

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Moore Memorial Park. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 5:45pm. There were 92 members 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 \$17,879.77.
- Ag Council: CALS Week will be Sept 29 – Oct 3 this coming fall with the theme “Telling Our Story”. Softball tournament April 27 – sign up in 174 Heady. There will be an ABC info booth at the Freshmen BBQ next fall.

Guest Speaker: Bill Smith – Helena Chemical Company

Bill is currently the Northern Business Management Leader for Helena and has been with the company for the last 9 years. Helena is a distribution company based in Memphis, Tennessee. Helena is ranked #1 in the USA for its core in agri-intelligence. Bill’s advice for the ABC members was to take advantage of all of the opportunities this summer at your internships. You must make the difference whether it is a great experience or not. Also, many of the relationships that you form during your internships carry over into your career so take advantage of networking. Bill ended with a remark to the seniors, “To the seniors entering the workforce: be patient. It can be difficult, but sometimes it takes 2-3 years to be valuable to a company. Don’t feel like you need to take over your first year.”

Committee Reports:

- Career Day: There will be a mixer after the Career Day Panel next October. Look for more details next fall.
- Special Projects: Roadside Cleanup was a success! FIT will be October 2-4 in Omaha, NE. Be looking for more details next fall.
- VEISHEA: Food stand was cancelled due to VEISHEA being
- R&R: The Mini Spring Industry Tour will be Friday, April 25th visiting 5 Star Cooperative and United Suppliers.

Meet the Prof: Senior Panel

Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors! You will all be missed and we want to thank you for your hard work and involvement in the Ag Business Club! Present seniors were: Jake Holschlag, Bethany Olson, Nathan Rogers, Jon Macken, Tory Mogler, Charlie Kreis, Hannah Christensen, Donna McCune, Emily Flory, Marcie Stevenson, Dacia Dykstra, Marissa Ham, Stacy Fitzpatrick, Jessica Marty, Jill Halat, Seth Miller, Janelle Erwin, Caleb Martin, Josh Sonnabend, Preston Hocking, Jordan Vittetoe, Ben Zelle, Gunnar Hansen, Brandon Messer, and Justin DeBower.

New Business:

- **Member of the month:** Becky Schnabel for her hard work on the VEISHEA committee
- **New/Old Member:** Jacob Greiner/Bethany Olson

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Artz: Congratulations to the seniors!!! Have a great summer and enjoy your internships.
- Dr Deiter: Congratulations to the seniors!!! This is the largest active graduating senior class in a long time. Appreciate the moment because time goes by too quickly. As Kenney Chesney says, “Don’t blink, 100 years goes faster than you think.”

Drawings:

- **Guess the Member:** Alex Hage
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Marissa Ham (\$20)
- **Perfect Attendance:**
 - Fr: Hailey Stolt
 - Soph: Alex Hage
 - Jr: Marcus Christensen
 - Sr: Melissa Abrahamson

Announcements:

- Farm Op Spring Softball Showdown April 27th – Sign up in 174 Heady
- Next Meeting Thursday, August 28
- FIT: October 2-4
- Golf Outing: September 26
- Have a Happy Summer!!!

President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.