

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held April 19 in Labaron Hall. President Hanna Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. There were 92 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Vice president: Thank you to the committees for all the work you've done this semester.
- Secretary: Minutes of the March meeting were briefed by Rachel Alexander. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Celeste Swanson announced the current balance available to be at \$50,641.75. Please turn in any outstanding receipts before the end of the year to be reimbursed.
- Cals Council: CALS council is done with their last meeting and looking forward to welcome events next semester.
- Reporter: Lillian Swanson is the social media spot light and the guess member is Brooke Sieren, won by Rachel Sonabend. Marta Grant and Craig Welter won the Marck Madness bracket challenge.
- Logistics Coordinators: Thank you to Iowa Pork for sponsoring this meeting. There will be cake at the end to celebrate graduating seniors.

Guest Speaker: Drew Mogler-Director of producer outreach

Iowa Pork Producers got its start in the 1930's when a group of pig farmers got together to repair the swine barn at the Iowa State fair. Then, in the late 1960s they became more organized and took on the name of Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA).

All pork producers in the state of Iowa pay in 44 cents of every \$100 worth of produce, this is used for promotion, education, and research done by the IPPA. The strategic investment program is an optional program for producers where they can pay in 10 cents of every \$100 of production.

Iowa is the number one pork producer in the United States. Iowa produces 1/3 of all pigs and there are currently 7 pigs for every one person. There are 6,226 pork producing farms in the state of Iowa. Often times pigs are imported from across the United States and Canada to be raised in Iowa barns.

A quarter of the pork produced in Iowa is sent overseas as exports. Currently pork is a part of 142,000 jobs in Iowa. This ends up being 1 in 12 jobs in Iowa and 37 billion dollars worth of our economy. These numbers are continuing to grow.

The IPPA works with policy issues. There is a 131 page document listing the regulations for pig farmers and IPPA works to keep this list reasonable. Currently they are working with the Farm Bill to build a vaccine bank to fight foot and mouth disease in case of a future outbreak.

The Iowa Pork Producers offer 3 internship opportunities.

The advice Drew had for people about to join the work force was to continue networking and to continue to work on soft skills like communication and being self aware

Committee Reports

-Ag alliance: Thank you to those who have filled out the surveys and if you have not please do so. There will be a mentee, mentor social next September

-Recruitment and Social: Thank you for coming to those who came out to the club social and stop by their booth at state FFA.

Travel: Thank you for going on the spring industry tour and next year's fall industry tour is being prepared.

Graduating senior comments

New business-

Be sure to add ag business on snapchat.

Advisor comments

Comments were given by Dr. Dieter:

-Thank you to the graduating seniors for choosing Ag business

-Having a solid foundation of economics will help you as you go into the future

-Have a safe and fun summer, but also a productive one

-Homework for the summer-Consider the lyrics "When was the last time you did something for the first time?"

1. Read a book on success or something that involves self improvement
2. Make it a point to learn something new everyday
3. Go to a driving range
4. Set goals for yourself and the club to pursue when you come back in the fall
5. Take time to notice, appreciate, and thank member of your family '

Perfect Attendance awards were given.

President, Hanna Mendenhall adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.