

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday February 2, 2012 in 142 Lagomarcino Hall. President Andy Chamra called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes from the December 1, 2011 meeting were read by Kelsi Guinn and approved as read.
- Treasurer: Jordan Vittetoe reported the current balance on hand as \$7741.81.
- Ag Council: Breanne Wagner and Tory Mogler asked for nominations to represent the club at the Best Butts dance Saturday Feb. 4th. After winning the dance off, Brandon Messer and Emily Flory were designated representatives for the club. Nathan Johnston announced that Ryan Fischer will be joining Andy Edson as the CALS GSB representatives.
- Reporters: Song requests to be played before the meeting can be sent to Marcie Stevenson at marcies@iastate.edu. If you are not receiving the newsletter let Donna McCune know at dlmccune@iastate.edu.

Speaker:

Nathan Johnston introduced Sarah Mixdorf of Flint Hills Resources, LP. With her was Ryan Sauer; both are graduates of Iowa State University. They both have **MBA degrees which are very valuable**. Sarah advised members to get a couple years of experience first; this way you can relate the course work to your career where you will be using the knowledge daily. Ryan suggested an MBA was useful when trying to move up in your company. Flint Hills Resources is a refining and chemicals company based out of Wichita, KS, wholly owned by Koch Industries, Inc. Flint Hills Resources is the leading producer of transportation fuels in the upper Midwest with Iowa plant locations in Shell Rock, Menlo, Iowa Falls, and Fairbank. They are excited about having one ISU grain and distillers merchandising intern for the summer, and encourage students to look for them at career fairs. They also have **two full time positions open**. One position is for a starter and the other is for someone with a few years of experience. You can contact them by going to their website fhrrenewables.com. You can also contact Sarah at 515-817-2995 and sarah.mixdorf@fhr.com or Ryan at 515-817-2987 and ryan.sauer@fhr.com.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Julie Haugen introduced the new committee members. Committee night will be at Pizza Ranch on Tuesday February 7th at 5:30pm. Each committee will elect a chair and secretary.

- Special Projects: **The Ski Trip will be Feb. 10th-11th**. You must have the \$60 at the time of sign up which will be in 174 Heady. Deadline is Monday February 6 at 3:00pm. A maximum of 47 dues paid members will be allowed to go. They will be loading at 3pm on Feb. 10th in Lot 29 by Molecular Biology. They will be handing out parking passes on location.
- Outgoing Banquet Committee: **March 3rd is the banquet**. Letters have been sent to the parents by mail, but you can still get tickets until the week before. They are \$10 for members. \$15 for non-members. **Deadline for the award applications is February 17th**. Officers, Committee members, and Award recipients have mandatory attendance. Perfect attendance members get free banquet tickets, which can be picked up from Carol in 174 Heady.

Meet the Prof:

Tory Mogler introduced Dr. Jim Kliebenstein: Professor of Economics. He grew up on a general livestock farm in southwest Wisconsin and went to Belmont High School around 25 miles from where Dr. Deiter grew up. He was 3rd of 8 children. Dr. Kliebenstein wanted to farm when he was done with school. His first piece of advice was **"Yes you can...now go do it!"** When he was 8yrs old he was in a car accident. He went through 7hrs of surgery. The doctors thought he was still under anesthesia, but he was only about 50% under when Dr. Kliebenstein heard the doctor say he wasn't going to make it. He "wanted to smack that son of a gun". He made it through surgery and was in a wheel chair or on crutches for 2yrs after. Finally he was cleared his freshman year to play sports, and **he did**. He was the only survivor of 4 buddies that were in the Vietnam War. "If you saw one you better be doing a 360 because that was the decoy." He is also a cancer survivor. Dr. Kliebenstein studied at U of Wisconsin at Platteville and U of Illinois. He has a wife, Joyce, who was his high school sweetheart. They split in college, but she came back. He says she couldn't find anything better. She says she didn't look hard enough. He has 3 children Dan, Heather, and Shawn who are all married. He has 2 adorable granddaughters Eleanor and Amelia with a grandson on the way. He advises everyone to get involved, have a hobby, meet people, and gain leadership experience. Communication is key, but you also have to understand what you are communicating. **"At first I believed I would not..then I believed I could, and son of a gun I did it! I was right both times."**

New Business:

- President Andy Chamra showed the members a list of goals the executive officers discussed at their retreat. They included, but were not limited to shortening meetings, having a chair and secretary for each committee, increasing the number of alumni at the homecoming breakfast, and having meeting suggestions box in 174 Heady.
- Treasurer Jordan Vittetoe briefed the club on this year's budget. The new jackets and the bad VEISHA weather were explanations for such an increase over the budget. The 2012 budget is \$16530.00
- February Member of the Month: Kaci Demott for all her dedication to the club through being last year's vice president and a solo historian before that. We are so glad she chose to stay an extra semester after being offered a fulltime job in Kentucky with Consolidated Barge and Grain.
- New Member of the Month: Dan Harmsen; Old Member of the Month: Chelsy Sonnichsen

Advisor Comments:

Dr. Edwards – Three of the five Wallace E. Barron All-University Senior Awards went to Agricultural Business Students. AAEA quiz bowl practice starts after spring break for 1 credit. He will have a sign up at the next meeting. Outstanding sophomore, junior, senior awards, key contributor, and club scholarship applications are due Feb. 17th.

Dr. Deiter – The team that wins the Super Bowl will be the one that plays as a team. They will have better communication and make fewer mistakes. He is looking forward to seeing the officers and committee members work together with their teams. **Together Everyone Accomplishes More**

Drawings:

- **Guess the Member:** Amber Broulik won \$5 for correctly guessing Darrin Rahn.
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Patrick Ryherd won \$20 for guessing U

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held on **Thursday March 1st**.
- The banquet will be on **Saturday March 3rd**.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was properly made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.