

MLICA Board of Directors Meeting

October 24, 2015

Bobcat of St. Louis - Columbia

Columbia Missouri

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Larry LaFollette at 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

(Names in parentheses served as proxy for absent Board Member)

Dist.#1: Jeff Lance - present	Jim Bledsoe - present
Dist.#2: Phil Wilson - absent	Jake Gingerich - present
Dist.#3: Melvin Beckemeyer - present	Buddy Hostetter - absent
Dist.#4: Bob Parks - present	Gerald Bauer - present
Dist.#5: Ron Morrow - present	Greg Muenks - present
Dist.#6: Vacant	

Executive Committee: Chairman Larry LaFollette - present
President Chris Brauer - present
Vice President Mont Gilbert - present
Secretary/Treasurer Tom Lawlor - present

Staff: Debbie Dickens; Executive Director - present

Ladies Committee: Sally Bauer - present
Associates Committee: Bruce Mosier - absent

Guests: Mona Bledsoe, Jeff Lance

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Tom Lawlor and seconded by Jim Bledsoe to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2015 Board Meeting as written. The motion carried. A motion was made by Jeff Lance and seconded by Bob Parks to approve the March 14, 2014 Board Minutes motion to induct Melvin Beckemeyer as an Honorary Member at the 2016 MLICA Winter Convention. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Chris Brauer reported on the National LICA Summer Meeting which was held in Little Rock, AR this past July.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom Lawlor reviewed the fiscal 2014-15 financial statements, the membership report, and the 2016 proposed budget. A motion was made by Greg Muenks and seconded by Mont Gilbert to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. The motion carried. A motion was made by Jake Gingerich and seconded by Mont Gilbert to approve the 2016 budget. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/By-Laws - Chair Tom Lawlor reported the following proposed by-laws change regarding quorum requirements for General Membership Meetings:

*In the proposed by-laws change below, items in [brackets] will be removed and items in **underlined bold** will be added.*

ARTICLE VII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call - Determine if Quorum

A quorum for membership meetings is defined as follows: Except as may be from time to time otherwise provided by law, by the articles of incorporation of the Association, or by these bylaws, [ten] **five** percent of all members entitled to vote at any meeting shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the members for the transaction of any business, and the act of the majority of a quorum present at any meeting shall constitute the act of the Association for all purposes, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law. A lesser number than a quorum may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is secured, but no business may be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Mont Gilbert and seconded by Jake Gingerich to accept the proposed by-laws change and present it to the General Membership at its January 23, 2015 meeting. The motion carried.

Convention/Education - Ken Balkenbusch was absent. The Board reviewed the agenda for the 2016 Winter Convention, including the tentative approval of 9.5 CEUs for the septic installers license. Plans for the Kansas City 2016 Summer Meeting were discussed, including pre-tours, location, equipment rodeo, and LICA Cook-Off Challenge. Chris Brauer and Jake Gingerich will serve on a committee to finalize rules for the LICA Cook-Off.

Field Day - Chair Jim Bledsoe reported that he has been working with Dr. Kelly Nelson and NRCS State Engineer Dick Purcell to define a 2017 Field Day at the Greenley Research Center in Novelty, MO. The proposed field day will include the construction of a lake, a grid tile project, a bioreactor, and possibly a buffer strip. Dr. Nelson is researching grant possibilities and NRCS is reviewing design requirements. This field day will be a large project and will need lots of help from our LICA contractors and associates.

Golf Committee - Since neither co-chair were in attendance, the Executive Director reported on the 2015 Golf Tournament. The 2015 Golf Tournament raised \$3,148.12 in funds for the Association. A motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Jim Bledsoe to hold the 2016 Golf Tournament at the Hail Ridge Golf Course in Boonville, MO on September 16, 2016. The motion carried.

Government Relations - Co-Chair Jeff Lance reported both DNR and NRCS are dealing with a reduction in staff, particularly as it relates to the time it takes to get projects designed. Jeff will be continuing his meetings with the NRCS and DNR to explore the possibility of a certification program for private enterprise to assist with this need. An update was also given concerning the proposed blanket over-weight permit. MoDOT has completed its bid process for a new computer system which they believe will accommodate this option. The permit would be tied to the Land Improvement Contractors license tag. More information should be available by the time our membership meets in January, 2016.

Legislation - Co-Chairs Gerald Bauer and Elwin Yoder will review proposed legislation for the 2016 Missouri legislative session prior to the 2016 Legislative Day scheduled for January 21, 2016. The chairs will present any pertinent issues to attendees at the luncheon prior to the 2016 Legislative Day. The Executive Director reported that the court cases regarding WOTUS are making their way through the court system. At this point, a stay has been issued for implementation of the new rule.

