MLICA General Membership Meeting

Jester's House - Warsaw, MO
August 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Bledsoe at 12:50pm.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Jim Bledsoe welcomed LICA Region IV Vice President Steve Miller and all the Missouri members to the August, 2011 General Membership Meeting.

ROLL CALL

District #1	1	District #4	7
District #2	0	District #5	3
District #3	3	District #6	0

Ladies Auxiliary President: Mona Bledsoe - present
Associates Chairman: vacant
Staff: Debbie Dickens - present

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Greg Muenks and seconded by David Dittmer to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2011 Membership Meeting as printed. The motion carried.

NATIONAL REPORT - STEVE MILLER, NATIONAL LICA REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT

Steve reported that the overall membership numbers for National LICA were in good shape and growing. He reviewed plans for the 2012 Winter Convention to be held in San Diego. He also reported that the National Ladies Committee will be hosting a raffle for a diamond necklace. The drawing will take place at the 2012 Winter Convention with proceeds benefitting the National Scholarship program. Steve reminded members that the benefit package is only of value to them if they use it. He reviewed some of the benefits, including the Safety Manual and Petrocon. Greg Muenks reported that he has tried the Petrocon benefit and is pleased with the results.

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Jim Bledsoe reported the following: Since the National Winter Convention in Las Vegas, Missouri LICA has been planning events for this fall and winter.On November 9 & 10, Missouri LICA will be participating in the first Damage Prevention Summit to be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Columbia, MO. Jerry Biuso, a Petrocon Representative, and Bruce Mosier will help us work a membership booth and Missouri LICA will be holding an equipment rodeo for contractor attendees.

We have also been working with Jerry Biuso and Murphy Tractor on a Missouri LICA Membership Meeting to be held in November at Murphy Tractor and Equipment in Kansas City, MO. The original plan was to combine efforts with the Kansas LICA chapter, but they will not be able to participate in this fall's membership drive. The Missouri Executive Director has made contact with Murphy Tractor and will be finalizing details. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting, scheduled for November 7, and to bring prospects.

The Missouri LICA 2012 Winter Convention will be held in Columbia, MO. We're going to hold a contractor boot camp with specialized training and/or certification in fork lift and fire extinguisher operation, first aid, competent person, and a safety challenge for LICA members and their employees. We will also be recognizing our 2011 Scholarship winner and holding our Annual Auction.

TREASURER/SECRETARY REPORT

Chris Brauer reviewed the financial statements, the 2010-2011 budget, District accounts, Auxiliary account, and membership counts for fiscal 2011. A motion was made by Larry LaFollette and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to accept the Treasurer/Secretary's report. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

See Committee Reports below.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/By-Laws - The committee did not meet.

Convention/Education - Chairman Ken Balkenbusch reported that the committee recommends holding the 2012 Convention in Columbia at the Holiday Inn East. A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Dave Dittmer to hold the 2012 Convention on January 5, 6, & 7, 2012 at the Holiday Inn East in Columbia, MO. The motion carried. Thursday's events will take place at the Bobcat facility with an emphasis on employee training. The committee reviewed a list of possible topics and made selections.

Field Day/Drainage - The committee did not meet. The Executive Director reported that Dr. Kelly Nelson has applied for a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant for a 2012 Drainage Workshop. MLICA is exploring the possibilities of including Technical Service Provider (TSP) training with this Workshop.

Governmental Relations - Chairman Jeff Lance was absent. The committee did not meet.

Ladies Auxiliary - Mona Bledsoe reported that the Auxiliary officers and Scholarship Committee have selected Nicole Martin as the winner of the 2011 LICA Scholarship. Ms. Martin has been invited to attend the Saturday night banquet at the 2012 Winter Convention. One half of the scholarship funds ($500) will be distributed to Ms. Martin during the first semester; the second half will be distributed after she has attended the Winter Convention.

The Ladies Auxiliary are working on classes for the 2012 Winter Convention. The Auction will take place on Saturday night and the Ladies will work on getting baskets for the auction. The Ladies will also research possible entertainment for Saturday night.

The Ladies Auxiliary will continue the scholarship program with Linn State Technical College for 2012.

Legislative Committee - Gerald Bauer, Chair, reported that the Committee reviewed the Public Service Commission's current proposed changes to the Underground Damage Prevention Act. The committee is concerned about the portion of the proposal which will establish a database for locates and utility hits. The committee will continue to monitor this issue as the 2012 session approaches. In addition, they will be monitoring a proposed change to the required number of votes to overturn a public vote.

Membership Committee - Chris Brauer reported that Missouri LICA will be holding a membership drive at Murphy Tractor in Kansas City in early November, possibly the 7th. Buddy Hostetter, Melvin Beckemeyer and Larry LaFollette volunteered to attend the meeting and help recruit new members.

The committee also reported on the Damage Prevention Summit which is scheduled for November 9 & 10 at the Fairgrounds in Columbia, MO. Ken Balkenbusch, Dave Dittmer, Larry LaFollette, and Greg Muenks have volunteered to help run the Excavator Rodeo, as well as work the LICA booth for the event.

Jim Bledsoe reported that he has researched the cost of purchasing new LICA ballcaps. A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Dave Dittmer to purchase 12 dozen hats, 6 dozen closed and 6 dozen mesh, at a cost of $4.80 each. The motion carried. Jim Bledsoe will order these hats.

A motion was made by Gerald Bauer and seconded by Ozzie Wallace to purchase a Past President's and a President's lapel pin from National LICA at a cost of $10 each. The motion carried. These pins will be passed down to state officers at the Conventions.

A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Greg Muenks to accept the Committee Reports. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **2011 Auction Proceeds** - The Executive Director reported that the 2011 Auction raised approximately $5,000, $1000 of which was donated to the Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Program.

B. **PSC One Call Legislation** - See the Legislative Committee's Report.

C. **2012 Bobcat Rodeo** - The Executive Director will contact Bobcat to see if they are still interested in hosting an equipment rodeo for next spring.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **2011 Membership Drive - Murphy Tractor** - See Membership Committee Report.

B. **2011 Damage Prevention Summit** - See Membership Committee Report.

C. **LICA Safety Insurance Program** - The Executive Director reported that Prins Insurance has announced a change in the LICA Insurance Program. United Fire and Casualty will replace Continental Western as the underwriter for the Program. As described by Bruce Mosier with Prins Insurance, the new endorsed program will provide better coverage for the contractor, both small and large, with a better pricing structure and a continuation of the dividend program. The exact date for the change has not been announced. Contractor members will receive a letter from Prins outlining the changes. Missouri LICA is working with Prins to make the transition as smooth as possible and to provide our members with the best coverage for the best price.

D. **2011 Fall District Meeting Dates** -

District #1 - TBA
District #2 - October 6
District #3 - TBA
District #4 - October 3
District #5 - October 4

E. **2011 Fall Board Meeting Date** - The Executive Director will contact Bobcat to see if they would be willing to let us use their facility on October 22 for our Fall Board Meeting.

F. **2012 Winter Convention** - See the Convention/Education Committee Report

G. **2012 Drainage Workshop - TSP Certification** - See the Field Day/Drainage Committee Report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Dickens
Executive Director