- 2021 Club Executive Team Goals Overview

### **Member Recognition**

- Member of the Month: Emma Kerhli
- New Member of the Month: Kody Koberg
- Old Member of the Month: Megan Warin

### **Advisor Comments:** Elizabeth Burns-Thompson

Elizabeth started by reflecting on time as a peer mentor. She shared what students in her class were concerned about. It was very encouraging to see how students share similar views about some concerns, but how they persevered and learn from those times.

### **Drawings:**

- Are you here?: Brendon Shaw won \$100 for being in attendance.
- Wheel of Fortune: Colton Moore picked the A for \$40. The \$100 was in the B!

**Announcements:**

- Banquet:
  - Date: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Time: Check-In: 9:30 AM Banquet: 10:00 AM
  - Location: Benton Auditorium in the Scheman Building (1805 Center Dr. Ames)
- Ski Trip:
  - Date: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Time: Depart Ames at 6:30 AM. Return to Ames 9:30 PM.
  - Location: Sundown Mountain Resort in Dubuque, Iowa

President Gannon Cook adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.