

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2012

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday March 1st, 2012 in 1352 Gilman. Vice President Julie Haugen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. There were 79 members present and 1 guest.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes from the February 2nd, 2012 meeting were read by Kelsi Guinn and approved.
- Treasurer: Jordan Vittetoe reported the current balance on hand as \$9604.41; main expenses were the ski trip and banquet.
- Ag Council: Breanne Wagner and Tory Mogler announced National Ag day is March 28th. **Application for Ag Man and Woman of the Year are due March 7th.**
- Reporters: Song requests can be sent to Marcie Stevenson at marcies@iastate.edu. If you are not receiving the newsletter let Donna McCune know at dilmccune@iastate.edu.
- Historians: The next meeting is March 29th in Gilman 1352 with the social starting at 5:30; same as tonight.

Speaker: Julie Haugen introduced Lisa Sexton of Crop Production Services. Originally from Colorado, she now is based out of Galesburg, IL representing CPS to 16 different college campuses in 12 different states. CPS is a great company to work for with their variety of opportunities. There are many states to choose from as well as different crop specifications. They have about 200 intern positions each year. They also have full time positions that begin training in May as well as January. It lasts 13 weeks alternating 1 week of class/training with a company such as Syngenta or Monsanto followed by 3 weeks in the field until the trainee is placed. CPS is looking to double their retail within the next 5 years. She encourages students to: 1. **“Network! You never know who you will meet,...and you never know who you will meet that will take you somewhere.”** 2. Try everything out. She wanted to be an Ag lawyer and is now an Ag recruiter. 3. Stay in Ag because it’s going places and people need to eat!

Committee Reports:

- AAEEA: They are working on the Outstanding and Creative Club Awards. **AAEA Quiz bowl practice starts the week after spring break.** An email will be set to let those interested know the exact time, which is on either Monday or Tuesday. Only 6 of the participants will go to Seattle, WA for Nationals in August, but everyone is encouraged to participate in the class. It is worth 1 credit, Pass/Fail.
- Special Projects: The ski trip was a blast. If you have suggestions for next year let the committee members know. Be ready to do the **roadside clean-up as soon as the weather warms up.** It should take 30 minutes max., then we get pizza ranch courtesy of the club.
- Outgoing Banquet Committee: **March 3rd is the banquet in the Scheman Building– Saturday!. Check –in starts at 9am.**
- Recruitment & Retainment: **Broomball sign-ups have started.** If you would like to play let the committee members or Carol know.
- VEISHEA Foodstand: The **stand will be open on April 21st.** They will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. The shifts are only two hours, so please sign up. We will also be serving **pizza, chips, and pop on Friday, April 20th,** so you know where to get your lunch that day! If you sign up you need to be Food Safety certified which only takes a few minutes at this link: <http://riskmanagement.iastate.edu/students/food/>

Meet the Prof: Donna McCune introduced Dr. Dermot Hayes: Professor of Economics. The “iow-ish” professor referred to the club as being uniquely successful, which is due to our phenomenal advisors. He says our club creates leaders, for example, getting 3 of the 4 all university senior awards. We are lucky to have these great advisors. Tonight, was his 26th anniversary of being at Iowa State. When he came here he was broke and had issues with his visa, but was able to accomplish it all, including the 5000 mile drive, with the help of the Irish soda bread made by his girlfriend-now wife. He has four kids Patrick, 22 who is in Business Economics and Finance; Mary, who is in Design; Mike who is at the University of Iowa; and Catherine, who is 17 going on 30. He had said with no barrier to entry ethanol will not be successful which is holding true. He likes biking and will be participating in ragbrai. He hangs out with Terry Alexander. Dermot is well liked by many students. One thing he questioned was why he is called Dermot and Ron is called Dr. Deiter, for which the only responses were grins and giggles. He likes working at the university. He enjoys getting to know people and seeing how their life turns out. He said he doesn’t work too hard and he’s over paid, which is obviously sarcasm. Look for Dr. Dermot Hayes as class registration is coming soon.

New Business:

- New Member of the Month: Derek Shedenhelm; Old Member of the Month: Nate Jones;
- March Member of the Month: Ben Tweeten for his participation in the club activities and special projects committee. We are very thankful for Ben driving the bus during the ski trip for which we would have otherwise not had transportation.
- The club voted to endorse Zach Boss for one of the CALS senate seats on GSB because “this boss is working for you.” **Voting is March 5th and 6th at www.vote.iastate.edu.** Jake Swanson spoke with the club about his run for GSB president.
- Four club members have started a new club, **Agricultural Marketing and Management Organization (AMMO).** It focuses more on management and commodity merchandising that you could use on your own farm, unlike NAMA. The first official meeting is April 2nd. Chad Hart is the advisor. Questions can be directed to Matt Meade, Josh Sonnabend, Emily Flory, and Donna McCune.

Advisor Comments:

Dr. Edwards – He is looking forward to seeing everyone as well as their families at the banquet.

Dr. Deiter – The students made the advisors look good. Scholarship winners will be posted in the news letter on Friday. You can decide to do anything but until you do it it’s not done. So do it!

Drawings: Guess the Member: Alicia Humphrey won \$5 for correctly guessing Kaci Demott;

Wheel of Fortune: Emily Hundt won \$20 for guessing S.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held on **Thursday March 29th in 1352 Gilman.**

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