

USCHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CONFERENCE CALL

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

The USCHI Board of Directors held a teleconference meeting on Tuesday, the 9th of August 2016. President Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00 AM CST. Board members present were President Taff Hughes, Vice President Greg Thurman, JC Schemper, Mark Anderson, Glen Jantzen, Morgan Crabtree, and Operations Manager Mandi Sieren. Monty Dunn and Jon Orr were absent. There were no guests present.

AGENDA

Was reviewed by all. It was requested that USCHI new merchandise and NAFB be added to new business. Remove Melody Dobson from unfinished business as her computer was not working. JC Schemper moves to approve the agenda and seconded by Greg Thurman. Motion carries unanimously.

MINUTES

July 12, 2016 minutes were reviewed by all and no changes were made. Greg Thurman moves to approve minutes and seconded by Glen Jantzen. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

July profit/loss was discussed by the board with a few questions. The fiscal year profit/loss was discussed by the board. After discussion, Greg moves to approve and seconded by Morgan.

OPERATIONS MANAGERS REPORT

Mandi went over scheduled speakers for convention. Worked with Frank with NCAE on H2A Day planning. Has been talking with Jim Kappel on trade show plans. Overflow hotels have given rate quotes and now we have to wait until host hotel is full. Staff hotel list is being worked on. Exhibitor Registration is OPEN. Has also worked on the Montana permit clarification. For next month she will be working on processing vendor registrations, member registration/renewal packets, and confirming speakers. The board discussed the deposit for the hotel. After a lot of discussion the deposit was left in place for the convention as it would simplify the records on knowing the correct number of rooms for our organization.

2017 CONVENTION

For the 2017 convention H-2A Day, Mandi has worked on H2A topic request and to see if the board would have a fee to attend this meeting or to see if there was going to be a sponsor. The board requested Mandi contact H-2A agencies to see if they would like to be a sponsor. The board also requested Mandi come up with a 2017 advertising proposal for next meeting. USCHI has previously paid Red River Farm Network to distribute information to the media during our convention. It was agreed to continue this. Doug Cartland will be a Saturday speaker. Convention schedule was discussed. Jim Kappel requested a complimentary bronze sponsorship instead of payment for helping with trade show. This was discussed by the board and was approved unanimously by the board. Jay Copeland also wanted to have a speaker at convention and Mandi will look for a spot for them.

CDL RESTRICTION, 150 MILES, INTRASTATE

This was discussed after a member called in concerned that their employee was fined for not following this rule correctly. Taff will call this member and get all the information for the board and try to get some facts about this law and to see if it was followed correctly by Kansas DOT.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

There were some topics brought to the board and discussed. Taff will call chairperson and discuss.

SOFTWARE PURCHASE REQUEST

Mandi asks the board if USCHI can purchase Adobe InDesign. This software will help her create documents and brochures herself. The board tells her to proceed with purchasing the program.

AG MEDIA SUMMIT REPORT

Mark tells the board that he thought it was well worth the time and money to attend. He states that that this meeting was well attended this year.

2017 TAX PLANNING TIMELINE FOR KCOE ISOM

KCOE ISOM would like to know if we want to use July figures or August figures for early tax planning before our fiscal year ends. The board requests to go ahead and use July figures.

NEW MERCHANDISE

Mandi states she would like to get approval on some new merchandise for USCHI. She has some different options and would like some feedback before ordering. They also discussed belt buckle costs. The board discussed a budget of around \$10 per convention giveaway bag per member entity.

NAFB TALK

After discussion the board elects Glen Jantzen, Greg Thurman, and Mark Anderson to attend the 2016 meeting November 9th and 10th.

Next meeting will be September 13th 2016 at 6 AM CDT

Motion to adjourn by JC Schemper, second by Mark Anderson.

JC Schemper, Secretary