Ladies Auxiliary - President Sally Bauer and Mona Bledsoe have been working on the Ladies Auxiliary events in conjunction with the 2016 MLICA Winter Convention and the 2016 Summer Meeting in KC. A motion was made by Sally Bauer and seconded by Mona Bledsoe to set a \$1,000 budget for the 2016 MLICA Winter Convention's Auxiliary activities. The motion carried. They decided that the Auxiliary will host a Culinary Brunch Tour and Ghost Tour on January 22 and will hire Connie Grisier to present her "Dawn to Dusk Fashions" to the Auxiliary on the afternoon of January 23. During the afternoon of January 23, the Auxiliary will make table-top displays for the 2016 Summer Meeting Associates Night and "Missouri Baskets" to be auctioned off at the KC Meeting, as well as table-top decorations for the 2016 MLICA Winter Convention.

Membership - Co-Chairs Larry LaFollette and Chris Brauer reported on the membership drive which will take place in southwest Missouri during the week of December 7-10, 2015. Larry will check with District #4 President Elwin Yoder about a location, topic, and speaker for the District #4 membership meeting which will be held in the Springfield area on December 7. Jerry Biuso, National LICA CEO, will present the LICA benefit package at that meeting. On December 8, Jerry and Scott Merle with United Fire will visit with United Fire agents in the southwest area to introduce them to the LICA program and LICA benefits. On December 9 & 10, Jerry Biuso, Greg Muenks, and Chris Brauer will work the LICA booth at the 2015 Damage Prevention Summit which will be held at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, MO. Mont & Sue Gilbert, Bob Parks, and Gerald Bauer will work the Equipment Rodeo to be held December 9. At its November 2nd meeting, additional District #4 members will be asked to participate.

A motion was made by Mont Gilbert and seconded by Chris Brauer to accept the committee reports. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **2015-6 District Officers and Terms** - District officers and the terms of their offices were discussed.
- B. **2015-6 Membership Drive and Southwest Missouri Membership Drive** - See Membership Committee Report.
- C. **2015 Summer Meeting** - Although everyone had a great time at Jake's and thanked him for his hospitality, there were not enough contractor members for a quorum. The Budget/ By-Laws Committee has addressed this problem by proposing the by-laws change discussed in the Budget/By-Laws Committee report.
- D. **2015 Golf Outing** - See the Golf Committee Report
- E. **Blanket Overweight Permit Pilot Program** - See Governmental Relations Committee Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Policy** - The current \$25,00 Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) policy will expire February 1, 2016. The Executive Director has contacted an insurance broker to solicit bids for a replacement of the AD&D policy, as well as quotes on Term-Life coverage. No bids were available by the time of this Board Meeting, but we are hoping to have a proposal by the time our General Membership meets in January, 2016.
- B. **By-Laws Change re: Quorums** - See the Budget/By-Laws Committee Report.
- C. **New Health Insurance Benefit** - The Executive Director reported that the NLICA Health Insurance benefit now offers options for Dental and Vision coverage. Discussion was held concerning other LICA benefits and quotes from some of the Board members regarding their experiences with LICA benefits will be included in the next newsletter.

- D. **2015 Damage Prevention Summit Volunteers, Games, and Plans** - Discussion was held concerning the Equipment Rodeo games, rules for those games, a banner recognizing our 75th year, volunteers to work the Summit, and classes offered. A motion was made by Mont Gilbert and seconded by Tom Lawlor to purchase an additional banner with the 75th Anniversary logo included. The motion carried.
- E. **1/10th Cent Soil Water & State Parks Sales Tax Renewal** - Discussion was held concerning the renewal, tentative date for the vote, and current activities of the Citizen's Committee, as well as the need for financial contributions to these efforts. A motion was made by Gerald Bauer and seconded by Melvin Beckemeyer to confirm the Executive Committee's decision to donate \$1,000 to the committee on September 15, 2015. The motion carried.
- F. **MLICA Memorial Scholarship Donation and Award** - A motion was made by Tom Lawlor and seconded by Mont Gilbert to make a \$100 donation to the LICA Memorial Scholarship in honor of Anabel Boyer and Kevin Rackers. The motion carried. A motion was made by Chris Brauer and seconded by Mont Gilbert to move the remaining profit from the 2015 Auction Funds, \$2,914, to the LICA Memorial Scholarship fund. The motion carried. A motion was made by Larry LaFollette and seconded by Chris Brauer to award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the three 2015 scholarship applicants. The motion carried. The winners were Mariah Lance, Emily Muenks, and Garrett Matthews.
- G. **2016 Winter Convention - Auction** - Discussion was held regarding Associate contacts for contributions to the 2016 LICA Auction. The list of Associates was reviewed and Board members volunteered to contact Associates. Chris Brauer will contact Tyler Woods with Dennis Oil Company to see if he will be willing to serve as the Associate Committee chairman, as well as ask him to follow up with Board members re: Associate auction donations.
- H. **2016 National LICA Summer Meeting in Kansas City** - See Convention/Education Committee report.
- I. **2017 Field Day at Novelty, MO** - See Field Day Committee report.

A motion was made by Mont Gilbert and seconded by Greg Muenks to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director