

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on November 11, 2021, in the Gerdin Business Building, Room 1148. President Gannon Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 148 members present at the November Meeting.

Officer Reports

- **Vice President:** Thank you to all of the committees for working hard on all events and activities coming up. We have had great events so far, so thank you all for attending them. For all of your hard work, we will be having the committee appreciation night on Wednesday, December 8th, at 5:30 at Perfect Games in Ames.
- **Secretary:** The minutes of the October meeting were briefed by Emma Aljets. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Adam Knoblock announced the current balance available is \$57,869.84. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** We are excited to announce that the Agriculture and Society Club is now a part of CALS Council. The election process for CALS council has begun. The council will have a newly elected executive team by the end of the year.
- **Reporters:** Follow our social media! Social Media Spotlight: Kyle Poen
- **Logistics:** We hope everyone enjoyed the Chick-Fil-A. Next month, we will be serving pizza the night of elections.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Ag Alliance Program. Don't forget to keep in touch with your mentors and reach out if you have any questions.
- **Professional Meetings:** Thank you to everyone who attended trivia night. It was a very fun and successful event.
- **Recruitment and Social:** Thank you to everyone who attended the tailgate on November 6th. There was a great turnout, and we hope to continue this event in future semesters.
- **Sponsor Relations:** Thank you to everyone who attended the Leadership Dinner on November 9th. There were 64 leaders in attendance, and it was a great night!
- **New Member Engagement:** The New Member Engagement committee had its Fall Agricultural Business Social on November 11th, directly following the November ABC Meeting. The social was held in the Iowa Farm Bureau Pavilion. There was plenty of fun activities, including line dancing and a bags tournament. Thank you to those who attended the event!

Guest Speakers: Rhonda Young, Farm Credit Services of America

Rhonda is a 2004 ISU graduate with a double degree in Agricultural Business as well as Public Service and Administration in Agriculture (now known as Agriculture and Society). She also holds an MS from Drake University for Adult Learning and Organizational Performance. Since graduation, she has working in the Ag Lending field for Farm Credit Services of America in various roles including Financial Officer, Marketplace Training Specialist, and most recently Credit Analyst. Rhone has a unique remote working arrangement and resides in Waukee, Iowa, with her husband, Andy, and children, Ashlyn (8) and Emmett (5). When not at work, Rhonda can be found spending time with family and friends, hitting the gym, reading, and traveling when possible.

Meet the Professor: John Crespi, Director of the Center for Agricultural & Rural Development and Professor in the Department of Economics

John Crespi is the Director of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development and Professor in the Department of Economics at Iowa State University. His areas of expertise include agricultural economics and industrial organization. He is currently Editor of Agricultural Policy Review, Associate Editor of Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy and Associate Editor of Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Election Procedures

Member Recognition

- Member of the Month: Jacob Hall
- New Member of the Month: Faith Kuehl
- Old Member of the Month: Andrew Louwagie

Advisor Comments: Amy Brandau

Amy encouraged all members to consider running for a position on the executive team. Take the time to prepare yourself and be intentional about giving a good speech and picking individuals to speak on your behalf. Amy reflected on what previous club advisor, Dr. Deiter, would have said.

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take”, so take the shot and run if you are interested in it. If so elected, be gracious in your winnings. And if you do not make it, do not give up your great work and participation in the club. Amy and the rest of the club is looking forward to a strong ballot for elections.

Drawings:

- Are you here?: Brett Baccam: Not In Attendance. Drawing will be \$200 at the next meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Krisi Bries – won \$50 from the B.

Announcements:

- Thursday, December 2nd (5:00 p.m.): Self-nomination & essay forms due.
- Friday, December 3rd (Midnight): Any disallowed nominees to be notified.
- Friday, December 3rd (Noon): List of initial nominees to be sent to members.
- Tuesday, December 7th (Noon) to Wednesday, December 8th (Noon): Absentee voting allowed.
- Thursday, December 9th (5:30 meal, 6:00 meeting): Election Meeting.

President Gannon Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.