

# **USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Conference Call  
Friday July 8, 2011

The USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting with a conference call Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> 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 member Dean Karau, Kirk Grove & Roger Sammons. Also present was Operations Manager Pam Shmidl.

**AGENDA** was reviewed by all present, there being no additions Kirk moved to accept Dean seconded, motion carried.

**MINUTES** of the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and after a few minor changes were discussed and attended to Kirk moved to accept, Roger seconded, motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT** was reviewed, Dean moved to accept, Taff seconded motion carried

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **FMCSA**

Jon reported on his conversation with Tom Yager and the issues discussed at the June board meeting. There was some concern about some states overreaching their authority. Not too much for our members to be alarmed about and the board didn't see a need for letter writing at this time. Comment period on this proposed legislation has been extended until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **FUEL TANK**

Tracy reported on the Senate Bill S.1288 which was introduced on June 28, 2011 by Kansas Senator Pat Roberts and co sponsored by Senators Ben Nelson and Johanns of Nebraska and Jerry Moran from Kansas.

Tracy said she called Jason Prokop in Nelson's office. She was enthused after hearing that most bills don't make it this far. Now is the time to write letters to our Senators and inform others involved in the ag industry as this will also benefit agricultural retailers, coops and producers.

### **INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Tracy reported Jim Deibert had shown interest in chairing this committee to work on the business income protection insurance talked about at the June meeting with David Anderson. Bill Stevens also showed interest. There was discussion regarding how many committee members were needed. Tracy talked about this in her letter for the Harvest News.

### **CONVENTION PLANNING**

Pam reported on her progress and fact finding after the June special meeting, reported she had secured Trent Loos [advocate for agriculture] for a fee of \$3500.

Discussion was held about the other high key speakers the board had received information on from Pam; it was decided to hire Jolene Brown, motivational speaker for a keynote address and possible workshop for Saturday. It was also decided to hold the annual business meeting on Friday afternoon. This led to discussion about when to hold state meetings. The board also discussed starting Friday night's activities one hour earlier.

### **WICHITA KS**

Pam reported the Wichita CVB contacted her to let her know their home and garden show that coincided with the dates of our convention has been cancelled. There was discussion about the facility and access. Taff suggested the board members make a site meeting tour during the December face to face meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **US FARMERS AND RANCHERS ALLIANCE**

The board discussed the information presented to them by Tracy and her further findings. The general consensus seemed to be it is not something we need to join presently.

### **ADJOURN**

President Tracy Zeorian adjourned the meeting at 7:09 am CDT

**Next meeting Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00am CDT.**