



# Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

**Wednesday September 8, 2010**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Gludens Restaurant 2999 Maplewood Dr. Maplewood, MN**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Brandon Brugger at 1139 hrs.**

### **Present:**

Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), Co-Chair Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids PD), Jenny Hedel (Northern Star Council), Scott Tulus, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Mangusen, (Rochester P.D.), Mike Peterson, (Brooklyn Center P.D), Julie Olson, (Maplewood P.D.), Michelle Stark (Oakdale P.D.), Megan Buse, (Oakdale P.D.), Dan Meyer, (St. Louis Park P.D.), Jeffrey Tomaszewski (Brooklyn Park P.D.), Reg Larson, (Blaine P.D.), Jim Schilling (Blaine P.D.), Melissa Myers, (Mankato, P.D.).

Chair Brugger requested an approval for the minutes dated June 16, 2010. Motioned to approve the minutes by Rochester P.D. and seconded by Blaine P.D. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurers' report:** Dixon presented. Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 2010 through September 8, 2010 and Balance sheet dated September 8, 2010.

Reports were explained... Brugger requested a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Treasury report motion to approve by Brooklyn Center and seconded by Rochester P.D.

**TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**

### **Scholarships:**

None of the scholarship funds have been forfeited in the past few years. A reminder that any college class is now accepted and not just Law Enforcement related as in past years.

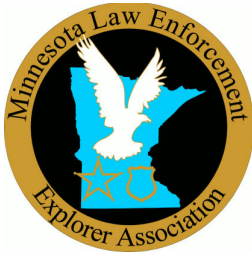
### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Brugger commented on some housing issues and advised the food was terrible. The events were good although there was a different grading/judging for Domestic compared to past years. Explorers were required to ask their way into the residence even though they overheard a heavy domestic going on inside. More counseling and social services perspective was highlighted. A copy of the flyer noting the differences for the Domestic Scenario can be made available if requested.

Next location for 2012 is Fort Collins, Colorado.

Jenny Hedel stated that there were 17 posts representing Minnesota and Minnesota took home 17 awards. 39 states were in attendance, 236 posts, and just under 2000 explorers. This number is slightly down from years past.

Dixon advised the results and other information is on the website.



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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **State Conference 2011**

#### **Shoots**

Brugger advised the question about fire arms was addressed again about posts using their own weapons for the shoot. After researching this by speaking to the range officers it was decided by the board not to allow posts to use their own weapons. The range officer advised that it would be too much of a hassle to familiarize themselves with all the “potentially” different weapons.

Therefore we will continue to utilize the offer from Fond Du Lac community college and use their thirty guns at the cost of \$1.00 for the use of all of them. Also the eyes and ears are supplied. The cost for the shoot is for the ammo only.

#### **Key Note Speaker**

Brugger advised that one of his advisors is working on getting someone from Caliber Press to speak on Street Survivor Seminar.

Kostohryz advised he is attempting to see if Senator Amy Klobuchar would be willing to speak.

#### **Academic Topics**

Kostohryz requested information on potential speakers. If any department has a speaker that specializes in topics of interest they should email him. His email address is: [ViceChairperson@mnleexplorer.org](mailto:ViceChairperson@mnleexplorer.org).

Job Interview: We will be doing the job interview once again.

ATF: Will be requested to do some kind of academic.

#### **Practical's**

Bomb Scene will possibly be hosted by Bloomington Bomb Squad.

Hennepin County will host Use of Force.

Street Decisions: Rochester volunteered their system. They have either a portable one or one located approximately one mile away.

Rasmussen College will provide there also in given advanced notice.

Crime Scene by Hennepin County will be outside at the Mayo Park weather permitting.

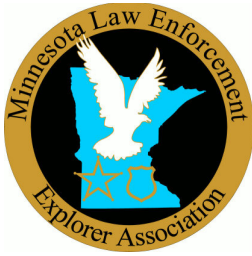
#### **Rochester Issues**

#### **Food**

Brugger advised that some of the board met with the Rochester Hotel and Bureau Staff.

Chris Powers from Canadian Honker addressed the food issues, about running out of food and closing lines early. He advised he will correct any and all issue and keep the food warm.

