

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday February 27, 2014 in 1352 Gilman. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. There were 112 students present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of December meeting were briefed by Lauren Malecek. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Blake Bayliss announced the current balance available \$22,870.84.
- Ag Council: Seniors – keep an eye out for scholarship announcements.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Byrn: Managing Director – Northwestern Mutual

Jeff Byrn is the Managing Director for Northwestern Mutual. Jeff grew up in a small town in Illinois. He attended two other schools before coming to Iowa State where he graduated with his Finance degree. Jeff has been with Northwestern Mutual since 2005 where he began as an intern while obtaining his degree from ISU. Jeff had 10 life lessons that he talked to the club about. 10. It's not about you, 9. Love, 8. If something's almost too good to be true, it most certainly is, 7. You're either green and growing or ripe and rotten, 6. Failure is fertilizer, 5. Take vacations with your family, 4. Live a balanced life of Faith, family, health, and vocation, 3. Tough times never last, 2. Speak encouraging words, and 1. Live a life of passion and purpose.

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. Stop into 174 Heady and purchase your tickets from Carol if you haven't already done so.
- VEISHEA: Sign up sheet will be in 174 for workers.
- Special Projects: Ski trip was successful!
- Publicity: Hats and quarter zip sweatshirts are being created for the club. Be looking for an email from Carol with order information.

Meet the Prof: Dr. Andrew Manu – Agronomy Department

Dr. Manu is the current professor for Agronomy 154. He is originally from Ghana where he attended elementary, high school, and college. While in college, Manu became active in field hockey and was selected for the national team. After playing field hockey he traveled to the USA to obtain his Masters and PhD from Iowa State University. He then went back to Ghana for 9 years until he came back to Iowa in 2001 to educate his children. Dr. Manu's story about how George Washington Carver did not live a perfect and easy life encouraged us to remember that life is a journey and we are all on this journey. Life isn't always easy, but we should embrace everybody.

New Business:

- **Member of the month:** Charlie Kreis for his hard work as Historian.
- **New/Old Member:** Nicole Monck/Hannah Christensen

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Artz: SAEA was a success. Looking for more people to join the Quiz Bowl class. Offered one night per week beginning after spring break. There is a sign up sheet in 174 Heady.
- Dr Deiter: Reminder to email the self-nominations for club awards. After listening to both Mr. Byrn and Mr. Manu, Dr. Deiter reminded us that in life and business be kind to other people.

Drawings:

- **Guess the Member:** Shelby Spratte
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Clint McConnell (\$30)

Announcements:

- Banquet – March 8th in Scheman
- Next Meeting March 27th
- March Meeting – “Bring a Non-Member Friend” Meeting

President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.