

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on March 13th in Kildee 0125. President Jake Burress called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM. There were 43 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the February meeting were briefed by Lainey DeVries. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Theo Klaes announced the current balance available is \$141,230.65. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** No update
- **Reporters:** Trivia winner was Brooke Johnson
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Hope you enjoyed the food!

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Be on the lookout for a survey at the April meeting
- **Banquet:** Congratulations to all, the homecoming tailgate will be October 25th
- **CALS Career Day:** Pre-Career Fair Mixer will be October 13th, and the ISU CALS Career Fair will be October 14th
- **Philanthropy and Service:** Roadside cleanup will be Wednesday April 16th, meet at 4:15 in the intramural parking lot
- **Recruitment and Social:** Dodgeball tournament will be Thursday April 10th and is open to everyone
- **Sponsor Relations:** Leadership dinner will be on April 15th at Reiman Gardens
- **Travel:** Spring Industry Tour will be on Friday April 25th, sign up will be sent out on March 24th

Guest Speakers: Emma Kehrli – John Deere

- Our guest speaker this month is Emma Kehrli from John Deere. Emma grew up on a family farm in Northeast Iowa and went on to double major in Agricultural Business and Public Relations at Iowa State University. After graduating, she joined the John Deere marketing team full time and currently resides in the Des Moines area.

Meet the Faculty: Dr. John Crespi – Department of Economics

- Our faculty speaker for this month is Dr. John Crespi. Dr. Crespi was born and raised in California. He holds 2 bachelor's degrees in both English and economics from California State University in Sacramento. He holds a Master of Arts in Economics from Colorado

State University and earned his PHD in Agricultural Economics from the University of California, Davis. He served in the Peace Corps in the Central African Republic, worked in agribusiness consulting prior to his PHD, and is a prior 15-year faculty member at Kansas State. Dr. Dermot Hayes recruited Dr. Crespi to come to Iowa state saying that the weather in Kansas is the same as in Iowa, that was a lie. He is a 10-year professor at Iowa State and teaches Econ 466: Ag Finance along with serving as the director of the center of agricultural and rural development. His wife, Tracy Turner is a finance professor here and is way smarter than he is. They have 2 incredible boys and 1 cute but very needy dog.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Member Recognition:

- Member of the Month: Sammie Brandau
- New Member of the Month: Matt Samuelson
- Old Member of the Month: Malea Moore

Advisor Comments: Mr. John Reasoner – Faculty Advisor

- Gave remarks about lessons in life and flinch. He explained to members the game of flinch and how it's rules and game strategies can relate back to life.

Drawings:

- Are You Here?: Maddie Henderson won \$150!
- Wheel of Fortune: Kierra Dodd won \$40 from the S!

Announcements: None

Activity	Date	Time
Jim Knuth Lecture	Tuesday, April 8th	6:00 Social, 6:30 Lecture
Dodgeball Tournament	Thursday, April 10th	5:00 Start
Leadership Dinner	Tuesday, April 15th	5:30 Welcome, 6:00 Dinner
Spring Roadside Clean Up	Wednesday, April 16th	4:45 Departure
April Meeting	Thursday, April 17th	5:30 Social, 6:00 Meeting
Spring Industry Tour	Friday, April 25th	

President Jake Burress adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.