

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Face-to -Face
Sunday March 7. 2010

USCHI Board of Directors held a face-to-face Post Convention meeting on March 7, 2010 in the Wichita III room of the Howard Johnson hotel in Wichita Falls, Texas. President elect, Tracy Zeorian, called the meeting to order at 9:12am CDT. Those present were President Tracy Zeorian, Vice-President Kent Braathen, board members Jon Orr, Roger Sammons, Kirk Grove, newly elected Dean Karau and Taff Hughes, immediate past member Tony Rattei, Board Advisor Steve Shepherd and Operations Manager Pam Shmidl. Anita Sennett of Ag Connect was also present.

AGENDA was reviewed by all present. Steve asked for board advisor responsibilities to be added and Tony asked for safety to be added. Jon moved to accept the agenda with these additions added. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES of the March 8th, 2009 face-to-face meeting were reviewed and after the misspelling of Dan Renaud was corrected, Kent moved to accept and Roger seconded. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Pam. The auction proceeds were \$89,530. There was nothing more to report.

OLD BUSINESS

AG CONNECT- Anita Sennett presented information and history of Ag Connect for taking our convention to Florida in 2013. The Board asked her to prepare a packet for a group to attend the Atlanta Show in 2011 before it goes any further.

SCHOLARSHIP-Roger reported on the meeting that took place Thursday March 4th during the convention. He will continue to work with the scholarship committee as they review policy and guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS as follows:

President: Tracy Zeorian
Vice-President: Kent Braathen
Treasurer: Jon Orr
Secretary: Taff Hughes
Board Member: Roger Sammons
Board Member: Dean Karau
Board Member: Kirk Grove
Board Advisor: Steve Shepherd

POST CONVENTION REVIEW The board members showed interest in reviewing the convention evaluation sheets that were passed out Saturday Evening. This led into discussion about outdated office equipment and technology. Dean moved to have Pam update equipment as needed with professional help and look into educational courses on technology advancements. Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was extensive discussion on the poor management of the Howard Johnson Hotel. It was agreed that Pam handled the situation extremely well.

Major sponsorship has not been changed for some time, and there was discussion on what they receive as a sponsor. Roger moved all sponsorship and floor space excluding 10x10 vendors be raised 25%. Kirk seconded. Motion carried.

Jon moved to give platinum sponsors 15 badges instead of 10. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES Steve stated the original intent was for the advisor to listen and support the president. Steve moved that the ability of the advisor to make motions be abolished. Jon seconded and the motion carried.

SAFETY Tony was approached by a member that was very impressed with Maxine Hines' demonstration at the convention and wondered about the possibility of recording it on DVD format to supplement the safety manual. Jon will take charge, visit with Maxine and get this accomplished.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS Tracy will set up a meeting, with her contact, in early April so we can have a group meet with the DOT in Washington DC. It is best to have the same people return for each visit so they remember who we are therefore; we will contact Greg Thurman to see if he is willing to attend as well as Tracy, Kent and Jon with Roger as an alternate.

Roger made the motion to go into executive session at 11:32 am. Kent seconded, motion carried.

Roger moved to return from executive session at 12:12 pm. Kent seconded, motion carried.

Roger then moved for the meeting to adjourn. Dean seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Next meeting will be April 8th at 8 am by conference call.