

**Iowa State University  
Agricultural Business Club  
Main Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, February 23, 2017 Kildee Lush Auditorium. President Marc Thronson called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

There were 105 members present.

**Officer Reports:**

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

Treasurer: Craig Welter announced the current balance available \$44,435.07.

CALS Council: Updated club members on news about

Reporters: Up to 806 likes on Facebook, Guess the Member was Jaxon G, won by Michael Tupper, snapchat filter available to members.

Historians: Walking tacos were served at the meeting.

**Meet the Prof:** Dr. Kevin Kimle, Director of AgEI and Senior Lecturer. Pioneer Hybrid International in Business Development for 5 years after he received his master's degree. After, he started eMarkets, which

used the Internet as a platform for ecommerce for agricultural products. Also, started Decision Commodities that was sold to GrowMark in 2008. He has been with ISU for 8 years now.

**Special Guests:** Student government candidates spoke on the upcoming university election for president and vice president.

**Committee Reports:**

Banquet: March 4th is the club banquet, tickets are available in 174 Hedy, \$10 for club members, \$15 for non-members

Sponsor Relations: The Golf Outing has been scheduled for September 29th.

Travel: Ski Trip was a success. The Spring Industry Tour will include trips to Flint Hills, ADM, and DLL Group.

Philanthropy & Service: An email will be sent with a list of ideas on where to donate our money.

Recruitment & Social: Intramural sign ups are available for dodgeball and co-ed volleyball. April 13th is tentative date for Spring Social. Also, March Madness bracket is available to join for a cash prize.

Professional meetings: April 6th is Spring Trivia Night, sign up after March meeting. Quiz bowl team did very well at the AAEA Competition in Alabama, Izak Christensen's team won 1st place.

Publicity: Clothing order is available with the addition of visors and sweatpants. Order forms are due March 9th in Hedy.

**Member of the month:** Nathan Kimle

**New/Old Member:** Mokhtar S. from Algeria, Africa/Isaac Ambrosy

**Committee of Month:** Sponsor Relations, Michael Barr is the chair and he introduced his committee members.

**Special Announcement:** Trey Forsyth from the ISU Cardinal Key Society announced the names of students who were recently accepted to the Cardinal Key Society. Those Ag Business members are Allison

Bastian, Izak Christensen, Reed Burre, Lauren Sendlebach, and Celeste Swanson.

**Guest Speaker:** Justin Reuter & Cassie Stumpf from New Cooperative, Cassie is a graduate of the ISU Ag Business program. New Cooperative was generous enough to pay for the Club's food at the meeting.

They

are a farmer owned coop with almost 4,200 members and 500 full-time employees, in 37 communities.

Justin spoke on the impact the high corn yields had on their coop this year. They had to create large piles of

uncovered corn to store the corn. They are starting a pelleted and mash mill and producing a second mill of

the same sort. 1.6 million ton of feed will be produced once these are up and running. This will make them

the largest producer of feed in Iowa.

**New Business:** Catherine Hayes would like volunteers to make a video for the Banquet. If you sign up to help, you will get two names in the monthly drawing. Quiz bowl participants were congratulated on their hard work at the competition.

**Advisor Comments:** Amy Brandau spoke on not being afraid to tell your personal story along with listening to others' stories to help broaden your horizons. She mentioned that as students at ISU we have a great opportunity to write our own story here at ISU.

**Drawings:**

Wheel of Fortune: Keely Acheson won \$20.00

Are You Here!?: Taylor Rice was not in attendance for \$100.00. The next meeting there will be \$150.00 at stake.

**Announcements:**

Banquet March 4th

Trivia Night April 6th

**Future Meetings:** March 30, April 20

President, Marc Thronson, adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.