

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2013

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday December 5, 2013 in 125 Kildee. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 6:09pm. There were 94 students present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of November meeting were briefed by Lauren Malecek. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Blake Bayliss announced the current balance available \$25,707.29.
- Ag Council: Morgan Sladek was elected Treasurer of Ag Council exec. Horticulture club will be selling poinsettias for the Holidays.
- Reporters: Email Drew Mogler with your Guess the Member guess. Contact Carol if you are not receiving the newsletter.

Guest Speaker: Rachel Poncelot & Hans Paulson, Rembrandt Foods

Rachel Poncelot is the Director of Internships and College Relations for Rembrandt Foods. Hans Paulson is the Director of Human Resources for Rembrandt Foods. Rembrandt Enterprises consists of Rembrandt Foods, Pet Care, and Farm Nutrients. The vertically integrated system uses its entire product to produce eggs, processed eggs, pet food, and farm nutrients from the eggshells and chicken manure. Rembrandt ranks #3 in the U.S. and in the top 6 in the world for their egg producing products. Economies of scale set this company apart from its competitors. They are the largest inline producer of ingredients and food service products in the United States. Rachel and Hans left us with three pieces of advice: 1) Be passionate about your job, 2) Do your time before you want to be a director, and 3) Know what you want to do and what your skill set is.

Committee Reports:

- Banquet: Spring banquet is scheduled for March 8, 2014 in Scheman. Cost is free for perfect attendance, \$10 for members, and \$15 for guests. Letters will be sent out to members' parents over Christmas break.

Meet the Prof: Amy Brandau, Academic Adviser, Ag Business

Amy Brandau is the new academic adviser for the Ag Business program. Originally from St. Ansgar in northern Iowa, Amy is an ISU Ag Business alumni. Her theme was, "Adventuring through life." Her message was to embrace every adventure throughout your life because you never know where it may lead you. Not all experiences will be pleasant but you can learn from them. She left us with three pieces of advice: 1) Take chances, 2) Money is not everything – be happy with what you are doing and 3) Follow through on commitments – represent yourself, family, major, and ISU.

New Business:

- **Committee Co-Chair Applications:** These will be located on Carol's desk in 174 Heady Hall. There are 8 committees to choose from. Applications are due Friday, December 20th, 2013.
- **Graduating Seniors:** Kealy Knott was recognized as a December Ag Business Club graduate.
- **Member of the month:** Breanne Wagner for her hard work as Sr. CALS Rep.
- **New/Old Member:** Rebecca Ness/Kealy Knott
- **Voting Procedure**
- **Officer Elections:**
 - a. **Sr CALS Rep:** Katie Klaes

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Artz: Looking for one more person for SAEA in Dallas, TX.
- Dr Deiter: Take advantage of second chances. The ladies who ran for Sr. CALS Rep took advantage of a second chance to be an executive officer. "Life always offers you a second chance, its called tomorrow." There are however a limited number of tomorrows so take advantage of opportunities.

Drawings:

- **Guess the Member:** Tory Mogler
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Alex Hage (\$40)
- **Perfect Attendance:**
 - **Senior:** Matt Meade
 - **Junior:** Lauren Malecek
 - **Sophomore:** Meghan Mills
 - **Freshman:** Ashlyn Kessler

Announcements:

- Committee Applications available in 174 Heady, due December 20th
- SAEA February 1-3
- Banquet – March 8th in Scheman

President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.