

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Conference Call Monday  
October 7, 2010

USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting, October 7, 2010 by conference call. President Tracy Zeorian called the meeting to order at 6:01am, CDT. Present were, Vice President Kent Braathen, Treasurer Jon Orr, Secretary Taff Hughes, board members, Dean Karau and Kirk Grove. Operations manager Pam Shmidl was also present, board adviser Steve Shepherd was absent, and board member Roger Sammons joined the meeting at 6:06 am.

AGENDA was reviewed by all present. Without any corrections or additions, Kent motioned to approve as read, Dean seconded motion carried.

MINUTES of the September 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed by all present. Kent motioned to approve the minutes as read, Dean seconded, motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fuel tank

Tracy after the August USCHI board meeting contacted senator Dorgan's office, and received no reply. She then contacted Senator Johann's office successfully, and they agreed to get with Dorgan's office, and try to set up a meeting with the DOT to let them know USCHI has some congressional support on our fuel tank proposal. There was a meeting set up as a conference call with Dorgan and Johann's office on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Tracy, Kent and Jon were able to be a part of the call. Once again there was some misclarification. Margaret from Senator Dorgan's office was convinced we want this exemption for foreign labor. Jon stopped her and explained our purpose clearly. TJ from Senator Johann's office wants other meetings together, and after hearing from the DOT that they were against congressional involvement, TJ informed them too late we are involved. Tracy positively feels with this help things will progress forward, Kent thinks a trip to DC after harvest would be beneficial to refresh them again.

Safety video

Conrad Weaver met with Jon for an hour and a half at Jon's house discussing options and is very fired up and positive. Jon also talked with Dan Renaud of CASE about the possibility of a building to use for the filming. He is also looking at some appropriate buildings in his home town, things are moving along nicely looking at a November/December time frame for starting the filming.

Farm Bureau membership

Taff reported he failed to visit with his contact during the month; however Jon talked with Bob Slicker from Ohio who assists in policy development. He feels we have a lot of the same issues and can help each other, they will meet again and discuss getting some issues on the floor at the American Farm Bureau conference in January, i.e. foreign labor, length, weight laws and fuel tank. We as an organization would not have to be a member there should be enough individual

farm bureau members in our midst.

Krone toy auction

This silent auction on the USCHI website is currently on hold. Pam stated it can be reinstated at any time. Jon is exploring some publicity avenues for a broader audience.

Silage speaker

Pam informed the board she will have a 3:30 to 4:30 time slot allocated on Thursday at the convention.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 am CDT. Next meeting scheduled November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 am CDT.