

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Conference Call Thursday
May 6th 2010

USCHI Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting, Thursday May 6th 2010 by conference call. President Tracy Zeorian called the meeting to order at 7:03am, CDT. Present were Vice President Kent Braathen, Treasurer Jon Orr, Secretary Taff Hughes, board members, Dean Karau. Also present were Board Advisor Steve Shepherd and operations manager Pam Shmidl, Kirk Grove joined the meeting at 7:04am.

AGENDA was reviewed by all present. With no additions Dean made a motion to accept the agenda, Kirk seconded motion carried.

MINUTES of the April 8th 2010 were reviewed by all present ,Tracy stated that Tony Rattei was attending a meeting in Houston not Austin as is printed in the minutes even though it was stated at the board meeting he was going to Austin, with this correction Jon made a motion to accept the minutes Dean seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Pam, April financials were reviewed, after questioning how much was in the general account Pam stated she would very soon be moving \$150,000 or \$200,000 into investments, with no further discussion Kirk made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Jon seconded motion carried. .

OLD BUSINESS

Kansas length law

Tracy reported after talking in Jerry Moran's office during the Washington visit, this has to absolutely come from the Federal level, Alex in Moran's office said they support our efforts and stated this will need to be attached to another bill, they will push to get this added onto the highway bill, unfortunately it looks like this will not happen within the year.

Ag Connect,

Anita Sennett emailed Pam wanting conformation for rooms for Atlanta in 2011, board feeling is she is very diligent in her work, we are still looking at the possibility of fifty rooms, for an exploratory trip to Atlanta. There will be something in the newsletter to see how much membership is interested. There was discussion regarding clearly stating that the board is not moving the convention, we are only at this time looking at putting together a trip for members to gather together at an interesting exciting venue, this will of course be self funded by members individually. Next was a discussion on having a booth. Ag connect will supply at no charge floor space valued at \$2500, however the cost for table, chairs and such seem extremely high.

6Ft table	\$121.97
10'x10' carpet	\$139.66
1 chair x 4	\$45.75
Waste basket	\$16.35
Total for 4 people	\$460.98

This will still figure out cheaper than Tulare. It is felt we could capture new interest for new potential membership. It was also mentioned to have the face to face board meeting during this time; Pam is concerned that if she needs to attend the timing for being gone from the office is very bad as this is an extremely busy time for her. It was also brought to attention an associate member's concern; this seems to be a misunderstanding within a large corporate after some investigating by Jon. Jon also stated Krone is willing to sponsor a meal for USCHI attendees. At this point Taff made a motion to have a booth at Ag connect 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia, Jon seconded motion carried.

Scholarship.

Pam informed the board that Wendy Hughes and her committee have compiled information from old policies and guidelines, they have something typed up and are reviewing their updates, it is progressing slowly.

Washington

Tracy reported that she felt she, Jon and Kent had a very worthwhile and productive visit. The first day mostly unscheduled they were able to meet with 17 people including actual senators and congressmen; they showed interest in our business and thanked Tracy for their time. Kent and Jon also felt the visit was very productive; face to face meetings were really good. Tracy is impressed that Representative Earl Pomeroy, ND is willing to sit and talk to the DOT, to get something done on fuel tank issue. It was also discovered PHMSA and FMCSA do not work together, this will need some rewording for removing placard requirements. Jon also thought it was a very good trip, people there remembered USCHI from last year, Kent feels it is important to return.

Dr. Zimmerman

Tracy and Pam had a telephone visit with Dr Zimmerman and due to Sage Sammons (Roger's son) attending his seminar he will give USCHI a 10% price discount for his services (this would cover his transportation) he also agreed to a 45 minute key note speech, break for thirty minutes and reconvene for a two hour session. Sage said he loved the seminar, it was stated this was impressive for a 21 year old for a whole 2 day seminar. Jon was curious how he handled cell phones, and is concerned we enforce these interruptions very clearly somehow.

NEW BUSINESS

Employment USA

Tony Rattei called Kirk to report the progress of this training program for Mexican workers that he has worked so hard and put a lot of time and effort into over the last few years. Tony is excited to see this all possibly in place by next year. Steve questioned if this was a H2A visa, Jon showed some concern, the agents contact in Mexico will charge \$100 for each trainee, and this will be a cost for every individual operator. General feeling is this program should work well for some. It is understood that Employment USA an employment agency from Aberdeen, SD was looking for an endorsement from USCHI. Board discussed this and feels they cannot endorse any one particular employment agency; best scenario is for Employment USA to join USCHI as an associate member and represent themselves with a booth at the annual convention.

Crop insurance

There has been some questioning from a member of the board looking into the possibility of crop loss insurance for harvesters again. Steve feels that from his personal experience as part of the original delegation that pursued this in Washington, DC, there is very little hope for this ever becoming a reality. Last time there was no support at all at the Washington level.

Safety meeting

Pam reported on the excellent Kansas safety meeting, with over 100 people in attendance, lots of them being harvest crew employees. Also attending and supplying the meal was David Anderson of Vincent, Urban, Walker Insurance. Tracy Beach of Custom Harvest insurance was also in attendance. Pam also said she sold several first aid kits. Kent reported on a safety manual he is working on but will not be in place this year. Also it was noted that a member was harassed by Oklahoma DOT for no brakes on the front of a header trailer.

Kirk made motion to adjourn at 8:13 am CDT. Dean seconded, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting June 10th 6:00 am CDT