

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club
Main Meeting Minutes
September 17th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday September 17th in 22 Sukup. President Adelai Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. There were 164 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of the August meeting were briefed by Joni Erwin. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Andrew Luzum announced the current balance available \$31,116.06.
- CALS Council: Events coming up are the Sigma Alpha Sand Volleyball, CALS Week, and the Block and Bridle Hunger Fight. Check your emails for more information.
- Reporters: The Facebook page is up to 540 likes, keep following us on social media!
- Historian: Hoped you all liked the potato bar and we will be looking into another room for next meeting.

Guest Speaker: Laura Cunningham – Latham Hi-Tech Seeds

Laura graduated from the Agricultural Business program in 2010 and has been with Latham since then. Latham Hi-Tech Seeds is a family owned company and was established in 1947. They have product lines consisting of soybeans, corn hybrids, and alfalfa. Their headquarters are located in Alexander, IA. They cover an upper Midwest territory including Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota. They are able to differentiate themselves because they primarily focus on succeeding in their territory and doing what works best for those areas. They also advocate for their business heavily on social media. This serves as a great way to communicate across their territory. They have many internship positions available, be sure to stop by their booth at career fair to get more information!

Committee Reports:

- Banquet: Working on putting together the plans for the Alumni Homecoming Breakfast. They are currently organizing the invitation list, program, and menu.
- Philanthropy & Service: Looking for volunteers to help with Fall Roadside Cleanup on September 28th at 5 pm. Sign up in 174 Heady. We will also be having a booth at Bacon Expo that will need volunteers
- Professional Meetings: Quizbowl will be beginning again to sign up email Dr. Artz.
- Career Day: The Pre-Career Day Panel will be in Scheman on October 19th from 7:30 – 9 pm.
- Recruitment & Social: The club tailgate will be on October 17th the time is still to be determined based on the game time. Thank you to all of you that helped at Clubfest.
- Sponsor Relations: Golf Tournament will take place on October 2nd at Coldwater Golf Course. The deadline to sign up is next Friday. There will be Free Driving Range practice on Monday before the event.
- Travel: The Fall Industry Tour itinerary will be sent out later this week. The bus will be leaving at 2:30pm.

Meet the Prof: Dr. John Crespi – Economics Professor

Dr. Crespi came to us from Kansas State University but he is originally from Stockton, California. He teaches the Ag Finance course in the department. Dr. Crespi did not grow up on a farm; in fact, he originally thought he wanted to be a police officer. That quickly changed when he took chemistry his freshmen year so he changed his major to English. After graduating he became a high school English teacher. He quickly decided this occupation was not for him either and he went back to get his masters in Economics. He met his wife while pursuing his masters and after they finished their degrees they enlisted in the peace core. When returning from the peace core he got his PHD and began teaching at Kansas State University.

New Business:

- **Mr CALS Nominations:** Marc Thronson and Carter Lantz
- **Member of the month:** Trent Kuhn
- **New/Old Member:** Nathan Yeager / Keily Stockdale

Advisor Comments:

- Amy Brandau: Amy quoted famous country music lyrics but she cautioned us not to follow their advice but rather to follow the advice of older country music. One song in particular *I Hope you Dance* by LeAnn Womack.

Drawings

- **Guess the Member:** Trevin Kennedy **Winner:** Natalina Sents
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Grace Tusha (\$20)

Announcements:

- Next Meeting:
 - October 22nd
- Fall Industry Tour: September 24th-26th
- Roadside Cleanup: September 28th
- Golf Tournament: October 2nd
- CALS Week: October 5th-9th
- Bacon Expo: October 10th from 11am-3pm

President, Adelai Swanson, adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.