

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Conference Call
Monday Jul, 12, 2010

The USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting with a conference call Monday July 12th 2010. 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 Kirk Grove, Roger Sammons and Dean Karau .Also present were Operations Manager Pam Shmidl and board advisor Steve Shepherd.

Agenda was reviewed by all present, with the addition of scholarship to old business and convention to new business. Kent made a motion to approve, Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 10th, 2010 minutes were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, Kent made the motion to approve the minutes. Dean seconded. Motion carried. (Approved minutes can be viewed on the website at www.uschi.com – left side of the homepage under “About USCHI”.)

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Six new regular members signed up last month along with one lifetime and four associates. After clarification about an insufficient funds check received Roger moved to accept the report, Dean seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Ag Connect

Pam gave an overview to the board of the block room contract she received, after some discussion on the cancel clause board decided to leave open for a while, looks like we have till November to cancel out, only one call was received so far showing interest in attending.

Fuel tank

Tracy reported there were 178 comments posted on the July 6th closing date a fair number. She expressed concerns about some negative comments by some large agri-business corporations, and one very positive for support of our petition by Indiana Farm Bureau, now we wait, hope and see.

Scholarship

Roger will contact Wendy Hughes scholarship committee chairperson to push for a September 1st deadline on any changes to be made to policy.

Convention

Kent presented his idea for having an educational seminar put on by highway patrol/dot, for proper log book procedure, equipment tie down and requirements for legality, several board members feel this would be good to educate our members as these regulations are here to stay and enforcement looks to become stricter.

New Business

Davenport Iowa /Kearney Nebraska

Pam reported on her fact-finding trip looking at future convention sites, she reported that the River center at Davenport is too small for our needs. Kearney Nebraska could possibly work depending on their figures for cost. Grand Island looks to be a better setting. Pam was also contacted by Wichita Kansas and will look into this further.

Minnesota DOT

Jon was contacted by a silage operator in Minnesota that was being persecuted by an officer with his own agenda, Jon asked about having an attorney read the law and regulations, board agreed to pursue this as long as the harvester is a paid up full member.

Newspapers for education

The office was contacted by the Hutchinson newspaper looking for support of their program for supplying newspapers to school classrooms to educate students on current affairs, after some discussion Taff made a motion not to support this as he saw no benefit for the organization, Dean seconded motion carried.

Kirk moved to adjourn the meeting at 7.03 am CDT, Dean seconded.

Next meeting will be August 9th at 6.00 am.