

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Conference Call Monday
November 9, 2010

USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting, November 9, 2010 by conference call. President Tracy Zeorian called the meeting to order at 6:00 am, CDT. Present were Vice President Kent Braathen, Treasurer Jon Orr, Secretary Taff Hughes, and board member Dean Karau. Kirk Grove and Roger Sammons were absent. Operations manager Pam Shmidl and board advisor Steve Shepherd were also present. Kirk Grove joined the call at 6:15 CDT.

AGENDA was reviewed by all present, Pam asked Ag connect be added to new business. Dean moved to accept and Kent seconded, motion carried.

MINUTES of the October 7th, 2010 meeting were reviewed by all present, and after misspelling corrections and one wrong office listed, Jon motioned to approve the minutes, Dean seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Pam, October financials were reviewed. Dean moved to accept treasurers report, Kent seconded.

OLD BUISNESS

Fuel tank

Tracy reported she had been contacted by Curtis Johnson from the DOT, and a meeting was scheduled in Washington, DC on December the 9th; she, Kent and Jon will attend. Tracy had emailed Senator's Dorgan and Johann's offices to let them know. Tracy suggested that on the 8th they could set up a meeting with Russell Laird with the American Trucking Association.

Safety video

Jon reported that filming will hopefully take place in late November or early December but he is currently having trouble getting people to help. He is also working with Case on building options.

Farm Bureau membership

Jon informed the board he had not been able to contact his associate due to him being involved in an auto accident, therefore nothing to report at this time.

Scholarship

Due to Roger being absent there was nothing to report.

Vendor of the year.

Pam informed the board it was time to think about nominees after a short discussion this was tabled until December.

Ag Connect

There was a discussion about travel plans, it was suggested everyone make their own travel arrangements. Board members will need to arrive January 6th and the convention concludes at 1pm on the 10th last night for rooms is the 9th. Kent said he will not be attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Case tours

Board members discussed their phone calls from a member and his concern about having Case plant tours on Thursday during the combine clinics and convention, and his suggestion they should only be held on Wednesday prior to convention. Pam said she had contacted Mike Barnett with John Deere and he has no issue with this (Mike also called Tracy and reiterated the same thing to her). Pam also talked to Kevin Bien from AGCO and he is okay with the setup, he asked what John Deere had to say and was in agreement.

Chopper meetings.

Jon reported the silage members were requesting something different and has been in contact with manufacturers about a more hands on approach on the showroom floor maybe half hour at each machine. He also reported there were two chopper challenges this past summer the one in California and one in New York and is hoping to have a speaker present from each one.

Combine clinic contest.

There was much discussion about how the names were collected for the people that attended all the clinics, Steve stated it is inconvenient how this is done in the past and disruptive to the meeting. Ideas were thrown out possibly using tickets. Jon suggested a bar code electronic scanner, Pam will look into this and further discussion will convene at the December meeting.

Dean moved to adjourn meeting at 6:54 am, Taff seconded, motion carried.

Next meeting is Monday December 6th, 2010 @ 9:00 am CDT in the Hutchinson office.