



# Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

MLEEA Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Meeting Minutes

Location: The Sanitorini Restaurant 13000 Technology Dr, Eden Prairie

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

Present:

Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), Co-Chair Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids PD), Gary Cayo (MLEEA/ Minnetonka PD), Troy Pepin (MLEEA), Jenny Heddal (Northern Star Council), Erika Wallert (Carver County S.O.), Zak Chlebeck (Fridley PD), Jennie Markham (Fridley PD), Joe Ramirez (Blaine PD), Jim Schilling (Blaine PD.), Brian Owens (Blaine P.D.), Jason Knutson (Blaine P.D.), Scott Whiteford (Plymouth PD), Jon Goldenman (Plymouth P.D.), Bill Dane (Plymouth P.D.), Kenna Dick (Edina P.D.), Brandon Kuske (Edina P.D.), Erica Halverson (Eden Prairie P.D.), Julie Olson (Maplewood P.D.), Joe Tran (Maplewood P.D.), Cheri Dexter (Washington County S.O.), Mark Belisle (Rochester P.D.), Nick Gross (Maple Grove P.D.), Michelle Stark (Oakdale P.D.), Jeffrey Tomaszewski (Brooklyn Park P.D.), Matt Gottschalk (Mankato P.D.), Andrew Nightingale (Maple Grove P.D.), Dan Meyer (St. Louis Park P.D.), Allen Schmidt (Mankato P.D.), Melissa Myers (Mankato P.D.), T.J. Henderson (Eden Prairie P.D.), Colleen Norell, (MCPA/Maple Grove P.D.) and Maryan Saad (MCPA/BCA).

Minutes from December 9, 2009 meeting were approved. Motion approved by Fridley and Second by Mankato, **minutes approved.**

## Committee Reports:

### Treasurers report:

Balance sheet and profit/loss reports were handed out and information was presented by DuWayne Dixon. He explained that the investments are good and will cover the restricted balance of the scholarship fund. Invoices have been sent out to all the posts. Treasury report motion to approve by Carver County, second by Mankato, **report approved.**

### Scholarships:

Ted Berg was not present. Reminder, deadline is 4-1-2010. Please encourage your explorers to apply. All applications are on the web site.

Nick Turcotte Scholarship – only 1 application so far. It is for \$1,000.00.

Shawn Silvera Scholarship – 4 applications so far.

MLEEA Scholarship – No money will be withheld from your post this year.

Brandon advised that the family of recently deceased State Patrol Explorer John Weist will possibly present a scholarship this year. More information will follow.

Additional information: There is a scholarship available through Northern Star Council for \$1,000.00 and one for children of members of LELS. The LELS applications are due by April 1, 2010.

Advisor of the year: Only 1 nomination received so far.

**Old Business:** Don Cup – No applications received so far.

## New Business:

Nationals – Gary Cayo: Nothing new – He will have a better report at the State Conference  
Jenny Heddal requested a show of hands to see who would be attending. Brandon Brugger – passed around the National Conference T-shirt that had been designed by Explorer Youth Rep. Andrew Nightingale. The cost will be approximately \$7.50.

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## **New Business/State Conference at Rochester:**

**Posts who are not attending:** Columbia Heights, Forest Lake and Stearns County.

**Estimated numbers:** 21 posts and approximately 460 advisors and explorers.

**Housing:** Brandon Brugger and DuWayne Dixon are going down to Rochester the first part of April to work with Hotel staff for assigning rooms. They will make every attempt to keep posts together and not force four explorers in one room from different posts. The Radisson has had a name change and is now called the Double Tree. We will still need to use all three of the Hotels (Double Tree, Hilton Garden and The Kahler). We are still in a contract with them. They will address the problems more closely at the Kahler Grand and try to utilize above and below areas for just Explorers. They will try to move other guests when informed about us. All of the role players will now be housed at the Holiday Inn downtown.

**Menu:** Dixon and Andrew have been working with the caterer Canadian Honker and came up with the menu. There will be no pork except at breakfast. Let the board know ahead of time if you have an explorer that requires a no pork meal. They will then need to ask the server for an alternative meal.

**Keynote Speaker:** So far we have not received any response from the Don's so Scott has been working on getting Senator Amy Klobuchar. He will confirm with her office.

**Crime Prevention:** Representatives (Colleen Norell and Maryan Saad) from the MCPA Minnesota Crime Prevention Association were present for our meeting and presented the updated crime prevention scenario. The study guide and other relevant information is on their web site at [www.mncpa.net](http://www.mncpa.net) under the 2010 MN Explorer Competition. They also advised members of their board would be willing to instruct your explorers on this topic. This year the explorers will take a Quiz and then do a Neighborhood Watch presentation and gear it towards their own cities.

