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MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SAWYER'S CREEK - HANNIBAL, MO

August 7, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:45pm by President Eddie Gilmore.

ROLL CALL

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

Ladies Auxiliary President:	Ginger Matthews - present
Associates' Chairman:	Don Scheib - absent
MLICA Staff:	Debbie Dickens - present
Guests:	Vivian Limback, Anabel Boyer, Virginia Beckemeyer, Albert Balkenbusch

MINUTES

A motion was made by Nelson Wilson and seconded by Roger Levings to approve the minutes of the January, 2004 Membership meeting as printed and corrected. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Roger Limback to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2004 Special Membership meeting as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gilmore reported that since the Winter Convention, the Missouri LICA membership has been working on a couple major legislative issues. The first was Senate Bill 757 which adjusted the mileage for the Land Improvement Contractors License tag. This bill was signed by Governor Holden on June 25 and will take effect August 28, 2004.

The second issue is the 1/10th¢ Soil, Water, and State Parks sales tax. The Citizen's group has begun meeting and Eddie and Brad Kleinsorge have agreed to serve as Missouri LICA representatives on this committee. The next meeting for the Citizen's group will be held on September 23 at the Parkade Center in Columbia.

We have 22 new members and are working on a location for the Missouri 2005 Winter Convention. We are anticipating this will be in the Kansas City area sometime in January.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Milburn Davis presented both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Mel Kleinsorge to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as printed. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported on the following:

1. Members were reminded that Associate members are counting on our members to support the Associate. So, buy from a LICA Associate!
2. The Dam Safety Council has rejected the application of Junior Eichler to fill the vacant contractor position on that Council. Just as when Gerald Bauer placed his name in contention, no reason was given for the denial. It was determined that this position was a political appointment.
3. The members were given an update on plans for National LICA to hold its 2005 Winter Convention in conjunction with ConExpo-Con/Agg in Las Vegas in March, 2005. Members were encouraged to register for ConExpo-Con/Agg through LICA. Information should be available in the October National LICA News. Members of Region IV have agreed to work the LICA booth on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at ConExpo-Con/Agg. Nelson Wilson reported that members who let Jerry Biuso know they will work the booth will receive a green LICA polo-type shirt to wear. They are asked to wear khaki pants so that all booth workers will look the same.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Eddie Gilmore let the membership know that he has established a Convention Committee, Awards Committee, and Membership Committee. Bob Parks, as Vice President, will chair the Convention Committee; Milburn Davis, as Secretary/Treasurer, will serve as Awards Committee Chairman; and Jeff Lance, as MLICA Chairman of the Board, and Eddie Gilmore, as President, will co-chair the Membership Committee. These Committees should be reporting their progress at the October Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2004 Urban Field Day - Eddie Gilmore and Nelson Wilson reported on this field day. The project is not completed because of weather concerns during the event on March 25 & 26 and scheduling problems since those dates. Eddie Gilmore will contact Don Thieman to set a date to finish the project and get the required top soil loads paid for. Crown Equipment, Sydenstricker, Fabick, N-J Wilson Contracting, and Phil Wilson Trucking all donated equipment to this project. Mel and Brad Kleinsorge, Nelson Wilson, Bob Parks, and Eddie Gilmore were the Missouri LICA members who donated their time to work on the project.
- B. 2004 Conservation Field Day - Rob Pulliam, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) let the Executive Director know that the landowner of the proposed site had suffered from some health concerns and would not be able to host a Conservation Field Day.
- C. 2004 Backhoe Rodeo - the members were updated on the success and expenses involved with the 2004 Backhoe Rodeo. There were approximately 250-275 attendees and the event was covered by the Mexico Ledger, Channel 13 and Channel 8 in the central Missouri area. Members watched the extended story which aired on Channel 8.
- D. LICA Insurance Program - an update on the progress for the LICA Insurance Program was given by the Executive Director. A 10% dividend was declared for the 2003 Insurance year. A list of the Missouri LICA participants has been reviewed and updated with the managing agency. In Iowa LICA, 30% of their members participate in the program. In 2003, approximately 12% of Missouri LICA members were participating in the program. It is hoped that the insurance agents can participate more fully in a Missouri LICA membership drive for 2005.

A motion was made by Gerald Bauer and seconded by Bob Parks to ask the insurance company (Prins Insurance) to hold the dividend check until October 1, 2004. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson Wilson and seconded by Jeff lance requiring members to pay their dues within 90 days of October 1st in order to receive their insurance dividend. The motion carried.

- E. Senate Bill 757 - this bill was passed through both the House and Senate in the 2004 Missouri Legislative Session. The Governor signed the bill into law on June 25, 2004 and it will become effective on August 28, 2004. This legislation increases the radius for non-conservation work on LIC tags from 25 miles to 50 miles.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2005 Winter Convention - a review of all the hotel information was given to the membership. A motion was made by Roger Levings and seconded by Jeff Lance to select the Hilton in Independence, MO as the site for the 2005 Winter Convention. The motion carried.

Vivian Limback said that, if possible, the ladies could hold their meeting by the fireplace in the lounge area which might reduce some of the extra meeting room charges.

The membership discussed possible course topics, including one on the certification requirements for septic tank installation. A motion was made by Mel Kleinsorge and seconded by Bob Parks to try and have a seminar on septic system certification included in the 2005 Winter Convention. The motion carried. Jeff Lance will investigate the possibilities. Ken Balkenbusch reported that it only takes two (2) witnesses to turn in a bad septic system.

Gerald Bauer also suggested having a class on the use of fly ash as a stabilization material.

[Note: Eddie Gilmore has suggested an additional class on what an individual should do for Homeland Security.]

- B. District Meeting Dates - the Districts have set the following dates for their next meeting:

District #1 - October 9, 2004
District #2 - October 2, 2004
District #3 - September 25, 2004
District #4 - October 11, 2004
District #5 - October 15, 2004
District #6 - October 8, 2004

- C. Membership Drive - the National LICA membership drive prizes were discussed. No discussion was held on any prizes for Missouri LICA members signing up new members, but all members present were encouraged to sign up new contractors.
- D. Nelson Wilson reported on the Region IV meeting held with the National LICA Summer Meeting in South Dakota. Missouri LICA was the only chapter which had met to discuss the four (4) proposals made at the Special Region IV Meeting held March 27. (See minutes from the Special June 19 Missouri LICA for details). The other states in the Region agreed by consensus with the decisions Missouri LICA members had made.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director