

Iowa State Agricultural Business Club
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, October 6, 2011 in 125 Kildee Hall. President Andy Chamra called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Officer Reports

- *Secretary:* Minutes from the September 1 meeting were read by Bethany Olson and approved as read.
- *Treasurer:* Tory Mogler reported the current balance on hand as \$14,580.83.
- *Ag Council:* Carly Cummings and Nathan Johnston announced upcoming events during CALS Week (October 10-14). The Club is sponsoring the CALS Week Kick-Off Dance tonight (Thursday, October 6) in the M-Shop after the meeting from 9 p.m.-Midnight. Cost of admission is a non-perishable food item or \$3. The Club will also be hosting breakfast on Friday morning from 7-11 a.m. at the end of CALS week and is looking for volunteers. They also reminded members of free lunch being served on Central Campus all week from 11-1 p.m. and the Neil Hewitt concert on Wednesday night.
- *Historians:* Marissa Ham took a poll of which members enjoyed having cans of pop as opposed to cups of pop with the meal provided before the meeting to receive feedback.

Committee Reports

*Vice President Kaci Demott thanked all committees for getting regular committee reports to her.

- *Banquet:* Darrin Rahn informed the group that the committee has met and chosen Ann Fields from William Penn as the keynote speaker for the Club banquet in the spring.
- *Career Day:* Jordan Vittetoe announced the committee met this week to finalize Career Panel Discussion preparations. Company representatives from Latham Hi-Tech Seeds, Nationwide, Consolidated Grain & Barge, Syngenta, and Max Yield Co-op will be in attendance for the discussion. The group will be meeting with Mike Gaul and the Career Services office staff soon to finalize Career Day preparations.
- *Finance & Fundraising:* Jacob Aizikovitz and Julie Haugen informed members of an upcoming golf practice session to be held at Coldwater Golf Course the night of October 10. Details of the upcoming Industry Golf Tournament were also reviewed: Registration for the tournament closes Tuesday, October 11. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting and members were encouraged to sign up with a company they desired to work for. Attire for the day will be Ag Business polos and khakis. Hot dogs or club sandwiches will be provided for lunch. Cost is \$25 per team for the 4-person best-shot tournament.
- *Publicity:* Caleb Martin announced that the committee is in the process of getting a club soft-shell jacket.
- *Recruitment & Retainment:* Ross Payne, Bria Vogt, Jessica Marty, and Casey Clemmens asked the group for ideas on a social activity for the semester. Dates for going to the Haunted Forest were discussed.
- *Special Projects:* Kelsi Guinn discussed all the fun that club members had on the Fall Industry tour. Next Thursday will be Roadside Clean-up. Volunteers are needed. Meet in lot C6 at 4:15. Members who help will be fed!

-Andy Edson (Government of the Student Body Senator) gave the group a brief overview of what GSB does for students and his role on GSB.

-Stacy Fitzpatrick introduced Mr. David Smoldt from FC Stone as this month's speaker. Dave gave a brief overview of the company, which specializes in risk management, has a global presence, and is ranked 49th on the Fortune 500 list. It was interesting to note that Dave was FC Stone's first intern.

-Dr. Sergio Lence, Professor and Marlin Cole Chair of International Agricultural Economics, was our Meet the Prof. for October. Dr. Lence gave the group a background of his life with details about his journey from his home country of Argentina to Ames. He shared with us that one of the best parts of his job is Econ 496 and getting to teach travel courses. He enjoys helping students discover new countries. Studying abroad changed his life, and he knows it could change the lives of his students. His advice to students: don't be afraid to explore new things; do not be afraid to change paths if you find something better for you!

New Business

- President Andy Chamra reviewed the November club officer election procedure. Ross Payne moved to approve the procedure. It was properly seconded, voted on, and passed to approve the election procedure for 2011.
- October Member of the Month: Kelsi Guinn for her hard work on the Special Projects committee
- New/Old Member Introductions: New member of the month was Lacey Hankins & Old member of the month was Kristen Blum

Advisor Comments

- *Dr. Deiter* reminded members that you will miss 100% of the shots you never take. Members were encouraged to get involved in the Industry Golf Tournament and to run for office in November.

Drawings

- Guess the Member: Amy Peyton won \$5 for correctly guessing Jacob Aizikovitz in Guess the Member.
- Wheel of Fortune: Jared Meister won \$20 in the Wheel of Fortune Game.

Announcements

- CALS Week Kick-off Dance tonight at the M-Shop from 9-Midnight
- Golf practice session: October 10 at Coldwater Golf Course
- Roadside Clean-up: October 13 (meet in lot C6 at 4:15)
- Ag Business Club Golf Tournament: Saturday, October 15 (sign up in 174 Heady)
- Career Panel Discussion: Monday, October 17, Career Day: Tuesday, October 18
- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10 in Kildee 125

A motion to adjourn the meeting was properly made by Ross Payne and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.