

**Iowa State University
Agricultural Business Club
Main Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, August 24, 2017 Kildee Lush Auditorium. President Marc Thronson called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. There were 256 members present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Minutes of the April meeting were briefed by Allison Bastian and approved by Club members.

Treasurer: Craig Welter announced the current balance available \$41,317.33.

CALS Council: Thanked those who were in attendance at the Freshmen/Transfer BBQ and updated club members on CALS week which will be held October 2-7. Dustin Lynch will be playing at the Hansen Agricultural Center on October 11.

Reporters: Up to 830 likes on Facebook, Guess the Member was Michael Barr, won by Erin Wagner, Snapchat filter available to members.

Historians: Pizza pit and cookies were served at the meeting.

Meet the Prof: Dr. Lee Schulz, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, ISU Extension Specialist, and ISU AMMO club adviser. Dr. Schulz was born and raised on a beef farm in rural Wisconsin. His family also ran a propane gas business. He received his undergraduate degree from University of WI – Riverfalls where he had a strong interest in trading commodities, but after an internship, he learned it was not for him. He then was exposed to research and moved to Michigan State University for graduate school where he researched traceability adoption. After MSU, he received his PhD from Kansas State University where he greatly enjoyed being able to work with producers through extension. He always dreamed of working at ISU and timing worked out in his favor after receiving his PhD.

Committee Reports:

Sponsor Relations: The Golf Outing will be held on September 29th.

Travel: Sign up for the Fall Industry Tour begins August 25 at 7:00 a.m. in Heady Hall. The trip will be held from September 14-16th and will be stopping at John Deere in Moline, a Chicago Cubs game, ADM, Dow, and Becks Hybrids in Indianapolis.

Philanthropy & Service: Be on the look out for Highway Ditch Cleanup date.

Recruitment & Social: October 14th is set for the football tailgate. Intramural sign ups will be available soon.

Professional meetings: The Ag Business Club was selected as the Nation's Most Outstanding Club for the 13th time in the past 15 years. John Maubach won the Spreadsheet competition and our team received 3rd place in the Quiz Bowl competition out of 30 teams. The team was Izak Christensen, Catherine Isley, and Trevin Kennedy.

Publicity: Clothing order will be available the week of August 28th. You must have a polo to go on the Fall Industry Tour.

Member of the month: Keely Acheson

New/Old Member: Megan Warrin, Mitch Juhl

Committee of Month: Professional Meetings

Guest Speaker: FMC Corporation out of Philadelphia, PA. BJ Fuhrman, an ISU alumnus, and Jennifer Horning spoke to the club about their roles as sales managers in Iowa. They expressed their gratefulness to be a part of the ISU Ag Business Club. Jennifer spoke on FMC's recent opportunity to acquire Dupont's divestments, which will include Dupont's research and development group. This will mean they are top 5 in chemical manufacturing with over \$1 billion in annual sales. An outlook of their market year, which starts October 1st, was presented. They invited members to stop by their booth at career day because they will be hiring 25 interns this year.

New Business: New Member Orientation will be held on August 31st at 6:00pm. The meeting will be informal and food will be served. Sign ups for the Ag Alliance program will be available, look out for an email from Celeste Swanson, members will be matched with an industry representative by September 18th.

Advisor Comments: Advisors gave advice to incoming freshmen students on how to be successful in college.

Drawings:

Wheel of Fortune: Kim Dornbier was chosen and picked the “U” where \$40 was.

Are You Here!?: \$50 was at stake, Ben Dick was chosen and he was not present. \$100 will be up for stake at the September meeting and freshmen will be included.

Announcements:

New Member Orientation, August 31, 2017

Fall Industry Tour, September 14-16th

Golf Outing, September 29th

Future Meetings: September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 5th

President, Marc Thronson, adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.