

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on October 23rd in the Food Science Building 2432. President Kyle Durst called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 123 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the September meeting were briefed by Lainey DeVries. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Theo Klaes announced the current balance available is \$114,237.32. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** CALS Senior award nominations are open, and submissions for each award category are due October 31st.
- **Reporters:** Make sure to follow the club's socials! Congratulations to Caroline Strawhacker and Mindy Keehner on being this week's trivia winners!
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Hope you enjoyed the food. Please submit any food requests for future meetings.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Thank you to everyone who came to the kickoff event! If you were unable to attend, reach out to Victoria Howell for further instructions. The November topic will be sent out at the beginning of November. Make sure you are reaching out to your mentors.
- **Banquet:** The Agricultural Business Homecoming Tailgate will be on October 25th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Auxiliary tent.
- **CALS Career Day:** Thank you to everyone who attended the Pre-Career Fair Mixer and CALS Career Fair.
- **New Member Engagement:** Hosting a social for club members on November 5th. Participation in the event will enter you into the chance to win some \$50 gift cards!
- **Philanthropy and Service:** Thank you to everyone who attended the roadside clean-up!
- **Professional Meetings:** Trivia Night was hosted on October 21st. Thank you to all those who participated! Awards were given for first place, second place, and best dressed.
- **Publicity:** Polo orders can be picked up in Heady Hall.
- **Sponsor Relations:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the golf outing!

Guest Speakers: Amanda Rea, Growmark FS

Hi, I'm Amanda Rea, a Recruiter with New Century FS, where I've had the pleasure of working for the past two years. I grew up in Eastern Iowa, where my family raises and exhibits Maine-

Anjou and Chianina cattle. I was actively involved in showing cattle at the national level and continue to stay engaged in our family's cattle operation today.

I currently reside in Ames, Iowa, and am a proud graduate of Iowa State University, holding a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Communications with a minor in Animal Science. During my time at ISU, I was a member of the 2022 Iowa State Livestock Judging Team. In addition to my role at New Century FS, I also run a photography and videography side business, combining my passion for agriculture with creativity and storytelling.

Meet the Faculty: Dr. Will Taylor, Department of Animal Science

Dr. Will Taylor grew up in central Indiana and attended Lincoln Land Community College and Western Illinois University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural science while competing on both schools' livestock judging teams. He went on to receive his master's degree in animal science at Iowa State University and recently completed his Ph.D. here as well.

Will now lives in Gilbert, Iowa, and serves as an assistant teaching professor as well as the livestock judging team coach at Iowa State. Over his judging career, he's evaluated livestock in 25 different states, including at multiple state fairs, the American Royal, and the National Western Stock Show

Old Business:

- Etiquette Dinner
- CALS Olympics

New Business:

- Election Information Meeting
- Updating Constitution

Member Recognition:

- Member of the Month: Trinity Swart
- New Member of the Month: Charlie Lane
- Old Member of the Month: Jack Richolson

Advisor Comments: Rhonda Young – Industry Advisor

- Rhonda shared a sports analogy with us to offer guidance for personal and team success:
 - Preparation supports success
 - Focus on controlling what you can control
 - Negative emotions happen, but don't let them control you
 - Know how to be a good teammate
 - Act with integrity
 - Make time to recharge
 - Some days, simply showing up is a win

Drawings:

- Are You Here: Not in attendance, drawing will be worth \$100 at the next meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Gabe Chance won \$20 from the B!

Announcements:

- The Jim Knuth Lecture will be held on October 30th in 2155 Marston Hall. Refreshments begin at 6:00 pm with the lecture from Iowa State's President, Wendy Wintersteen, starting at 6:30 pm.

Activity	Date	Time
Jim Knuth Lecture Series	Thursday, October 30 th	6:00 Social; 6:30 Lecture
November Meeting	Thursday, November 13 th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Officer Info Meeting	Tuesday, November 18 th	6:00 Meeting
Election Meeting	Thursday December 4 th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting

President Kyle Durst adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.