

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, October 30, 2014 in 1210 LeBaron. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. There were 107 members and 26 guests present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of September meeting were briefed by Lauren Malecek. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Blake Bayliss announced the current balance available \$38,307.81.
- Ag Council: NAMA will be selling popcorn every Tuesday in November from 10 am – 2 pm in the Harl Commons.
- Reporters: Bacon Expo is this Saturday, Nov 8 from 1 – 5 pm at the Hansen Learning Center. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in 174 Heady.

Guest Speaker: Rita Cook – Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers

Rita Cook is a 2010 graduate of the Ag Business, PSA, and Econ departments, and now represents the Coalition and helps grow Iowa's livestock industry. The Coalition is a partnership between seven groups in Iowa that provide services to farmers for free. Since beginning their business in 2004, the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers has helped over 2,800 farmers in Iowa. Rita is one of only three people on staff full-time. A few examples of assistance offered are: open feedlot compliance, siting new cattle barns, dairy farm growth, siting new hog barns, and fish farming. Rita's advice to the club was to always do the right thing, always. An easy way to keep a positive attitude about farmers is to share your personal ag story whenever you get the chance.

Committee Reports:

- Career Day: Congratulations on another record-breaking Career Fair! The new mixer before the panel went well and they hope to continue it in the future.
- Publicity: Quarter zip and jacket sign ups will begin Monday, Nov 3 in 174 Heady. Quarter zips are \$35 and jackets are \$40 for dues paying members.
- R&R: ABC Tailgate this Saturday, Nov 1 vs Oklahoma from 8-11 am. Pancakes will be served!
- Special Projects: FIT in Omaha was a success! 41 people in attendance. Look for a survey if you attended.
- **Meet the Prof: Executive Officer Panel**

New Business:

- **Committee Restructure:** If you want further details on new committees, contact Beth or Dr. Deiter.
- **Election Procedure:** Ballots available in 174 Heady. Must be a dues paid member to run for office. Applications are due Monday, Nov 17 in 174 Heady.
- **Member of the month:** Anna Brandes for her hard work on the Career Day Committee
- **New/Old Member:** Kim Dornbier/Lynn Koenigsfeld

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Deiter: When opportunities present themselves, take advantage. There are many opportunities to be an officer in the best Ag Business Club in the nation. If you are going to run for office, be prepared. Dress sharp and have a speech ready to go!
- **Guess the Member:** Lauren Malecek
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Erin Wagner (\$20)
- **Bring a Non-Member Friend:** Brady Hanson & Marcus Christensen, Joni Erwin & Tayler Keitzer, Zack Gardner, Hanane Chermati & Rabi

Announcements:

- ABC Tailgate Nov 1 @ east side of Haunted Forest
- Bacon Expo Nov 8
- Officer Applications due Nov 17
- Next meeting Nov 20

President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.