

# **MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL - LAKE OZARK, MO  
AUGUST 8, 1998

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:40pm by President Bob Parks.

## **ROLL CALL**

District #1	3	District #7	5
District #2	0	District #8	2
District #4	1	District #9	2
District #5	0	District #10	0
District #6	2	District #11	4

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jerry Koechner and seconded by Dennis Brinton to approve the minutes of the January, 1998 General Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bob Parks reported that he had attended the National LICA Winter Convention in Nashville, TN and the National LICA Summer Meeting in Louisville, KY. He recommended that the members who have never attended a National meeting try to do so because there is a lot to learn at these events.

He has also attended Soil and Water Conservation District meetings and the Missouri LICA meetings of District 1,4,5, & 7. Bob has also been in touch with the Executive Committee through conference calls.

The Executive Committee and Legislative Committee have been very busy with the cost-share funds. The focus has been on the legislative proposals and the DNR Commission's direction. There has also been discussion concerning constructed wetlands. Bob suggested that a constructed wetland be considered for the next field day.

Bob and Roger Limback have done preliminary work for the 1999 Field Day which was presented to the members yesterday.

Bob recommended that the membership send the Executive Director to the National Legislative Session in Washington, D.C. next March. This expense will be included in the 1999 budget to be presented at the October Board Meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion carried.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Doyle Kirchner was absent so the Executive Director gave the report. A motion was made by Jerry Koechner and seconded by Roger Levings to accept the Secretary's Report as written. The motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Debbie Dickens reported that the American Rivers Heritage issue was heating up and advised the Legislative Committee to watch the progress.

She also advised the Governmental Affairs Committee to look into the Department of Conservation's Common Ground Forums and the Monsanto Field Days for no-till taking place across the state.

A National LICA update was given covering the events and plans that resulted from the National meeting in Louisville, KY. The National LICA will be establishing a "calling tree" program to alert states to national legislation. It was recommended and agreed that the Missouri Legislative Committee will develop a "calling tree" to continue the communication chain throughout the state.

A motion was made by Roger Limback and seconded by Steve Champlin to authorize the Executive Committee to sign and send the drafted letter of appreciation to the Department of Natural Resources Director, Attorney General Jay Nixon, and Governor Mel Carnahan. The motion carried.

The 1998 Program of Work was discussed and a motion was made by Charlie Boyer and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to adopt the 1998 Program of Work as the 1999 Program of Work. The motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget** - Mel Kleinsorge reported that the Budget Committee is working on producing the 1999 budget. This budget will include expenses for the Executive Director to attend the National Legislative Session in Washington, D.C. in March, 1999. The budget will be proposed to the Board of Directors in October.

**Convention/Education** - Gerald Bauer submitted a list of topics for discussion at the Winter Convention. The membership asked the Executive Director to see if we could return to the Country Club hotel for the Summer, 1999 meeting at the end of July or beginning of August. This meeting could be used as a last organizational meeting for the 1999 Field Day. The Convention/Education Committee will select the site for the 1999 Summer Meeting. If the Country Club Hotel does not work out, the next preference is the Holiday Inn at Lake Ozark.

**Governmental Affairs** - Charlie Boyer reported for Caryl Lance that the next DNR Commission meeting is set for August 19 in Jefferson City. The next State Technical meeting is set for September 15 in Columbia, MO. Charlie will be attending both. There was much discussion concerning the proposed bidding process for the cost-share funds. The Executive Director was asked to get a clearer interpretation of the numbers presented by DNR and distribute the information to the members. The members are encouraged to contact their local SWCD Boards and the DNR Commission with their thoughts.

**Legislative** - Jerry Koechner thanked the members and Executive Director for their representation during the 1998 legislative session. He stated that he had testified for the membership before the Missouri House and Senate subcommittees. He has also spoken to his Representative Randal Relford at least twice a month in order to stay up to date.

**Membership** - Doyle Kirchner reported that the committee had decided against conducting another membership drive, but instead the Executive Committee would contact each of the 1998 Membership Drive chairmen to activate their calling tree. The goal is to get each person who signed up a new member to contact that new member for renewal.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The 1998 Program of Work was discussed and had been adopted during the Executive Director's report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The 1998-99 budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at their October Board Meeting.
- B. The 1998-99 Membership Drive was discussed during the Membership Committee's report.
- C. The 1999 Field Day Project was discussed and adopted by the membership in yesterday's special meeting.
- D. A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Jerry Koechner to contribute \$50 to the Executive Directors' conference to be held in conjunction with the San Antonio National Winter Convention. The motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Steve Champlin and seconded by Charlie Boyer to adopt the Officers' Duties as policy. The motion carried. These duties will be distributed to the District and State officers after they have been elected.
- F. A motion was made by Albert Balkenbusch and seconded by Clarence Duce to name Ernie Teel as an honorary member. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Dickens  
Executive Director