

# Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in the Physics Hall, Room 0005. President Ryan Clark called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. There were 105 members present.

## Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the January meeting were briefed by Jenna Vander Heiden. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Jordan Balderston announced the current balance available is \$104,855.58. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** Dr. Dean Robison spoke at their meeting last night. NOBCChe was voted onto CALS Council. CALS National Ag Day BBQ on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fall 2022 CALS events are in the works.
- **Reporters:** Follow our social media! Officer team Snapchat take over coming soon!  
Social Media Spotlight: Bryce Thompson
- **Logistics:** We hope everyone enjoyed Jethro's.

## Committee Reports:

- **Banquet** – Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Scheman Building. Check-in and breakfast at 8:15AM, program will begin at 9:00AM. Tickets can be purchased from Lydia in 174 Heady Hall by Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. \$10 for club members and \$15 for family members. Required to attend: Officers and Committee Members. Scholarship recipients expected to attend (Econ Department and Club). Dress Code is business casual and business professional if you have a speaking part.
- **Publicity** – Clothing forms will be coming out soon.
- **Travel** – Ski trip recap. Spring industry tour planning is in progress.

## Guest Speakers:

**Industry:** John Russel, Bankers Trust

John Russell joined Bankers Trust in September 2007 as Market President of Ames and is responsible for Bankers Trust's expansion into the Ames community. John came to Bankers Trust from U.S. Bank in Ames where he was Market President of the central Iowa Region for the last 10 years of his 15 years with the company. He has 42 years of credit and commercial banking experience. An eastern Iowa native, John graduated from Iowa State University in 1980

with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business and Finance. In his spare time John enjoys spending family time with his wife Cindy, and sons Garrett (36), an engineer in Johnston, IA, and Elliott (28), a Resident at University of Wisconsin Health in Madison, WI. They all enjoy traveling, hiking, boating, snow skiing, and following college sports.

**Meet the Professor:** Dr. Bobby Martens, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics  
Dr. Bobby Martens is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Iowa State University and is also the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives Endowed Professor of Economics. Dr. Martens was previously an Associate Professor for Supply Chain Management in the Ivy College of Business at Iowa State University.

**Old Business:**

- 2022 Budget

**New Business:**

- None

**Member Recognition:**

- Member of the Month: Cale Pellet
- New Member of the Month: Natalie Ott
- Old Member of the Month: Calvin Carlson

**Advisor Comments: Izak Christensen**

Izak touched on the banquet promotion, as its quickly approaching. He also mentioned how important writing a 'thank you' is after receiving a scholarship.

**Drawings:**

- Are You Here?: Member drawn was not in attendance. Drawing will be worth \$150 at the March meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Nicole Smidt – won \$20 from the S. \$100 was in the U.

**Announcements:**

- Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (8:15 check-in and breakfast, 9:00 program): Annual Banquet.
- Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (5:30 meal, 6:00 meeting): March Meeting.
- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (5:30 meal, 6:00 meeting): April Meeting.
- Leadership Dinner: TBD.
- Spring Industry Tour: TBD

President Ryan Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.