

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Conference Call
Monday, August 8, 2011

The USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting with a conference call Monday August 8th 2011. President Tracy Zeorian called the meeting to order at 6.00 am CDT. Those present were Vice President Kent Braathen, Secretary Taff Hughes, Treasurer Jon Orr, board members Dean Karau, and Kirk Grove .Also present was Operations Manager Pam Shmidl . Board member Roger Sammons was absent.

AGENDA was reviewed by all present. Pam requested Reno County/Hutch Chamber be added to new business. Tracy also asked to add DOL, to new business. Taff moved to accept agenda with additions Dean seconded, motion carried.

MINUTES of the July 8th meeting were reviewed; no corrections or additions could be found. Therefore Kent made a motion to approve, Dean seconded, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT was reviewed. Tracy then brought to the board's attention the healthy increase in both general fund and scholarship fund since March 31st after changing to the advisory solutions accounts, even during this time of market upsets and government concerns.

There were additional monies received in donations for the Hamil relief fund bringing donations up to \$28,000. Dean then motioned to accept treasurer's report, Kent seconded motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

FUEL TANK

Tracy reported on bill HR2429 being introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Randy Neugebauer of Texas, on July 6th. A replica of the bill introduced into the Senate. There were no co sponsors yet.

AG CONNECT

Anita Sennet was in touch with Jon and Tracy and told them it is official, in 2013 Ag Connect will be held in Kansas City. Tracy then went over the details of the proposal Anita presented to them for co-locating our convention during their show. They are offering a substantial subsidy for USCHI to bring 400 members and upwards, if we could register 1000 people like we had at Grand Island for the last convention. Subsidy could be as much as \$70,000. There was discussion how to use these monies. Then it was discussed what Ag Connect would provide for hosting the USCHI convention. This lead into extensive discussion regarding the pros and cons and the future good it might bring to USCHI. Tracy suggested that in September the board should decide yes or no if we attend and co-locate our convention with Ag Connect in 2013.

CONVENTION PLANNING

First was discussion on the set up and moving in equipment and small booths. Then moving on to the tentative agenda and Thursday events. Thursday evening entertainment was discussed leading into a discussion of bringing in a big name headline entertainer. Tracy announced Nebraska Senator Johanns possibly being present for Saturday lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

RENO COUNTY/HUTCHINSON CHAMBER

Pam asked the board if they reviewed the information she had provided them regarding advertising with the chamber at a cost of \$332 annually. Consensus was there was no benefit to the organization and to decline

DOL

Tracy was informed of new rules being signed into effect as of July 29th, there will no longer be an exemption for custom harvesters on assurity bonds.

ARGENTINA SILAGE CUTTERS

Jon presented information to the board on a group of 30 silage harvesters from Argentina that were visiting California and being hosted by member Dan Lamb. Jon would like for USCHI to assist in feeding them a meal one night. There did not seem to be any opposition. Jon also reported on the chopper challenge that just took place, and USCHI would pay for the testing as we did last year.

ADJOURN

. President Tracy Zeorian adjourned the meeting at 8:09 am CDT

Next meeting Thursday September 8th @ 6:00am CDT.