

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CONFERENCE CALL

Thursday, May 12, 2016

The USCHI Board of Directors held a teleconference meeting on Thursday, the 12th of May 2016. President Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM CST. Board members present were President Taff Hughes, Vice President Greg Thurman, JC Schemper, Mark Anderson, Glen Jantzen, Monty Dunn, Advisor Jon Orr and Operations Manager Mandi Sieren. USCHI regular member present was Dave Hermesch and Allie Devine, USCHI Lawyer.

AGENDA

Was reviewed by all. It was requested that Oklahoma CDL and Ag Media Summit be added to unfinished business. JC Schemper moves to approve the agenda and seconded by Monty Dunn. Motion carries unanimously.

MINUTES

April 12, 2016 minutes were looked at and discussed. Greg Thurman moves to approve minutes and seconded by Glen Jantzen. Motion carries.

OPERATION MANAGERS REPORT

Mandi reports April's profit/loss. Questions on sold merchandise at safety day in Colby KS. Mandi will check on the numbers and report back. Mandi reports 116+ in attendance at safety day in Colby. Mandi Skyped with Melody and Jody about strategic plan and Mandi's role after July 1 when they are finished with it. Discussed the Ag Media Summit release. She has created a merchandise database and updated all pictures & inventory in online store. Talked about past retail markups and sales tax. The storage pod purchased by USCHI is working well, is very full, and upped the insurance on the pod and all merchandise in it. She has "liked" all members Facebook pages and encouraged them to send Twitter/Facebook links. Talks about e-mail issues. The next few weeks she will figure out all past invoices, design website, and plan convention. She will organize old Hutch office files this summer.

Morgan Crabtree joins meeting at 7:25 AM

USCHI FACEBOOK

Greg states there have been a lot of questions brought to him about the North American Custom Harvesters Facebook page. The whole board discusses issues with this page. The board looks at the bylaws and makes a decision based on the bylaws.

TARA HEIL PROGRESSIVE AG SAFETY DAY

Tara and her mom put on a great program for kids to participate in at convention. The board discussed the report she gave to them. She looks forward to this every year and is open for suggestions from anyone for ideas. Discussion on donations for this program. Look to have a self-sustaining account for the safety day program. The board wants to continue the program and will work with Tara to make this happen.

MELODY AND JODY

Reports on talking with Mandi over the past week. Talk about Ag Media Summit and will work with Mark there. Ask Greg to bring the new trailer to show for the Montana State Fair as they have a hold on a spot for it as the fair is Aug 12-20th.

AG MEDIA SUMMIT

Mark received an email to share booth space with National Ag in the Classroom and split the cost of the booth. The board discussed all angles, thought Mark should contact them and make the deal.

OKLAHOMA CDL

Taff reports a lot of problems getting H2A labor a CDL. Contacted David Misener about this problem as he is state chairman.

KANSAS FIELD DAY

USCHI has been contacted by Kansas congressional personnel to take time to meet with officials in a field being harvested for the press to take part in as an appreciation for all the rules that have been changed for our industry. The board discussed and wants Taff to do this for the organization around June 15 at Great Bend, KS and wants Allie to head this up.

BOARD TRAINING

Discussion on training for the board at a low cost. The board wants a proposal from Allie for this for the next meeting.

K-COE ISOM

Sam and Whitney join the meeting and gave the Board a proposal. Talk of what they can do for the organization and the price for their services. The Board asked them a lot of questions and they answered them best they could. Discussion leads to having Taff call ABBB to cancel the contract with them. A motion was made by Greg Thurman to move USCHI accounting to K-COE ISOM on a 1 year term and reassess after 1 year. Seconded by JC. Motion carries unanimously.

JC leaves meeting at 8:51 AM

2017 CONVENTION

Mandi wants to start making arrangements for the convention now. She wants to contact speakers and get a schedule looked at now for the board to look at and review for the next meeting. Has a few questions about the H2A program during convention. Discussion about charging for this service. Talk about having speakers on the Trade Show floor. Discussion on moving the business meeting. Discussion on moving combine clinic times. Talk about speakers and times. Talk about having the trade show open later on Saturday at convention.

CONVENTION 2019

Mandi's list consists of Wichita, Amarillo, and Tulsa. The board wants her to check Dallas and San Antonio for the end of January and on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday time frame.

FEDERAL CDL 2017

A member from Texas has called the office concerned about changing to Federal laws for 2017. Mandi wants to know if any board members are informed about any changes for 2017. Discussion leads to it is just Texas making changes as Kansas made these changes 2 years ago.

Next meeting set for June 14th at 6 AM

Motion to adjourn by Greg Thurman at 9:20 AM and seconded by Mark Anderson

JC Schemper, Secretary