

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held February 20, 2020 in LeBaron 1210. President Cody Tjossem called the meeting to order at **6:00 PM**. There were **112** members present.

Officer Reports

- Secretary: The Minutes of the January meeting were briefed by Emma Kehrli. Approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Julia Campbell announced the current balance available is **92,180.78**
- CALS:
 - Associate Dean announced before spring break
 - Student government voting March 3-4
 - AST club lawn mower service day March 27-28
 - Block and Bridle Spring Market Hog Show this Saturday 2/22
 - National Ag Day March 24
- Reporters: Like our social media outlets. Megan Staudt was the social media spotlight.
- Logistics: Next meeting we will have a pasta bar.

Committee Reports:

- Banquet: The event will be held Saturday, March 7th at the Scheman Building. Check in at 8:15 AM and program to follow at 9:00. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Available in 174 Heady.
- Travel: Ski trip will be February 22-23 at Devils Head Ski Resort in Wisconsin. The bus will leave at 5 AM on the 22 and return at 2 PM on the 23. The cost is \$90 and you must sign up in 174 Heady by February 7. Keep a look out for the Spring Industry Tour sign up.
- Publicity: The clothing order will be available March 2-March 11. Order forms will be emailed out and in 174 Heady.
- Professional Meetings:
 - Student Judging Conference-Agribusiness contest
 - April 1-4 in Fort Hays, Kansas
 - Why: represent ISU and network with students
 - How: email gmmarti@iastate.edu by Feb. 27 at noon to apply (4 students selected)
 - Include classification and previous involvement in case studies
 - Club pays for travel expenses

Guest Speaker: The Scoular Company- Wes Brummer

Wes grew up on a family farm south of Des Moines and is a 2011 Iowa State University Agricultural Business graduate. He joined The Scoular Company right out of college and has been with them as a merchandiser for 8 years now. Scoular is a commodity group headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. They specialize in commodity merchandising, transportation/logistics, grain storage and handling, food and feed ingredients, and more. He advises students to take advantage of the opportunity to learn while at Iowa State and especially to learn how to work with people. Scoular offers internships to students and will be at the ABC Golf Outing and fall CALS Career Fair. Wes encourages student to take advantage of the study abroad programs, be involved, and to invest in relationships.

New Business:

- Constitutional Changes
 - Article VII section I
 - Article VII section II
 - Article VII section III
 - Article VII section IV
 - Article VII section V
 - Vote next meeting
- Industry Adviser Candidate
 - Two candidates: Izak Christensen from Summit Agricultural Group and Elizabeth Burns-Thompson from REG
 - Vote next meeting
 - Izak Christensen–
 - ISU Ag Bus graduate from North Central Iowa. He encourages members to reach out and use him as a resource. Izak.Christensen@gmail.com 641-832-7476
 - Adviser Comments: Construct thoughtful responses, promote positive actions, and be forward thinking.
- Dr. Keri Jacobs- Department of Economics Associate Professor
 - The Department of Economics is offering a Master of Science Agricultural Economics program.
 - 12-month program designed as a customizable degree for undergraduate students to experience advanced training in applied economics.
 - The summer term is dedicated to a creative component with an applied research project.

Member Recognition

Member of the Month: Emmi Taets

New Member of the Month: Emma Sinclair

Old Member of the Month: Lilian Swanson

Drawings:

- Wheel of Fortune: Gage Blythe \$60
- Are you here?: Will Halstead \$100

Announcements:

- Next meeting: March 26
- Banquet March 7, tickets for sale in 174 Heady
- Spring Industry Tour sign up coming soon
- Perfect attendance resets for the new semester. Scholarships will be given out at the end of the semester with the opportunity to win \$500
- Pay Dues
- Ski Trip meeting after

President, Cody Tjossem, adjourned the meeting at **7:06 PM**.