

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Conference Call
Monday May 9, 2011

The USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting with a conference call Monday, May 9th 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. Also present were Operations Manager Pam Shmidl, financial consultant Darren Wicks of Edward Jones. Kirk Grove joined the call at 6:02 am, board member Roger Sammons was absent..

Agenda was reviewed by all present, and with the addition of Kansas length law and safety video to old business, safety meeting, H2A Assurity bonds, CDL changes and committees to new business, Dean motioned to approve with Jon seconding.

Minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting were reviewed and with two minor corrections Kirk motioned to approve, Dean seconded.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Kirk motioned to approve as presented, Dean seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Financials

Darren Wicks with Edward Jones was present to review with the board the policy set for managing both general fund and scholarship fund, reported both funds were doing well and suggested board take a look at current board investment policy and adopt to the Edward Jones policy statement for the new advisory solutions accounts ,which is of medium risk . Tracy questioned if it remained the same or changed periodically, Darren answered policy was set for a team of managers, to manage the accounts under medium risk, after considerable discussion matter was tabled until next board meeting for Darren to get more information out to board members. Darren Wicks left the meeting at 6:21am.

NCAE

Issue at hand was to discuss the benefits of joining the National Council of Agricultural Employers, tabled from last meeting. Tracy sees them as another source to call and question and keep up with H2A changes. Levels of membership are member \$500, sponsor \$1700. Jon moved to pay the \$1700 level, Kirk seconded motion carried unanimously.

Fuel tank

Tracy reported on the beginning of a bill drafted out of Senator Pat Roberts office for legislation for a fuel tank ruling, they are looking for another bill it can be attached to and reported might not take place this year.

Kansas Length Law

Tracy reported on the information gathered from member Mike Strunk at the Kansas safety meeting on the resolution passed by the Kansas State Senate by a vote of 119 to 0 to present to the United States Senate a resolution allowing Kansas to set their own highway regulations without federal control, this should be a step in the right direction to help our cause.

Safety Video

Conrad Weaver was at the Kansas safety meeting filming and will use the truck inspection in the video also filmed truck safety and loading procedures at Jim Deibert's for a day. Board discussed the extra cost and concluded it to be a great investment. Hopefully editing should be done in June and ready to duplicate by fall. Kent suggested a safety session at convention to launch the video and to acquaint members of the accompanying test.

H2A Assurity Bonds

Tracy informed the board of the information provided by David Anderson of Vincent, Urban, Walker Insurance that custom harvesters were no longer exempt from having to have a bond in place to bring in H2A workers.

CDL Changes

Larry Schroeder emailed Tracy information about a comment period for the Federal Registry for pushing changes in the CDL requirements that would affect our members, agreement was voiced that we need to look into.

NEW BUSINESS

Committees

Discussion was brought up if the people listed on different committees had been contacted about continued involvement and the interest shown by new members at the convention, Tracy suggested phone calls be made.

Adjourn

President Tracy Zeorian adjourned the meeting at 7:21am CDT

Next meeting Wednesday June 8th @ 6:00 am CDT

