

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club
Main Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, January 28th, 2016 in Curtiss Hall. President Joni Erwin called the meeting to order at 6:05PM. There were 138 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of the December meeting were briefed by Catherine Hayes. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Nathan Hrubes announced the current balance available \$39,438.17
- CALS Council: Feb 23rd Land O Lakes will be holding their global food drive. The AMMO Outlook Conference will be held on Nov 20th. CALS Week will be Oct. 3rd -7th. If you have concerns or ideas about CALS, please talk to our representatives.
- Reporters: Facebook is up 27 likes since the last meeting.
 - Guess the Member: Stefan Chambers Winner: Nic Klein
- Historians: We still cannot have food in classrooms. We are working to resolve this issue. Until then, we ask members to eat in the commons before entering the meeting room. If you have suggestions on food, please contact our historians.

Meet the Prof: Dr. Gabe Lade – Department of Economics

Dr. Gabe Lade is a new professor in the Economics Department. He will be teaching Intro to Ag Markets, along with a PhD course in agricultural economics. Before Iowa State, Dr. Lade received his PHD from UC Davis. Along with teaching, Dr. Lade conducts research in Ag Economics and Environmental energy economics. His interests and specialties are in biofuels and carbon emissions.

Committee Reports:

- Banquet: Banquet will be held on Saturday March 5th at 9:00am, 8:15am check in. If you are receiving a scholarship, attendance is required. \$10.00 tickets will be sold at our next meeting.
- Professional Meetings: Trivia Night will be held in the beginning of March, teams will be able to sign up after the February meeting. Our Quiz Bowl team will be competing in San Antonio Feb. 6th- 9th.
- Recruitment and Social: Our main social for the semester will be a barbeque and outdoor social.
- Sponsor Relations: The Leadership dinner will be held on Feb. 2nd, 17 reps have RSVP'd.
- Travel: Ski Trip will be going to Devils Resort in Wisconsin, Feb 6th-7th. Sign up begins tomorrow morning at 8:00am in 174 Heady. The trip will cost \$70.

Member Recognition:

- **Member of the month:** Kilah Hemesath
- **New/Old Member:** Jaxon Goedken/Danisha Pladsen

Guest Speaker: Mr. Chad Bush – DOW AgroSciences

Chad Bush graduated in December 1998 from Iowa State with a degree in Ag Business. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity while at Iowa State. Dow is a worldwide Ag company with facilities in more than 40 countries. They have more than 9,000 employees worldwide. He announced that Dow AgroSciences and DuPont Pioneer will be merging to form Dow DuPont. When interviewing, Mr. Bush advises students to show passion for their work, be a hard worker, and show the dedication to win.

New Business:

- Club Goals for 2016: Club Exec created new goals during their officer retreat in January. New goals include: Trivia night, move club officer elections to December, provide more recognition to club committees, investigate member and sponsor mentoring alliance, host a leadership dinner with top sponsors, ease transition for freshman and transfers, better inform members of upcoming events, host new member orientation, incentivize high club meeting attendance, new member drawing, strengthen club website.
- Budget for 2016: We currently have 59 sponsors, a record amount for our club. We are earning 3.8% quarterly off our \$100,000 endowment from Farm Credit Services. Agri-Bank added another \$50,000 to our endowment. This year the club plans to spend \$6,535.00 more than last year, totaling at \$47,085.00 in expenses.

Advisor Comments:

- Amy Brandau shared her book, "The fancy ISU Ag Bus Club book." She used this book to explain the endowment to members.

Drawings

- **Wheel of Fortune:** Nathan Yaeger (\$20)
- **Are You Here?** Chad Frazer (\$50)

Announcements:

- Destination Iowa State: Is looking for leaders, applications are available online.
- Ski Trip Sign Up – January 29th
- Leadership Dinner February 2nd 5:00 pm
- Spring Career Fair Wednesday, February 3rd 10am-2pm @ Memorial Union
- Ski Trip: February 6th -7th
- Club Scholarship Applications Due February 15th
- AMMO Ag Outlook Conference February 20st
- Banquet Saturday, March 5th
- Future Meetings: Feb. 25, Mar 31, Apr 21
- See all of the club event dates on the back of your agenda!

President, Joni Erwin, adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.