

Multiple Listing and Information Service, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 28, 2009

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the MLIS, held at 150 E. Idaho, Las Cruces, NM was called to order at 9:10 am by President Michelle Martin. Present were:

OFFICERS

John Mitchener, President elect
Dolores DeMers, Treasurer
Elaine Johnson, Immediate Past President

DIRECTORS

John Bacon
Teresa Camacho
Sharon DeBaal
Terriane Everhart
Chris Harrison
Tim Henderson
Chuck Olson
Shannon Sells-Gutierrez
Karen Stull

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isaac Chavez.

There were several members present. President Martin stated the rules of MLIS including no open comments. She asked that the membership contact her with questions.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2009 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

President Martin explained that MLIS was working on a form, to be on our website, for questions and comments from subscribers and feedback from MLIS. There will also be a form provided to protest a fine.

She advised that a cutover date of March 31, 2010 was begin considered for RETS. Membership will be receiving updates.

The contract with LPS (Paragon) is being researched. MLIS will take feedback and suggestions.

Two workgroups are going forward; one for RETS and one for zone changes.

There had been some questions about the Farm and Ranch data sheet. The form has been corrected.

There were questions raised about rules & regulations with regard to caravan sharing information (Section 10 Confidentiality). Michelle has conferred with the Board attorney and the attorney is researching that issues. Michelle has also asked the attorney to confer with NAR to delete confusion.

Two statuses are also being researched – A* and UAC/contingencies.

MLIS is looking into the new rule regarding duplicate listings.

Michelle read the rule (Section 31) regarding financial data, specifically that it can only be viewed, upon request, by Participants and only after they sign a confidentiality agreement.

There were membership comments regarding the Zoning work group. Rick Boetticher presented a slide presentation, looking at 5 areas and proposed changes. Chris Harrison suggested leaving the minor names the way they are and changing the major areas for searching convenience. ***A motion was made and seconded to approve the first two proposals made by Rick. Motion passed unanimously.***

The effective date will be in Paragon ASAP and Rick will get back with the Board when he finds out how soon the county can change the lines.

Rick also gave a slide presentation of CMLS and money making opportunities for MLIS. The Board should have thoughts about what they want to pursue by the next meeting.

Executive Officers Report

A request was made for sold information to be added to a sold listing that had expired before closing. ***A motion was made and seconded to include the sold information. Motion passed with 11 yes and 1 abstention.***

A request was made to void a database fine for a photo that was not included with a listing. ***A motion was made and seconded for the fine to stand. The vote was tied at 6 yes and 6 no. The MLIS President voted yes to break the tie. The fine will stand.***

There was no Old Business.

New Business

John Bacon presented a written motion to employ the firm of Everett & Boetticher PC to perform bookkeeping services to include recording journals, post general ledger, post accounts receivable, reconcile bank statements and post earning records and do financial statements on a monthly basis, prepare payroll tax returns quarterly and prepare W-2's, Federal and State Income taxes and state franchise report annually for a fee of \$500.00 per month. LCAR management will continue to send semi-annual billings to membership and pay payroll expenses.

President Martin asked on whose authority Director Bacon acted to seek an estimate and who had prior knowledge since she and the rest of the Board were not involved. Bacon replied that he, Treasurer DeMers and LCAR President had prior knowledge. LCAR President Olson said he undertook the option to ask for the estimate. President Martin asked why she was not contacted. She was accused of breaching her responsibility by President Olson. Sharon DeBaal was concerned about the monthly cost and felt it should have come before the entire Board at the same time. Director Henderson stated it needed the entire Board involvement and should have been discussed before the entire board. He felt the procedure had been compromised. Teresa Camacho asked if other Board members had been approached to discuss issues outside of the Board meeting as she had been.

LCAR President Olson asked again for Everett and Boetticher to do the MLIS bookkeeping. President Martin asked to go to Executive session. *A motion was made and seconded to adjourn to executive session. Motion approved unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am and reconvened at 12:40 pm.

Treasurers Report

Chuck Olson had a copy of the LCAR bank statement which had online payments for recurring bills which he questioned; he mentioned the budget we were using; he asked for a copy of the contract for Rick Boetticher; mentioned an equipment loss and \$11,000 in fines. The Executive Officer explained that online bill pay had been approved by the 2005 Board of Directors; the budget being used was from 2007; Rick's contract had been requested at the first of the year and sent to each Director; the equipment loss was not an actual loss since Spectrum had given MLIS \$18,000 at the time of the new equipment lease to cover the cost of the old equipment lease and that this issue had been discussed at many Board meetings and that the \$11,000 in fines were not database fine but certification fines.

President Martin expressed that the financials had been seen every month by the Board. She suggested that 2010 Treasurer elect Terriane Everhart should chair a finance task force and email the Board with a date.

A motion was made and seconded to employ Everett & Boetticher to do the bookkeeping. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Lynn Gould, Executive Officer

