

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, December 11, 2014 in 101 Design. President Adelai Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. There were 84 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of the November meeting were briefed by Joni Erwin. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Andrew Luzum announced the current balance available \$32,185.92. Approved by Club Members
- Ag Council: Announced they are both excited to represent the club on CALS Council. Block and Bridle is holding a clothing drive running through the end of the semester and there are drop boxes located throughout campus.
- Reporters: The Facebook page was up 10 likes this week follow it closely for updates, announcements, and funny memes to come. The club also recently got an Instagram so be sure to go follow that @isuagbusclub.
- Historian: Looking forward to a great year and if you have any suggestions for food or location let them know.

Guest Speaker: Doug Lenhart and Adam Sander – REG

Doug Lenhart is the head of Procurement at REG he received his degree in Agricultural Business from Illinois State University. Adam Sander works in Logistics graduated from Iowa State University in Supply Chain Management. REG is located here in Ames and has been for 8 years. They employ 500 nationwide. The company just recently went IPO so the public can buy and sell their stock. One of their main goals is to decrease the dependency on foreign oil by using their products. Their products consist of turning waste products of food and agriculture into useable fuel. REG is still looking for interns for this summer, be sure to contact them if you are interested.

Committee Reports:

- Banquet: The banquet will be held on March 7th, 2015 and students must attend the banquet to get perfect attendance for the spring semester. Also, if you have perfect attendance up until February then you will receive a free ticket.
- Publicity: Clothing orders are in and still available to pick up in 174 Heady.

Meet the Prof: Thomas Loynachan

Dr. Loynachan graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Agronomy and married the of love his life after his junior year. After completing his bachelor's degree, he was drafted to serve his country. He then came back to ISU for his masters in Agronomy then pursued his PHD at North Carolina State University. After completing his education, he took a job at the University of Alaska. He does research and teaching here at Iowa State mainly in areas of soils and microbiology. Some advice from Dr. Loynachan is to go on travel courses or study abroad experiences because they could open up new doors. Grades are important, but not absolute. Work experience, leadership, and communication are crucial skills to have after college.

Old Business:

- Committee Applications are available for the upcoming year are available in 174 Heady and are due December 19th. Committees are a great way to get involved in the club and gain valuable leadership skills.

New Business:

- **Member of the month:** Meghan Mills for her work on R&R committee and running for office last month.
- **New/Old Member:** Marc Throdson/ Blake Bayliss
- **Graduating Senior Recognition:** Congratulations to all the seniors that are graduating and good luck with all of your future plans and endeavors. We thank you for all you have done for our program and our club!
- **Past President Recognition:** The club presented Beth Pleggenkuhle with an engraved gavel to thank her for all of her work last year as president.

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Deiter: There was already great advice from Dr. Loynachan and the seniors. He first thanked REG for coming on as sponsor of the club. He wished good luck to students on finals and to have a great break. He expressed that it is important to give thanks this time of the year because feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

Announcements:

- **Guess the Member:** Erin Patchen
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Mellissa Abrahamson (\$50)
- **Perfect Attendance:**
Senior: Melissa Abrahamson Junior: Shannon Hoyle Sophomore: Levi Cook Freshmen: Neil Welsh
- **Christmas Drawing:** 7 gifts were given to members at the meeting

President, Adelai Swanson, adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.