

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2015

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday January 29th in 1352 Gilman. President Adelai Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. There were 92 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of December meeting were briefed by Joni Erwin and approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Andrew Luzum announced the current balance available \$30,655.69.
- Ag Council: Presented announcements regarding the Spring career fair on February 4th, CALS Exec Council Exec Tour, Cyclone Market, and the two GSB seats open in the College of Ag.
- Reporters: Be sure to follow us on Instagram (@isuagbus) to stay up to date on events. The Facebook page was up 8 likes this week to 396. Lets get to 400 likes by the next meeting!

Guest Speaker: Kevin O'Connor – AgReliant Genetics

Kevin O' Connor is the Recruiting Coordinator for AgReliant Genetics and currently lives southeast of Peoria, IL with his wife and two kids. AgReliant headquarters is located in West Field, Indiana, they have locations in the Midwest but also internationally. Their company focuses on advancing the genetics of their products and spends over one million dollars per day doing research. Their primary brands are LG and Agrigold. Kevin gave the club advice to continue to network and highly encourages students to attend the spring career fair even if you already have an internship.

Committee Reports: The committees for 2015 were introduced to the club, congratulations to all who applied.

- Banquet: The banquet will be March 7th beginning at 9:00 am with check in beginning at 8:15. Tickets will be provided to members with perfect attendance and if you are currently receiving an Econ scholarship you are required to attend. Tickets are now on sale in 174 Heady Hall.
- Travel: The Ski Trip will be traveling to Afton Alps February 27th through the 28th. Sign up is in 174 Heady.

Meet the Prof: Dr. Keri Jacobs – Department of Economics

Dr. Jacobs grew up on her family farm in Jones County. She began her education at Kirkwood Community College. She then attended two other schools, Coe College and UCF, before finishing her PHD at North Carolina State University. In total Dr. Jacobs spent 12 years in school. She worked at 6 other companies before she started her job at Iowa State University as an Assistant Professor of Economics, Cooperatives Extension Economist, and Iowa Institute for Cooperatives Economics Professor. She works with extension, does research for co-ops, and also teaches Econ 332. She enjoys traveling, biking, running, and has attended 15 concerts in the last 18 months. Dr. Jacobs provided some advice to the club; set goals, be creative in your coursework, say yes to opportunities, ask for work, and have fun.

New Business:

- 2015 Club Goals –Adelai presented the goals for the upcoming year that the officers established at their retreat.
- 2015 Budget Approval- The 2015 budget was approved by club members.
- **Member of the month:** Katie Klaes, for her great work as a past officer and for being elected to CALS Council.
- **New/Old Member:** Patrick White/ Maddie Tucker

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Deiter: Both of our speakers mentioned the reputation and quality of our program this evening. He encouraged members to attend career day and positively represent our club by thank the companies for sponsoring us. He believes we have a great reputation and we need to keep it going.
- **Guess the Member:** George Ferrell Winnner: Trey Forsyth
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Haley Meitner (\$100)

Announcements:

- Cyclone Aide: Deleysa Watson encouraged members to apply to be a Destination Iowa State leader.
- Ski trip: February 27th-28th
- Spring Career Fair Wednesday, February 4th 10am-2pm @ Memorial Union
- Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26th
 - March 26th
 - April 23rd
- Banquet Saturday, March 7th
- AMMO Ag Outlook Conference February 21st
- Committee Pictures were taken after the meeting.

President, Adelai Swanson, adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.