

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Conference call Tuesday February 8, 2011

USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. Vice President Kent Braathen called the meeting to order at 8:00 am CDT. . Present were Vice President, Kent Braathen, Treasurer Jon Orr, Secretary Taff Hughes, board members Kirk Grove and Dean Karau. Also present were Board Adviser Steve Shepherd and Operations Manager Pam Shmidl. Absent were President Tracy Zeorian and board member Roger Sammons. .

AGENDA

Was reviewed by all present. Pam asked that Marvin Gaines be added to new business, with the addition included Dean motioned to approve the agenda, Kirk seconded motion carried.

MINUTES of the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, were reviewed by all. Jon made a motion to approve as read, Dean seconded motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Was given by Pam. January financials were reviewed. Kirk moved to accept as presented, Jon seconded, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SAFETY VIDEO

Jon said everything going on track, moving along good, trying to get Maxine Hines in to film her part Monday morning first thing.

SCHOLARSHIP

Pam informed the board results for the successful candidates were in at the office, fourteen had applied originally with two applications not qualifying. There followed a discussion whether successful candidates should be required to attend the convention to receive their scholarship. It was felt presently that is to hard a requirement, a lot of sports activities going on during this time, no action taken.

KANSAS LENGTH LAW

Taff reported he had been in contact with Alex Richard at senator Moran's office, and was told for anything to happen it will need to be attached to another bill such as a transportation bill. Alex is hopeful this will take place yet this year, said he would be in touch when it looked like something might happen and inform us at the time if a letter writing campaign is needed. Taff also had contact with Bill Stevens, and Bill brought up the possibility of doing something for seasonal for Kansas state highways only not federal. Taff has contacted Governor Brownback's office and also his local representative Bill Wolf a member of the Transportation committee. Bill Wolf called Taff yesterday morning said he had talked to the committee chairman and was working on a permit.

There was some discussion and board thought if Kansas came up with one permit similar to the South Dakota over width permit would be a great idea, Steve advised Taff to stay after the elected officials constantly and be in touch that's how things will take place usually.

CONVENTION

Pam was in Grand Island at time of this meeting and had yesterday met with the caterer, and Fonner Park people got measurements of floor space, said she had to have her floor plan to the fire Marshal, everything progressing wonderfully.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### MARVIN GAINES

Pam informed the board she was contacted by former member Marvin Gaines, who is currently selling vitamins and would like to add a small complimentary package for the convention registry give away bags, board decide they were not for this but would welcome him to buy a trade show booth.

### HOURS OF SERVICE

Jim Deibert had faxed Pam materials handed out at a Kansas Motor Carrier Association meeting, had also been in contact with Taff, this was for the use to comment on the proposed new hours of service regulations. Taff added didn't seem as relative to us as it was geared towards employees of trucking companies and was sure a lot of us individuals would be all ready making comments plus one representing all of us from the organization.

### ADJOURN

With no other business Kent moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. CDT.

Next meeting Wednesday March 2nd in the board room of the Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island Nebraska.