



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

MLEEA June 10, 2009 Minutes

Location: Jax Café 1928 University Ave N.E. Minneapolis, MN 55418

Meeting called to order by Chair Brandon Brugger at 1140 hrs.

Present:

Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Des Toninato (MLEEA/ Coon Rapids PD), James Soule, Jodi Schulz, Jeanne Lawrie, (Northern Star Council), M. Peterson, R. Gabler (Brooklyn Center PD), E. Wallert Carver County SO, D. Hanly, E. Johnston (Columbia Heights PD), A. Schmidt, M. Myers (Mankato PD), B. Beniek, S. Whiteford (Plymouth PD), R. Mangusa (Rochester PD), D. Meyer (St. Louis Park PD), T. Harris (Washington County SO), J. Olson, J. Tran (Maplewood P.D.), J. Behr (Edina P.D.) and M. Stan (Oakdale P.D.)

Minutes from April 24th, 2009 meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Columbia Heights P.D. and second by Maplewood, minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasury:

Treasurer DuWayne Dixon requested approval of last years balance sheet to be sent to the accountant for review. Motion to approve by Plymouth P.D. and second by Rochester P.D, report approved. Balance sheet and profit/loss reports presented by Duwayne Dixon. Treasury report motion to approve by Columbia Heights P.D, second by Brooklyn Center PD, report approved.

Scholarship:

Ted Berg , (Blaine P.D) absent, no new information tabled for next meeting.

Chair Brugger presented a new scholarship program: He had received a phone call from Joel Skagerberg who is the step-father of Nick Turcotte. Nick was a Maple Grove Explorer who was killed in Iraq December 6, 2006. Joel has set up a scholarship in Nick's name for the Explorers. He is guaranteed \$1,000.00 a year for the scholarship. Move for motion to work with the Turcotte family to distribute this scholarship, motion by Rochester, second by Carver County, motion approved.

State Conference at Rochester:

In utilizing the Survey Monkey Most feedback was positive. The results were handed out departments present and will be emailed out to others. The Kahler Hotel received the most complaints. On May 19, 2009 Board had met with Rochester Convention Bureau to address issues and contract. Board is to meet with them again in August after reviewing updated contract. Discussion on room assignments was discussed with the Rochester people and it was decided that some of the board members would be assisting with this in the future. One possible solution to the problems at the Kahler would be to house all the Judges and Role Players at that location.

Concerns were voiced regarding a lack of activities for the explorers. Group discussion regarding explorer down time: E. Wallert Carver County is researching getting the Army Golden Knights Jump Team to perform possibly at Soldier Field.

Issue was brought up about advisors not being able to meet with explorers due to room size. A possibility of getting a meeting room will be researched. In addition the garbage and towel service will be addressed.



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Group discussion regarding advisors being allowed to observe scenarios: Some Advisors stated they still had problems not being able to observe. Gary Cayo to be advised to address this with the judges and role players.

Rochester Continued: Possible more outdoor activities could be outside behind the civic center. This will be looked into as well as a game room (arcade). The Hypnotist will be brought back again. Andrew, the youth rep. to research some of these items.

Possible Speaker: Vice Chairman Scott Kostohryz is researching Lt. David Grossman for the possible Key Note Speaker for next year.

Future Dates for Rochester: **2010 April 29 – May 2nd**
 2011 April 14 – April 17.

Nationals: Nationals will be in Atlanta Georgia from July 19 – 24, 2010.

New Business: Due to the low response to the Shawn Silvera Scholarship fund the board will be sending out additional reminders to encourage explorers to apply.
Individual Scholarship totals to be emailed out to posts.

Jeanne Lawrie (Northern Star Council) introduced Jody Schultz who will be working with our group.

For next years career fair if you have any new ideas contact Michelle from Oakdale P.D.

Motion to adjourn made by Columbia Heights PD, second by Mankato PD.

Next meeting will be September 9, 2009 at 1130 at a place TBD.