The youth rep is to pick the menu items.



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Food issues continued.

Another issue addressed was the explorers wanted soda with the meals. The Civic Center Contract forbids fountain items. Brugger to attempt to see if they will make an exception for possibly Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner and maybe at the dance.

## **Housing Issues/Other Issues.**

Housing issues were once again addressed with District Manager Chris Wagner and Sales Manager Scott involving the Kahler Grand.

The idea was brought up by them to split the rooms between the Kahler Grand and the Kahler Inn & Suites. There would be 60 rooms used at one and 60 at another. This would also help eliminate the problems at the registration desk.

The Kahler Inn & Suites was toured by the board members. The rooms are updated more than the Kahler Grand and roomier. The Kahler Inn & Suites does have a small pool that is only three feet deep but those staying there are also welcome to use the bigger pool at the Kahler Grand.

The location of the Kahler Inn & Suites is about two blocks from the Kahler Grand which will make it a little further to the convention center. It is shorter to walk outside than use the tunnel system.

For the future with the new contracts we will be moving most of the attendees to the Kahler Inn & Suites and only the role players and judges will be at the Kahler Grand.

At the Kahler Grand there will be one registration line dedicated to only us and only one contact person to deal with any or all problems. This information will be given to the advisors for the weekend.

The Hotels we will be dealing with for this conference will be the Double Tree, Hilton Garden Inn, Kahler Grand and Kahler Inn & Suites. The contract is not yet signed we are currently waiting on more information for our package deal. If we decide to include the Marriot or Broadway Residence Suites the price would go up. The new contract similar to the one we had a Breezy will be a ½ percent increase yearly.

Dixon advised if you have one/two extra explorers they will be sharing a room with another post. If they want to be alone this might be an option but would cost them extra.

A Rochester advisor advised that his explorers want to stay at their own homes and pay less for the conference.

Brugger advised that if they were allowed to do this we would have to figure out a special rate for the conference.

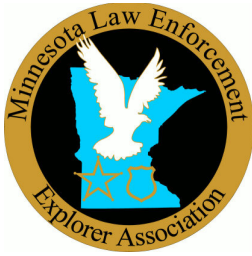
Dixon advised that we as a conference are responsible for them and if they travel, example to and from Casino night and it goes until midnight it could be a problem.

Further discussion: If Rochester is allowed then what if other posts want to do this and not pay full price and travel daily.

It was decided to table this issue and have further discussion in the near future.

A reminder for the Hotel rooms: To keep the cost down we will be getting towels and garbage service only. No beds will be made. Please keep the rooms clean.

The pay per view games and movies in the rooms are shut off. If the explorers want these features they will need to provide a credit card.



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Game room discussion: How can we make the game room better? This past year we had only one Wii game console that worked, we were supposed to have two and two Play Stations. The Game room was barely used last year. We are responsible for providing security if we have it again. We could possibly bring in a video machine, have a movie night or group passes to outside entertainment.

Jenny Hedel advised we should have a National Youth Rep. run for 2011 for Nationals in 2012.

### **Career Fair:**

Michelle Stark requested the Career Fair location be right outside the arena. This could potentially work if there are no other conferences going on.

**Other Information:** Dixon advised that Youth Rep. Kavanaugh (absent) wanted to get posts to sign up for volleyball.

Brugger advised the following is the schedule for the conference for the upcoming years.

2011 April 14 – 17

2012 April 19 – 22

2013 April 25 – 28

2014 April 24 – 27

2015 will be one week before or one week after our regularly schedule conference.

Jenny Hedel advised that if you are interested in co-hosting a monthly training to contact Blaine advisor Brian Owens. [BOwens@ci.blaine.mn.us](mailto:BOwens@ci.blaine.mn.us)

She also advised to utilize the on line Youth Recruitment Planner and that this year all Advisors are required to complete the Youth Protection Training. The Executive Officer for your post is not required to do this training.

Brugger motioned to adjourn at 1316 hrs. Motion by Brooklyn Park and second by Brooklyn Center. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 8, 2010 at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park, MN.