

MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RIVERVIEW RV PARK - LAKE OZARK, MO

July 30, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm by President Eddie Gilmore.

ROLL CALL

District #1	2	District #4	3
District #2	5	District #5	1
District #3	3	District #6	0

Ladies Auxiliary President:	Ginger Matthews - present
Associates' Chairman:	Don Scheib - absent
MLICA Staff:	Debbie Dickens - present

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Lance and seconded by Charlie Boyer to approve the minutes of the January, 2005 Membership meeting as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gilmore reported that since the Winter Convention, he has represented MLICA members at the National Convention held in conjunction with CONEXPO/CON-AGG in Las Vegas in March. He also reported that in May he had met with the DNR Soil and Water Program staff, Debbie Dickens, and Debbie Twehus to discuss a possible policy change for the DNR Commission involving proof of liability insurance. This matter was discussed in more length under old business.

In July, Eddie attended the St. Joseph Backhoe Rodeo, co-chaired by Jeff Lance and Rod Schottel. The turnout was less than anticipated but it was determined that there were also a lot of other functions being held in St. Joe which were competition for the rodeo. He thanked all the members who volunteered on this project.

Eddie reported that he was unable to attend the National Summer Meeting in Baltimore, but had asked Nelson Wilson to represent Missouri LICA at that meeting. Nelson's report follows.

NATIONAL LICA REPORT

Nelson Wilson attended the National Summer Meeting in Baltimore. The location of the meeting, the Maritime Institute, was great. He reported that there will probably be some proposed by-law changes at the 2006 National LICA Winter Convention. One of the changes addresses the number of members required for a delegate vote and the other addresses the use of proxy votes. These issues, if proposed, should be printed in the *National LICA News* prior to the 2006 Winter Convention. Nelson also reported that the Long-Term Planning/Past President's Committee had voted not to endorse these proposals.

Nelson reported that at the Region IV meeting, it was decided to postpone the election of a new Region IV Vice President until the 2006 Winter Convention. It appears at this time that the Iowa Chapter will be withdrawing from National.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Milburn Davis presented both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. The 2004/05 budget was reviewed with a short discussion on the education seminars, backhoe rodeo, and insurance program dividend. A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Bob Parks 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. Benton County Health Department is interested in pursuing a backhoe rodeo to be held in conjunction with their November contractor meeting. Benton County provides continuing education credits for the septic installation license at this contractor meeting. Bob Parks will follow up with Murphy Tractor to see if they still have an interest in providing equipment for a backhoe rodeo. Ken Balkenbusch will work with the state office to see if other counties can either recognize Benton County's continuing education credits or how we could pursue the same opportunity in other counties.
2. An update on the proposed 2006 Drainage School was given. A short discussion of the proposed school was held. Charlie Boyer will serve as a contact for the state office if there are any questions about the plans for this school.
3. The Winter Convention plans were reviewed. It was suggested that one class present information on figuring an owner's operating costs and another class could concentrate on the use of NRCS's Dirt program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee - Chairman Milburn Davis reported that we will hold another Awards Ceremony at the 2006 Winter Convention to recognize member's years' of support.

Backhoe Committee - Chairman Jeff Lance reported on the St. Joseph Backhoe Rodeo and thanked the members who attended and worked the event. The backhoe rodeo initially planned for District 4 on July 23 did not take place, but Bob Parks said he'd contact Murphy Tractor to see if one could be planned for the November Benton County Health Department's contractor meeting. (See Executive Director's Report.)

Ladies Committee - Chairman Ginger Matthews had no report.

Membership Committee - Chairman Eddie Gilmore had no report. The Executive Director reported that MLICA has 21 new contractor members for the 2005 and 2006 membership year. The LICA Safety Insurance program has been the main sponsor for these new members.

Winter Convention - Chairmen Bob Parks has agreed to continue to chair this committee. The Winter Convention will take place on January 5-7 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO. The Missouri Drainage School will take place right before our Convention, January 4 & 5, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2005 Backhoe Rodeo - see Committee Reports
- B. LICA Insurance Program Dividend - Continental Western has not announced the 2004 dividend percentage, nor sent a check for the members' dividend. At the Winter Convention, a motion was made to send dues notices, along with the 2004 dividend to qualifying members, on August 15. The state office expects to receive the 2004 dividend check by that time, but if not, the dues notices will be delayed until the dividend check is received.

- C. Cost Share Issues - Eddie Gilmore reported on his meeting with the DNR Soil and Water Program staff. Discussion was held on the proposal to change the state cost-share policy to require proof of liability insurance for any work being funded by state cost-share. This would not apply to landowners performing their own work, but would apply to any contractor/landowner performing cost-share work on any land, other than their own. It was that Eddie should pursue this proposal with the DNR Soil and Water Commission and that the minimum in liability should be set at \$500,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2006 Winter Convention Update & Awards - see Committee Reports
- B. 2006 Drainage School - see Executive Director's Report
- C. 2006 Backhoe Rodeos (Benton County) - see Executive Director's and Committee Reports
- D. 2005 Septic Installation Certification (Benton County) - See Executive Director's and Committee Reports
- E. 2005/06 District Meeting Dates
 - District #1 September 24
 - District #2 October 1
 - District #3 September 15 and December 3
 - District #4 October 10
 - District #5 October 3
- F. 2005/06 Membership Drive - not discussed
- G. Nominating Committee - discussion was held about the upcoming state officer elections to be held at the 2006 Winter Convention. Bob Parks announced that he would not be able to assume the duties of the office of President. He would still be involved on individual projects, but circumstances at home would prevent him from being able to take the office of President. Discussion was held on candidates for the office of President and Secretary/Treasurer. No decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director