

Agricultural Business Club February 7th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

General Info:

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, February 7th, 2008 in Lush Auditorium; President Matthew Dirksen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the Dec 6th 2007 meeting were read by Laura Larson and were approved.

Treasurer: Treasurer Jodi Calvert reported the current balance is \$5,567.18.

Ag. Council: Ag. Council Representatives Mitch Hemesath reported that they attended Ag Council Retreat earlier in the week and had submitted a funds request for \$500 to support the AAEA trip. Grant commented that AGR is hosting a new student welcome day on campus on March 5th and that the R&R committee should look into having a booth present at the event.

Reporters: Reporters Caitlin Miller and Melissa Thelen announced that any members that are not receiving newsletters should contact the reporters.

Historians: Missy Merwald and Michael Haden polled the members for interest in Chinese as food for the next meeting. The club unanimously voted yes. They also thanked Growmark for sponsoring the meal.

Committee Reports:

Special Projects: Special Projects presented a tentative schedule for the Spring Industry Tour. The tour will be on March 7th with departure time set for 7:30 AM. Stops will include Becker-Underwood, Archer Daniels Midland, Vermeer, and supper at the Machine Shed. Cost is expected to be around \$15 to \$20. The sign up is in 174 Heady.

Recruitment and Retainment: Recruitment and Retainment Committee reported on progress made on the Ski Trip. The trip will be February 23rd at Mount Kato with admission and rentals costing members approximately \$44. Incentives of gas money and free ski rentals will be offered to all members who agree to drive to the resort. Sign up will be in 174 Heady. Also Intramural sign ups for Broomball, Volleyball, and Softball will be in 174 Heady.

AAEA: AAEA Committee reported that sign up will begin for the Quiz Bowl Class. The class will be offered for one credit on a pass/fail basis. Sign up will be in 174 Heady.

Banquet 08: The 2008 Banquet committee gave details for the upcoming banquet. It will be held on March 1 at 9:30 AM in the Scheman building. Tickets are for sale until February 22nd in 174 Heady, \$10 for members and \$14 for non members. All Scholarship recipients and committee members are required to attend.

Old Business:

There was no old business brought to the table.

New Business:

This year's officer retreat was held at Channel Bio in Huxley, Iowa. Matt Dirksen presented the goals set by exec for the club this year. Dues were raised to \$20 per year and \$10 per semester. Spring transfer students were encouraged to sign up for committees. The new budget was presented by Jodi Calvert and all changes were approved. Sarah Gould was named as the February Member of the Month.

Advisor Comments:

Dr. Deiter encouraged members to work hard in their new committees.

Drawings:

David Topf won \$5 for correctly guessing Clark Dolch as Guess the Member. Cole Cherland won \$20 in the Wheel of Fortune game. Drawings for semester perfect attendance resulted in Caitlin Miller \$25, Ryan Hrubes \$50, and Brooke Jensen \$100.