

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Special meeting Friday, January 14, 2011
Conference Call

USCHI Board of Directors held a special meeting, Friday, January 14, 2011 by conference call. President Tracy Zeorian called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CDT. Present were Vice President Kent Braathen, Treasurer Jon Orr, Secretary Taff Hughes, board members Dean Karau and Kirk Grove. Board member Roger Sammons was absent. Operations manager Pam Shmidl and Board Advisor Steve Shepherd were also present.

AGENDA was reviewed by all present. Kent asked for "Hours of Service" to be added, Dean motioned to approve after the addition, Kirk seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Safety video

Tracy informed the board that the meeting was called to approve the cost of retaining the Heartland Event center exhibit hall after convention through Thursday, March 9th at the extra cost of \$4,500, a sum larger than the \$2,000 that can be spent without board approval.

Kent thinks this is a great idea as combines will already be inside and clean without needing to wash after road travel. Tracy said Case had not yet been contacted but did not see a problem as the issue had been previously discussed with Kelly Kravig. Jon reported talking to Mike Barnett from John Deere. He does not see a problem and AGCO are already in agreement. There followed a short discussion on truck and combine trailer availability with several options thrown out, possibly a member close by could bring. Dean then made the motion for spending \$4,500 for building rental. Jon seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hours of Service

Kent informed the board the comment period for the new hours of service for commercial drivers was currently up for comment through February 28, 2011. Tracy stated there was a link available on the website of the American Trucking Association. Tracy added she would post on the USCHI discussion board and Facebook to inform people. There was a question posed wondering if the organization should comment or individuals. It was decided that both were suggested but the comment from USCHI should be placed by someone educated in the matter as Jon pointed out some of the ruling wording is unclear, Kent agreed to handle the matter.

Tracy then warned board members not to be alarmed if they receive an IRS package. She ordered a compliance guide for nonprofit organizations for all board members to review.

With no further business, President Tracy Zeorian adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. CDT.