

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday February 26, 2015 in 1210 Lebaron. President Adelai Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. There were 99 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of the January meeting were briefed by Joni Erwin and approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Andrew Luzum announced the current balance available \$33,814.58.
- CALS Council: Thank you to everyone participating in the rodeo this past weekend. Sigma alpha is hosting a fundraiser March 3rd at Coldstone from 5-10pm. The A&S club will be having a bowling social on March 4th
 - CALS Council Exec: The College of Agriculture and Life Science Student Council Exec attended our meeting to introduce themselves and inform us about some of the events coming up including: National Ag Day March 31st and the Sam Hunt Concert March 29th. They also asked our club to reach out to them with any concerns or suggestions regarding the college.
- Reporters: The facebook page was up 29 likes this month.
- Historian: We will be having BWW's at the next meeting!

Guest Speaker: Blair Hillen – ADM

Mr. Blair Hillen graduated from Penn State in Economics with no agriculture background but was still able to gain a position with ADM as a grain merchandiser through networking. He can apply the cliché quote of you learn something new everyday to his job. ADM is a Fortune 50 company and a leader in the agricultural processing industry. Forbes recently voted them as the most admired company in the food production category. They have a very strong internship program that hires 250 interns every summer who work closely with a full time commodity merchandiser to gain real experience. His career advice to the club was to gain internships at our excellent career fair because it will set you apart from others.

Committee Reports:

- Travel: Announced that the Spring Industry Tour will be March 27th and it will be free to dues paid members. Sign up begins February 27th in 174 Heady. More information on the companies involved to come.
- Banquet: March 7th check-in from 8:15-9 am. Scholarship winners and committee members required to attend. Ticket sales will end on Tuesday March 3rd. Note: The time on the ticket was misprinted
- Professional Meetings: Sign-up sheet was passed around for the summer conference. The class will begin on March 23rd Contact Dr. Artz if interested.
- Publicity: Apparel is now available in 174 Heady and will also be sent out in an email.
- Recruitment & Social: Planning a bowling Social on April 14th from 6-7:30 pm at Perfect Games. Need members to work the club booth for Junior Visit Day on April 1st from 8:30-9:30 am.

Meet the Prof: Dean Wendy Wintersteen – Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Dean Wendy Wintersteen received her B.S. in Agriculture in 1978 from Kansas State University and her Ph.D. in Entomology in 1988 from Iowa State University. Her extension research interests are focused on the development and assessment of pest management strategies. Dean Wintersteen worked out in the field for extension with insects before coming onto campus as a faculty member. She is currently finishing up her 10th year as dean in the college. She believes that being the dean is the best job on campus because she interacts with people everyday that are passionate about the industry and the issues that we face. Her career advice was the most important thing you can do is show up and be 150% engaged and committed. The first impression that you make is the one that people will remember.

New Business:

- **Member of the month:** Drew Mogler
- **New/Old Member:** Reed Burres/PJ Fredrick

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Artz: "Eighty percent of success is showing up" It is important to show up with the right attitude, be ready and willing to partipate, and act respectfully and professionally. There are lots of opportunities to show up in the coming weeks scholarship applications, the club banquet, spring industry tour, quiz bowl team, and the ski trip.

Drawings

- **Guess the Member:** Danisha Pladsen Winner: Madeline Tucker
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Becky Schnabel (\$40)
- **Pre-Meeting Mixer:** Katie Klaes, Laura Klaes, and Allison Bastian

Announcements:

- **GSB Candidates**
 - Kathryn Leidahl
 - Megan Sweere
- **Ski Trip: February 27th, 2015**
- **Banquet: Saturday, March 7th check in 8:15-9 am**
- **Next Meetings**
 - **March 26th Bring a non-member friend**
 - **April 23rd**
- **GSB Voting March 3rd and 4th**

President, Adelai Swanson, adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.