**Wisconsin Association:** One advisor from Wisconsin is confirmed for one day. We will pay their meals and they will be responsible for their housing.

**Crime Scene:** It will be an outdoor event at a new location. It will be held at the Mayo Park behind the arena.

**Academics:** Scott advised that Lt. Col. David Grossman requested to speak for two hours instead of one hour. This was due in part that one hour would not be enough time for his presentation. This was discussed and agreed that two hours for Friday would be workable. Grossman will be speaking from 0800-1000 on Lessons on Columbine and from 1300 –1500 on Media Violence and the Impact on Youth. Saturday academics will consist of History of Law Enforcement presented by Fond Du Lac Scott Lyons and Kevin Torgerson, Olmstead County will be speaking on LEMA.



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**New Event:** Job Interview was explained by Scott. It will be located in two separate rooms in the Riverside suites. There will be two panels consisting of three people and each interview will be 15 minutes long. Each post will be allowed to sign up one explorer for this event at registration after you see your schedules. If we do not fill the initial registration you will have a chance for a second explorer from your post to participate. This will be announced at the opening ceremony. The top 8 to 10 candidates will be called back for a second interview and the top three will receive a certificate of completion with one person getting the "job". The following people signed up to sit on the panel: Commander Julie Olson, Maplewood P.D., Chief Tim Snell, Captain Brad Wise, Coon Rapids P.D., Commander Cheri Dexter, Washington County, and Investigator Brian Hill Anoka County. We are still in need of one more panel member. Please contact Des or Scott if you have someone willing to participate.

**Practical's information:** We are still looking for someone to provide a FAT's Shoot Don't Shoot system. Please contact Gary Cayo at [gcayo@aol.com](mailto:gcayo@aol.com) or 612-791-2478. Hennepin County will be doing a Use of Force Warrant issued scenario. With the additional event all the events will start on Friday morning. Gary also advised that **we are short role players**. If you have anyone interested have them contact Troy Pepin at [troy.mel@comcast.net](mailto:troy.mel@comcast.net) or 763-360-0383. Evaluators will be notified at check-in if their rooms are going to be needed for events.

**Career Day:** (Mark Bilial, Rochester P.D.) Rochester will have their mobile command center and other police resources available.

**Career Fair** (Michelle): The deadline to sign up is March 17.

**Army Presentations** (Erica Waller): There will be a semi with eight different training systems, H3 truck, the rock wall and numerous other pieces of equipment. On Friday at 1200 a Black Hawk helicopter will land. In addition to army resources there will be an ambulance, the State Patrol helicopter will be landing, the BCA Swat truck, the Bloomington Bomb Squad and three scheduled K-9 demos. The K-9 demos will be as follows: 1030 drug search of a vehicle, 1300 Agility and obedience, and 1500 suspect apprehension.

**Bike Course:** Brandon advised he made arrangements for both Friday and Saturday to have two full time bike officers offer a bike course in the parking lot behind the Civic Center. The course will possibly include a staircase, and teeter totter. No sign up needed just show up. Certificates for the top five will possibly be presented.

**Shooting:** Only 9mm this year and once again the guns have been donated from FDLTTC. Cost is \$15.00 per explorer. Sign up before or at registration. All necessary paperwork is on the web site.

**Radio:** We will be using the 800 MHZ once again. More information will follow.

**Security:** Brandon is working on getting the hours extended until 0100.

**Entertainment:** Friday night at 1900 – 2030 Hypnotist followed by Casino night from 2100- 2300. We will be using the Saratona Group. They will have 12 games with 15 dealers. Saturday night will be the dance. In addition there will be a gaming system (Wii and X-box) at the Kahler. Security will be there while the explorers are there.

**Swimming:** The pools should be open this year. Reminder: an advisor must be present if your kids are going to swim. The advisor must complete the SAFE SWIM training on line at [www.explorenow.org](http://www.explorenow.org)



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## **Miscellaneous Items:**

Explorer banquet: March 18, 1830 -2030 \$15.00 per person in Arden Hills.

L.E.A. training March 27-28 at CCJLE cost is \$5.00 per explorer. An advisor needs to be present.

Motion to adjourn at 1306 hrs by Mankato and second by Brooklyn Park

Next meeting will at the State Conference in Rochester