

MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OSAGE BLUFF LODGE - WARSAW, MO

AUGUST 10, 2002

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by President Jeff Lance.

ROLL CALL

District #1	4	District #4	4
District #2	3	District #5	1
District #3	5	District #6	1

Guests: Betty Duce, Velma Yoder, Elwin Yoder, Judy Nelson, Elsie Shelley, Andrew Earhart, Kristy Earhart, Trent Earhart, and Albert Balkenbusch

MINUTES

A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to accept the minutes of the January, 2002 Membership meeting as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff Lance reported that he had attended the National LICA Summer Meeting held in Moline, IL in July. Region IV sponsored the meeting and Jeff reported that profits from that meeting are expected to reimburse the participating states for associated expenses, with the net profit remaining in the Region IV fund. The NLICA Summer Meeting included a trade show for the first time, along with many classes which were valuable. The membership had discussed the Third Party Vendor portion of the 2002 Farm Bill. Jeff provided a brief update of the Farm Bill and its implementation.

Jeff asked the District Presidents to let him and the State Office know when their fall meetings were scheduled so he and/or the Executive Director could attend them and the State Office could post them on the web. He also discussed a new plan to bring notebooks to each District meeting in which the members could address their concerns. These notebooks would then travel District to District, in order to discover some similar concerns and points of interest. Jeff indicated that he believed these "traveling notebooks" would help improve communication between Districts and the membership.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Mel Kleinsorge presented both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. The 2002 budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Nelson Wilson and seconded by Dean Yoder to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported that the State Office had been contacted by Winter-Dent Insurance concerning an endorsed casualty/liability program with Continental Western. Iowa LICA is currently endorsing this program and would be interested in combining forces with Missouri LICA to benefit both chapters' members. A motion was made by Mel Kleinsorge and seconded by Gerald Bauer authorizing the Executive Director to pursue this joint effort. The motion carried.

Members were updated on the OSHA grant currently being applied for by Region IV states and the Nebraska chapter. If the grant is approved, further information will be distributed to our membership when Iowa LICA, the hosting chapter, has it available.

An update on the original National LICA Marketing plan for Region IV was presented. This plan will not be implemented in Region IV; however, the test market will be in Region I.

The Executive Director reviewed the 2003 National LICA Raffle and stated that she would be distributing raffle tickets to each contractor member.

Future National Conventions are scheduled for: Winter 2003 (February 10-15) in Oklahoma City, OK; Summer 2003 will take place at Niagara Falls (NY LICA will be distributing information about identification needed to enter Canada when it becomes available); Winter 2004 will take place in February in Lexington, KY; Summer 2004 has no location chosen, as yet; and Winter 2005 will take place in March in Las Vegas in conjunction with ConExpo.

The National Hall of Fame application was discussed. Members were encouraged to nominate someone for this honor. The National LICA has also encouraged state chapters to apply for awards, as well as hosting awards of their own.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committees met, so there were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2003 Field Day - President Jeff Lance stated that we were still waiting on the Department of Conservation to select a site for the 2003 Streambank Stabilization Field Day. If a site has not been confirmed by the October Board meeting, the field day may be changed.
- B. 2002 Farm Bill - President Jeff Lance and the Executive Director reported on the latest developments in the implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill. The Third Party Vendor program has been renamed "Technical Service Providers" program. Missouri's State Conservationist Roger Hansen has indicated that he is waiting for the federal government to establish guidelines for this program before he will call together interested parties (i.e. MLICA, Sierra Club, MFA, Pork Producers, etc.) to discuss the specifics of implementing the program in Missouri. Updates on this progress will be posted on the Missouri web page.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Membership Drive - Jeff Lance reminded District officers of their membership goal commitments for the October Board meeting. The National LICA membership drive prizes were also presented. A motion was made by Milburn Davis and seconded by Steve Champlin for Missouri LICA to provide a new contractor member with a complimentary registration to the Missouri LICA Winter Convention. After some discussion, the motion carried.
- B. 2003 Winter Convention - the membership reviewed the hotel proposals and Education/Convention Committee's agenda proposal and, by consensus, decided to host the 2003 Winter Convention on January 23-25, 2002 at the Country Club Hotel in Lake Ozark.
- C. Legislative Goals - President Jeff Lance reminded members that the November election would bring at least a 48% change in members of the Missouri Legislature, with a potential for a 91% change. In order to make sure our concerns are shared with the Legislature, the first day of the Winter Convention will be a "Legislative Day." Members introduce themselves and our concerns to the members of the legislature. The specific topics will be determined at the October Board Meeting.
- D. October Board Meeting Date - President Jeff Lance announced the October Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26. The location will be central Missouri. Members will be notified of the specifics at a later date.

- E. District Officer Meeting Date - President Jeff Lance announced that the District Officers will have a meeting on Saturday, December 7th. All Districts were encouraged to make sure their officers were in attendance. The specific location will be announced at a later date.
- F. District Meeting Dates - President Jeff Lance again asked District Presidents to be sure and notify both him and the State Office of the dates of their fall meetings as soon as they are available.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director