

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2012

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday April 26, 2012 at the Moore Memorial Park. President Andy Chamra called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. There were 65 members present and 1 guest.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes from the March 29th, 2012 meeting were read by Kelsi Guinn and approved.
- Treasurer: Jordan Vittetoe reported the current balance on hand as 9275.46. VEISHEA Food Stand profits were added to the account.
- Ag Council: Breanne Wagner and Tory Mogler announced that AMMO was accepted in the council. Their Senior Awards have been chosen and will be announced at the graduation ceremony.
- 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 dlmccune@iastate.edu.
- Historians: The next meeting is August 23rd, 2012 to kick off next semester. Jessica Marty asked for volunteers to represent the club at the CALS Ambassador University Transfer Day.

Meet the Prof: Senior Panel – We are sad to see them go, but we wish them the very best in their futures!

Brittany Weaver	Working for Monsanto.	Advice – Get Active! Even outside of Ag Bus.
Bria Vogt	Working for Shenkelburg Implement Co	Advice-- Don't fret over the little things.
Tory Metzger	Working for ADM Co	Advice – Don't be afraid to talk to any company at Career Fair.
Amy Peyton	Working for Caterpillar	Advice – Make time to spend with your friends.
Darrin Rahn	Working for Target	Advice - Get involved!
Kurtis Dop	Working for Syngenta	Advice – Take advantage of interview opportunities.
Chelsy Sonnichsen	Working for Shenkelburg Implement Co	Advice – Take the challenge for you, not because it's what others have done.
Amber Broulik	Working for Cargill, Inc.	Advice – Take classes/minors that are meaningful to you, not to get a credit.
Kristen Blum	Working for Shenkelburg Implement Co	Advice – Go on the FIT - a lot of bonding opportunities and great companies.
Kaci DeMott	Working for Dow	Advice – Be Yourself. Join/stay in clubs, even if your friends don't.

Speaker: Kelsi Guinn introduced Rodd Whitney of Monsanto. Mr. Whitney gave a shout out to the NAMA team for getting their championship. He also stated the ISU Ag Bus club is the premier club out of all on the ten land grant universities that he works with. He gave a lot of encouraging advice for the Ag industry. After referencing the "Yahoo article", he wondered how feeding a hungry planet could be a worthless degree. **"If it's involved with feeding people it's a good thing; and there have never been better salaries."** In 1998 he helped start Channel Bio Corp. They took 35,000 units of corn to 1 million. In 2005 they decided to sell their business to the best company in their opinion, which was Monsanto. He wanted to work in a position to help young people join their business. **"If you choose Ag there will never be a more noble or honorable position."** In 1960 there were 3.5 billion people to feed and in 50 yrs that has double to 7 billion. He said, "American farmers will go down in history for contributing the most to mankind. Mr. Whitney predicts a great shift in agriculture in the next three years. He says the same BMWs you see on Wall Street will be driving down Hwy 14 soon. **Monsanto is taking an effort to double their 2000 yields by 2030; focusing on fertility and other means to enhance the lives of their customers.** Norman Borlaug said without biotechnology we'll struggle. There's predicted to be 9.4 billion to feed by 2050, so we need to adopt biotechnology as a platform. **Monsanto will have postings for the summer of 2013 on their website, www.monsanto.com/students. Research the positions and be looking for him in the fall.**

Committee Reports:

- AAFA: The Outstanding and Creative Club Awards have been submitted.
- Special Projects: The Fall Industry Tour will be September 20th-22nd. The bus will be leaving early Thursday so plan ahead. We will be going to St. Louis. Companies include Kinze Anheuser-Busch, Bunge and many others. Details will be given in the fall.
- Recruitment & Retainment: Laser Tag at Perfect Games right after the meeting. Both Broomball teams lost to the 2nd round. R&R put on games during the FFA convention. If you have ideas for socials in the fall email one of the committee members.
- VEISHEA Food stand: The food stand went smoothly. The money raised will be going towards fixing the trailer. The volunteers were put into a drawing for \$25 dollars and Nathan Johnston won.
- Finance & Fundraising: The golf tournament will be September 14th, food before with T-time at 12:00pm. They will be asking for volunteers to carry clubs, put up signs, getting sponsors etc. come fall.

New Business:

- New Member of the Month: Courtney Harder; Old Member of the Month: Kayla Reiter
- March Member of the Month: Hannah Christensen and Dillon Flynn for their hard work on the VEISHEA Food Stand Committee. Hannah was very helpful with preparation, putting in food orders and picking up the food. Dillon was grill master and used his truck to haul everything including taking the trailer to get fixed.

Advisor Comments:

Dr. Edwards – Congratulations to the seniors. We hope to see you back at the Alumni breakfast during homecoming in the fall!

Dr. Deiter – This is one of the best classes yet. It's harder to stay number one for 6 years than getting number one the 1st time. Keep in touch. To the freshman sophomores and juniors, try to practice your golf skills this summer and participate in the fall.

Drawings: Guess the Member: Hannah Christensen won \$5 for correctly guessing Adam and Austin Fichter;

Wheel of Fortune: Amber Broulik won the \$40. **Perfect Attendance:** Each won \$100.

Senior- Kurtis Dop, Junior – Julie Haugen, Sophomore – Breanne Wagner, Freshman –Lacey Hankins.

Announcements: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday August 23rd** to kick off the new school year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was properly made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.