

USCHI Board of Directors

January 18, 2016 – 1:00pm Central Time

Regular Monthly & Pre-Convention Meeting

CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Nebraska

Meeting called to order at 1:17pm central time by President Jon Orr.

Roll Call: Present were Jon Orr, Taff Hughes, Glen Jantzen, Dan Misener, Mark Anderson and Executive Director Tray Zeorian. Guest present were Melody Dobson, Jody Lamp, Dean Karau, Jim Deibert, Jim Zeorian, Dave Hermes, Greg Thurman, Mike Barnett, Darin Jacobs, and Kelley Kravig.

Added to the Agenda under Unfinished business:

- Ag Day
- Fuel tank Bill

Added Under New Business:

- Convention Timing

Motion made by Mark to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Monty, motion passed

Motion made by JC to approve the minutes from December 9 – 10, 2016 meeting with the correction of four typos'. Second by Taff, motion passed.

Motion made by Mark to approve Treasurers report. Second by JC, motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Jody Lamp and Melody Dobson:

Melody reported on the completion of USCHI's Strategic Plan. Melody will forward a written summary of what she would like stated for the record. The secretary has not received this summary. When it is received it will be added as a separate attachment.

Jody also reported on the progress of the curriculum writing for National Ag in Classroom. She also stated that Wednesday a representative from National Ag in the Classroom will be at the Convention. National Ag in the Classroom would like a representative from USCHI at their National Convention in June. Mark Anderson will try to attend.

Melody also reported on the next steps of the Strategic Plan and how to move forward with development. One thing decided was to establish a task force for fund development. Motion made by Mark to start the development of a task force for implementation and forward movement of our strategic plan. Second by Monty, motion passed.

Adopting the strategic plan will be added to the agenda for the annual business meeting.

Jody and Melody left the meeting at 2:35pm central time.

Kansas Length Issue:

Taff reported that there is a hearing in Kansas legislature in late January and a law should be in place this year.

Devine and Donley Contract Addendum:

Devine & Donley Federal contract has expired. USCHI is still under contract with Devine and Donley at the State level in Kansas until June 2016. No action needed or changes made to Devine & Donley contract.

Fuel Tank Issues:

Taff reported that in Kansas it probably would take a Bill that would allow the driver's license office to adopt this. The Fuel Tank Bill is still not in the Federal Register. Once entered in the Federal Register the Bill will become law and the individual States will then need to decide how to adopt it.

Motion made by Monty to go into executive session at 2:53pm central time. Second by JC motion carried.

Motion made by Dan to leave executive session at 2:57pm central time. Second by Taff, motion carried.

Jack Schenendorf:

Reported that Jack Schenendorf our lobbyist in Washington, DC for the Fuel Tank Bill is now done with his work and his January bill will be his last bill.

2016 Convention:

Tracy reported that there are 434 paid regular member registrations, 259 paid exhibitor registrations, 169 memberships represented, 2015 Auction total was \$149,562.00.

Tracy reminded the Board that there is a meeting scheduled with Darren Wicks for 10:45 am central time Thursday for endowments. Tracy also handed out introductions for speakers.

Ag Day:

Greg Thurman reported that he will not go to National Ag Day if someone else can go.

New Business:

Canola College 2016:

Tracy reported that she had received an e-mail inquiring if USCHI would like to be a sponsor for Canola College 2106 in Enid Oklahoma on February 16, 2016.

Board decided not to sponsor Canola College 2016

2016 Advertising:

There was discussion on where USCHI advertised and if any changes were needed. Decided to leave the same as the year before.

Recommendation for Future By-Law Changes:

Dave Hermesch presented a letter from Joey Schmidt, Attorney at Law from Norman OK, whom Dave had review the USCHI by-laws. There were some examples of places where the bylaws could be amended to make them clearer and also to include some things such as using Rules of Order for the conducting of Business meetings. The board agreed that there are many areas that could be looked at. Dave agreed to chair a committee to take suggestions on by-law changes.

Convention Timing:

Jim Deibert presented some reasons or why he would like to see the annual convention held in March.

Tracy left the meeting at 3:39 pm central time.

Mike Barnett from John Deere presented some reasons why March works better than January for John Deere's Harvest Support Team, which is the division of John Deere that is responsible for the USCHI Convention and who's budget John Deere's support comes from.

Kelly Kravig from Case IH gave his thoughts on March or January convention. Thought that March would probably be first choice but will make January work as well.

After listening to many different viewpoints, no action was taken.

Next meeting, January 21, 2016 at 1:45pm Central time at Omaha Century Link – Room 213/214, Omaha, Nebraska

Motion to adjourn by Mark, second by Dan, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned by 4:10pm central time.

Secretary,

Glen Jantzen