

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Conference Call Thursday
April 8th, 2010

USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting, Thursday April 8th 2010 by conference call. President TracyZeorian called the meeting to order at 8.00am,CDT. Present were Vice President Kent Braathen, Treasurer Jon Orr, Secretary Taff Hughes, board members Kirk Grove, Roger Sammons and Dean Karau. Also present were Board Adviser Steve Shepherd and operations manager Pam Shmidl, Bill Stevens joined the meeting at 8.02am.

AGENDA was reviewed by the board. Pam asked Washington be added under new business, Jon asked safety video be added under old business. Dean made a motion to accept agenda with the additions, Kirk seconded, motion carried.

MINUTES of the March 3rd 2010 and March 7th 2010 were reviewed and found correct with no additions or corrections, Kent moved to accept the March 3rd minutes. Dean seconded, Jon moved to accept march 7th minutes. Dean seconded, both motions carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Pam. March financials were reviewed, being no discussion Kent moved to accept, Jon seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Washington DC

Greg Thurman is unable to go, Tracy, Kent and Jon will arrive Tuesday april 13th, and have an appointment set up with the DOT at 10am Wednesday, and will visit as many offices as possible especially Kansas reps and senators to push the length law.

Kansas length law

Pam and Bill Stevens have checked and as suspected, this needs to be pursued at the federal level. Bill stated we also ask the Kansas legislature for a joint ruling with the feds, and keep pursuing this in Jerry Moran's office, The delegates going to Washington next week should visit every available Kansas person.

South Dakota header trailer law.

After a successful meeting with a South Dakota DOT representative at Bill Stevens' farm, We have clarification of what will be allowable. Steve stated brakes will be required on every axle, all wheels when header trailer is hooked behind combine trailer, maximum trailer length 45feet, they will accept the dolly configuration but pin hitches will not be allowed have to be pintle or ball type. There will be a notice posted in the harvest news for all members to see.

Ag Connect.

Anita Sennett contacted Pam for an idea on rooms for Atlanta in 2011 and it was decided we should have a guesstimate of fifty to explore rates, then there was discussion on looking into having a trade booth instead of going to Tulare, maybe capturing a new interest, Jon will check into this, he thinks from previous talks he can negotiate very reasonable rates.

Scholarship.

Pam stated after reviewing minutes and by-laws she cannot find proof anywhere of a motion or vote

taken to cap number of scholarships awarded to six as was believed. After some discussion, no action was taken at this time.

Roger has had contact with Wendy Hughes, scholarship committee chair, they are currently reviewing all policies. There was discussion on the percentage of income payable to the organization from Del Peterson auctions conducted for members that was routed into the scholarship fund and considering the funds current strength, Kirk made a motion to change this policy and deposit this income in the general fund. Dean seconded motion carried.

Montana DOT.

Roger stated Montana has in place the ability to purchase permits ahead of time before entering the state. He will draft an article to clarify all his findings for the news letter and the website.

Texas Weight Law

As previously agreed Tony Rattei will attend a meeting on behalf of USCHI in Houston on May 3rd at 9am.

Post Convention

After looking over cost comparisons Pam prepared, the board discussed different locations. Topeka looks to be the least profitable as expenses are high, Wichita Falls continues to be the money maker. Cost for canceling the agreement with Topeka for 2012 would be \$40,500, therefore we will return to Topeka in 2012. Other possible future locations are a new convention center in Kearney, Nebraska and Davenport, Iowa. There was suggestion from a member for some computer skills clinics at the ladies functions. There was also discussion on the structure of the combine clinics. Board Advisor Steve left the meeting at 9.37am. Pam and Tracy have been in contact with doctor Alan Zimmerman motivationalist, whose articles have been published in our harvest news letter. After discussion on the cost and length of his program Pam and Tracy will call again to see if he can restructure. Roger left the meeting at 9.43am.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Video

Jon IS WORKING WITH a professional production team and looking at possibly shooting 5 or 6 different segments first aid, combine, forager, truck, will need camera crew to go out to field locations several times, this is in the beginning stages and sounds very exciting and encouraging.

Wichita Seminar Tracy and Pam will attend a communication skills for women seminar at cost of \$99 per person in late April.

Secretary Lap Top. Taff decided he will utilize the use of the lap top USCHI purchased for this purpose as his personal one is out dated.

Office equipment.

Pam reported two new computers were ordered for the office to replace the outdated and non functional ones. She will keep the older working one for a spare and dispose of the other. Also on order is a new printer/scanner with the capability of multiple scanning and emailing in one function.

Jon made motion to adjourn at 10.10am CDT. Dean seconded, Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting May 6th 7.00am CDT

