



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

MLEEA Wednesday, September 9, 2009 Minutes
Location: Lookout Bar and Grill Maple Grove, MN
Meeting called to order at 1135 hrs.

Present:

Marcus Brunning (MLEEA/ St. Louis County SO), Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Gary Cayo (MLEEA/ Minnetonka PD), Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Danielle Hanly (Columbia Heights), Melinda Inman, John Sumner, Jenny Hedal (Northern Star Council), Nicole Reno (Moorhead PD), Jennie Markham, Zak Chlebeck (Fridley PD), Rick Gabler (Brooklyn Center PD), Kathy McNeely (New Brighton PD), Michelle Stark (Oakdale PD), Ryan Manguson, Teresa Frissora (Rochester PD), Melissa Myers (Mankato PD), Mike Peterson (Brooklyn Center PD), Brian Owens, Reginald Larson, and Jason Knutson (Blaine PD)

Minutes from June 10, 2009 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasury:

Balance sheet and profit/loss reports presented by Duwayne Dixon. Dixon explained that the reports are not reconciled as of this date. He further explained that the account has enough to cover the restricted balance of the scholarship fund. Treasury report motion to approve by Rochester, second by New Brighton report approved.

Scholarship:

Ted Berg not present. A copy of the Nick Turcotte Scholarship was sent around. Turcotte scholarship will utilize the same format as previous scholarships. Scholarships will be posted on the website, an application will be required to be sent into Dewey, and the family will ultimately decide and present the scholarship at the state conference. Berg is working on a promotion in order to obtain more applications for scholarships; however will need approval first from both families regarding the scholarships.

State Conference at Rochester:

Refer to the New Business section for Rochester committee updates.

Nationals:

Refer to the New Business section for Rochester committee updates.

Training:

Nothing was discussed at this meeting in regards to training.

Website:

Nothing was discussed at this meeting in regards to the website.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business/State Conference at Rochester:

Duluth Conference:

Conference will be held October 16-18, 2009. Registrations are coming in. Marcus Brunning is looking for suggestions for activities for the Explorers for Friday. Currently they have a presentation on the Hells

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Angels Motorcycle Rally that occurred this past summer. Bruning also needs an evaluator for traffic scenarios. Reminder that the hotels are beginning to fill up, so get your POST applications in soon.

Saturday Trainings:

Jenny Heddal from Northern Star Council introduced John Sumner as a new Field Director. Heddal also asked for hosts to start Saturday trainings October – March (1st Saturday of the month).

Nationals:

Registration was increased from \$350 to \$400 per person with \$100/POST deposit.

MN is not certified as we received a letter to cease and assist until certified. Suggested to ask for a letter from Nationals to be able to continue operation until cease and assist has been ratified for insurance purchases.

State Conference:

Academics (Scott Kostohryz): Kostohryz has been in contact with Lt Col Grossman in reference to doing two academic sessions. Regular cost is \$9000 plus expenses, agreed on \$1000. Grossman will conduct two 1 ½ hour academic sessions on Friday. One topic will be media violence, and the other is to be determined. No problem with spending this amount in the budget. Columbia Heights motioned to approve the \$1000 to be spent on Grossman sessions. Gary Cayo (Minnetonka) seconded. Saturday academics are still open; suggested was LEMA (Capt Torgerson – Olmsted Co).

Career Fair (Michelle Stark): Fair has been moved to Friday, April 30, 2009. LE is free of charge, educators - \$50, and vendors - \$200. Motion to waive fee for Fond du Lac for use of their firearms by New Brighton, seconded by Rochester.

Army Presentations (Erica Waller-Not present): Has meeting with the army to try and establish is the Army Golden Nights will be presenting. There are a few factors unknown at this time; one is the amount it will cost. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2009.

Costs: Honoring previous contract. No rate increases.

Rooms: Dixon and Brugger will be helping Rochester put together room assignments. Association will be incurring more costs associated with suites for events. Kahler is going to have a game room available at no cost to the Association. Motion made by Gary Cayo (Minnetonka) to have a vote of the association to have room assignments on first come-first serve basis. Oakdale seconds. Motion passes with Association.

Role Players: Role players will be moved to Holiday Inn Express – Downtown. Motion made by New Brighton to use \$25 that was returned last year from \$75 fee to be used to cover additional hotel expense incurred from moving to downtown. Seconded by Oakdale.

Registration: Motion made by Brooklyn Center to raise the cost of the conference fee to \$260. Seconded by Rochester.

Food: Working with youth representative for food issues from last year. There will be a system for special requests to be brought forth earlier and ready at time of meal.

Get Well Soon card was signed by Association for Julie Olson of Maplewood. Association will send flowers with the card. A flower spray will also be sent for North St Paul Officer Richard Crittenden.

Next meeting will be December 9, 2009 at 1130 hrs, location to be determined at a later date.

Motion to adjourn by Brooklyn Center, seconded by Columbia Heights.