



# Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

MLEEA Wednesday, December 9, 2009 Minutes

Location: The Seasons Restaurant 12800 Bunker Prairie Dr N.W.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Meeting called to order by Chair Brandon Brugger at 1142 hrs.

## Present:

Marcus Brunning (MLEEA/ St. Louis County SO), via conference call Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Gary Cayo (MLEEA/ Minnetonka PD), Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids PD), Melinda Inman (Northern Star Council), Jenny Hedal (Northern Star Council), Erika Wallert (Carver County S.O.) Zak Chlebeck (Fridley PD), Joe Ramirez (Blaine PD), Jim Schilling (Blaine PD.), Carlos Wong, (St. Paul PD), and Scott Whiteford (Plymouth PD).

Minutes from September 9, 2009 meeting were approved. Motion to approve by St. Paul and Second by Fridley, minutes approved.

## Committee Reports:

### Treasury:

Balance sheet and profit/loss reports presented by Duwayne Dixon. He further explained that the investments are good and will cover the restricted balance of the scholarship fund. Audit completed and sent off to the state. \$135.00 was raised on "Give To The Max Day" and some of that money will be matched. \$2.00 for each of the State T-shirt sales will go into the account. Invoices have been sent out to all the posts. Treasury report motion to approve by Blaine, second by Carver County, report approved.

### Scholarship:

Ted Berg not present. Dixon advised he had received some requests for scholarships and expressed a need for the paper work to be completed properly. A reminder, that a paid fee statement and a list of classes are required to process the requests. Any L.E. related class will be covered.

### State Conference at Rochester:

Refer to the New Business section for Rochester committee updates.

## Old Business:

Per Jenny Hedal, The MLEEA application was approved by the Nationals Office and we are now certified.  
Per Marcus The Duluth Conference (held at Fond du Lac Community College) was a great success.

## New Business/State Conference at Rochester:

## State Conference:

**Conference Theme: Honoring the past, celebrating the present and preparing for the future: 35 years of Law Enforcement Exploring in Minnesota.**

In considering the historical theme a possible key note speaker for the awards dinner might be one of the three Dons. Any other ideas for the history theme would be welcome and encouraged. DuWayne to follow up in contacting one of the Dons.



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**Wisconsin advisors** have requested to attend to observe at Rochester. The Association might pay for their meals and they would be responsible for their lodging. More discussion to follow.

**Academics** (Scott Kostohryz): Saturday academics are going to be LEMA (Capt Torgerson – Olmsted Co) and the History of L.E. The topic titles still need to be confirmed.

The Crime Prevention event will be a premise survey this year. They will have a video to watch, a 10 minute presentation and a test will be required. More details to follow.

**Career Fair** (Michelle Stark): not present.

**Army Presentations** (Erica Waller): Still working on a jump team, a semi with eight different training systems and the rock wall. In addition there will be an ambulance, a K-9 with scheduled demos and possibly a bomb squad. Federal agencies will be invited as well.

**Rooms:** Dixon and Brugger will be helping Rochester put together room assignments. Kahler is going to have a game room available at no cost to the Association. There will be a Wii game, X-box and board games.

**Role Players:** Role players will be moved to Holiday Inn Express – Downtown. A \$75.00 fee will be charged per role player. We are contracted for 25 rooms for 50 role players.

**Security:** A request for security in the skyways until midnight each night. More discussion to follow.

**Entertainment:** Hypnotist first and then casino night or Friday night and Saturday night will be the dance. Erika will follow up with D.J. for Saturday night. The fun run will be held again this year. Brandon is looking into having a bike course like Nationals for both days.

**Pin Design/T-Shirts.** The pin design was selected. Additional pins will be available for purchase. The conference T-shirt design was submitted by the youth rep. and will be ordered.

**Future of the Conference:** Location for the conference after our three year commitment with Rochester was discussed. Gary Cayo is checking out other possibilities. A lot of variables are to be considered: rooming issues, dining/seating issues and getting our preferred dates. After lengthy discussion the best venue to fit all of our current needs is still Rochester.

**Additional Practical Event to be added:** We are looking into adding a 14<sup>th</sup> event to give more opportunities for the explorers to participate. The possible event would be Job Interview. Gary to check on possibilities of having Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Sheriffs or Deputy Sheriffs to judge.

Next meeting will be March 10, 2009 at 1130 hrs, location Brunswick Zone 12200 Singletree LN Eden Prairie, MN.  
Motion to adjourn at 1343 hrs by Blaine P.D., seconded by Fridley P.D.