

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club  
Main Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2016

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, March 31, 2016 in Curtiss Hall. President Joni Erwin called the meeting to order at 6:04PM. There were 114 members present.

**Officer Reports:**

- Secretary: Minutes of the February meeting were briefed by Catherine Hayes. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Nathan Hrubes announced the current balance available \$33,104.81
- CALS Council: Dan & Shay Concert April 16, Open senate seat for student government- Applications due Monday. Senior award applications are due next Friday. Congratulations to Adelai Swanson for winning Ag Woman of the Year.
- Reporters: Bracket update. Nathan Wright was this months Guess the Member- won by Katie Klaes
- Historians: Chick-Fill-A was well enjoyed

**Guest Speaker: Jason Klootwyk - Bunge North America**

Mr. Klootwyk is from a small farm in Knoxville, IA. He graduated Iowa State with an Agricultural Business degree in 1998. He then went on to work at Bunge and is now the VP Director of Interior Assets. Mr. Klootwyk has moved 7 times in his 18 years at Bunge and says, "As your needs change, the company will change with you." Bunge processes oilseeds, grains, sugarcane, and other agricultural commodities to make products and ingredients with numerous applications for customers worldwide. They are the largest oil crushers and second largest sugar company in the world. Mr. Klootwyk advises to get involved in committees and clubs.

**Committee Reports:**

- Banquet: Thank you for coming to the Awards Banquets. They are very close to capacity for Banquet seating, so make sure to buy your tickets early next year.
- Professional Meetings: Working on two applications and Quiz Bowl is going to Boston over the summer. We were awarded \$1,000 from Monsanto.
- Publicity: Clothing orders are in 174 Hedy
- Recruitment and Social: Thank you for attending the social was last night. Intermural teams good luck.
- Sponsor Relations: Golf outing on Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Travel: April 8<sup>th</sup> of next week is Spring Industry Tour, sign up ends tomorrow. \$20 down payment to sign up.
- Philanthropy and Service: Spring Roadside Clean Up will be trying to move closer to Ames. Cy-Serve will be April 16<sup>th</sup> serving food at Food at First, sign up will be next week.

**Member Recognition:**

- **Member of the month:** Deanna Hanner
- **New/Old Member:** Alyssa Dean/Adelai Swanson
- **Committee of the Month:** Banquet Committee: Emily Cook, Nathan Gudenkauf, Mitchell Ryan, Brooke Sieren, Taylor Uthe, Michelle Winkie

**Meet the Professor: Mr. Wendong Zhang – Department of Economics**

Mr. Zhang is an extension farm management specialist in the Economics Department. He teaches Econ 364, Rural Property Appraisal, in the fall. Mr. Zhang is from a rural county in Northeastern China. He attended college at Fudan University (one of the top three most prestigious colleges in China) in Shanghai, and got his PhD in Ag Econ from Ohio State last summer. He gave himself the title of "The New Mike Duffy".

**New Business**

- **Quiz Bowl team update:** If you are interested in joining the Quiz Bowl team, contact Dr. Artz or a team member. Practices are Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm

**Advisor Comments – Dr. Deiter**

Matt Campbell will be speaking at our next meeting. Put the team ahead of yourself, play multiple positions, and be flexible. You should be so excited to take a job; you shouldn't care what the salary is.

**Drawings**

- **Wheel of Fortune:** Laura Klaes - \$100
- **Are You Here?:** Katie Joiner - \$100

**Announcements:**

- Student Union Board
- Spring Highway Clean Up-April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- April 8<sup>th</sup>: Spring Industry Tour
- CyServe Day-April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Next meeting Thurs- April 21<sup>st</sup> at Moore Memorial Park

President, Joni Erwin, adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm