

MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MERAMEC STATE PARK - SULLIVAN, MO

AUGUST 9, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:20am by President Jeff Lance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Nelson Wilson to accept the minutes of the January, 2003 Membership meeting as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff reported that he had attended the National LICA Summer Meeting in Niagara Falls in mid-July. He reported that he was the only Missouri LICA contractor member in attendance. In the Region IV meeting, Barney Flueger stepped down as Region IV Vice President and Doug Egeland (Iowa LICA) agreed to serve the remainder of Barney's term. Region IV Vice President elections will be held in February, 2004 at the Lexington National LICA Winter Convention.

Jeff also updated the membership on the history of the proposed Safety Insurance Program. Missouri LICA will be joining the pool which was begun by the Iowa LICA Chapter. The membership will discuss this issue further under new business.

Jeff also indicated that he would be happy to attend any of the District meetings if the President will let him know where and when they are scheduled.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Mel Kleinsorge presented both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. The 2003 budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Roger Limback to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported on the following:

1. Website hosting - The new web hosting rate will be \$25 per month, with the annual renewal coming in July. A motion was made by Ray Daub and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to continue hosting the website at the \$25 per month rate. The motion carried.
2. 2003-04 National Raffle - prizes were discussed and tickets were issued to the following members:

Bob Parks (Ticket #251-260); Mel Kleinsorge (Ticket #261 - 264); Ken Balkenbusch (Ticket #265 - 268); Gayle Matthews (Ticket # 269 - 272); Roger Limback (Ticket #273 - 276); Jerry Koechner (Ticket #277 - 282); Caryl Lance (Ticket #283 - 286); and Nelson Wilson (Ticket #287 - 290)

3. The next NRCS State Tech Committee Meeting will be held from 9:am - noon on Thursday, September 18 at the NRCS offices in Columbia. In addition, the NRCS State Technical Committee has released it's Approved Dates for Managed Haying and Grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Acreage.
4. NRCS has established a national website for Technical Service Provider caps. The address is: <http://www.tsp-rite.nrcs.usda.gov/step1.asp>
5. The local chapter of the International Erosion Control Association wants to put on a spring "urban" field day in Columbia, MO. The City of Columbia is expected to coordinate the effort with support from the University of Missouri Extension Service. Nelson Wilson agreed to serve as a LICA contact for information from Bob Broz (University Extension) as it becomes available.
6. Osage Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) is setting up a Certification Program for 2002 Farm Bill's Technical Service Provider (TSP) program. Missouri LICA has been contacted to see if we are interested. Due to the large number of field techs in Missouri (as a result of the state cost-share program) and the requirement of a state engineer's licence, it does not appear that Missouri members will be able to take much advantage of the TSP program, however, we will keep monitoring their progress. National LICA has also drafted a Certification Program for NRCS' approval.
7. The Carillon Group has contacted Missouri LICA to see if they are interested in providing an employee benefit package for it's members' employees. It was the consensus of those in attendance that there was no interest at this time.
8. The University of Missouri - Extension Service will be sending our contractors a survey for their Custom Rate Guide. This survey data is used by several governmental agencies when estimating job costs. All contractor members were encouraged to complete and return the survey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committees met, so there were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2004 Field Day - Rob Pulliam, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), met with members prior to the Membership Meeting to determine interest in a 2004 Streambank Stabilization Field Day. It was the consensus of the group that we should begin by setting up one small project in the District #5 area. If this is successful, we will then discuss setting up similar small projects in each of the Districts. Ken Balkenbusch agreed to serve as MLICA contact person for MDC.
- B. 2002 Farm Bill - An update was given on the Department of Natural Resources use of the Emergency Rule and/or Variance Rule to continue state cost-share rates at 75% until a final rule change can be made. Funding for the farm bill was also discussed.
- C. 2004 Winter Convention - the membership reviewed the proposed schedule for the 2004 Winter Convention. Since Barney Flueger is no longer the Region IV Vice President, an invitation will be sent to Doug Egeland to attend Missouri LICA's 2004 Winter Convention. In addition, Louis McFarland, National LICA President, has been invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Continental Western Safety Insurance Program was discussed in great detail. The following policies were established by the membership:

A motion was made by Ray Daub and seconded by Gerald Bauer that a contractor member must be a current paid active contractor member at the time of the dividend disbursement in order to receive the dividend. And that any funds not disbursed will remain in the Missouri LICA account. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Daub and seconded by Gayle Matthews that the Board will set an Administration Fee for the Safety Insurance Program. The Board will withhold Administration Fees plus 5% from the dividend. No dividend funds will be spent on General Operations. Motion carried.

- B. The Safety Insurance Program will be introduced to the members at the District level at the following meetings:

District #1	Sunday	August 24	7pm	St. Joe
District #2	Saturday	September 6	6pm	Palmyra
District #3	Friday	September 19	7:30pm	Sedalia
District #4	Monday	September 8	7pm	Clinton(?)
District #5	Saturday	September 27	7pm	Jeff City
District #6	Saturday	September 13	1pm	Eureka (Ray Daub's House)

- C. The National Membership Drive Contest was reviewed, along with the benefits offered to new Missouri LICA members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director