



# Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

**Wednesday December 8, 2010**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Park Tavern 3401 Louisiana Ave S. St. Louis Park, MN 55426-4125**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Brandon Brugger at 1138 hrs.**

Present:

Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), Treasurer Duwayne Dixon (MLEEA), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids PD), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Jenny Heddal (Northern Star Council), Erika Wallert (Carver Co. S.O.), Scott Tulus, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Mangusen, (Rochester P.D.), Julie Olson, (Maplewood P.D.), Joseph Tran (Maplewood P.D.), Michelle Stark (Oakdale P.D.), Megan Buse, (Oakdale P.D.), Roy Gilman (Oakdale P.D.), Brian Strashane (Oakdale P.D.), Dan Meyer, (St. Louis Park P.D.), Gabriel Lee, (Blaine P.D.), Melissa Myers, (Mankato, P.D.), Alex Johnson (Ramsey County S.O.), Carlos Wong (St. Paul P.D.), Mike Kreckowski (MN State Patrol), Kelly Philips (MN State Patrol), Kathy McNeely (New Brighton P.D.), John Herman (St. Louis Park P.D.).

Chair Brugger requested an approval for the minutes dated 9-8-2010. Motioned to approve the minutes by Rochester P.D. and seconded by Carver County Sheriff's Office. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

## **Committee Reports:**

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

Reports were explained and Dixon explained that the investments for the scholarship program were doing well. Brugger requested a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Treasury report motion to approve by Carver County Sheriff's Office and seconded by Oakdale Police Department

**TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**

**Scholarships:** An update for each post was emailed out this past week.

**OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.**

## **NEW BUSINESS: State Conference 2011**

Academics: Friday MPD with do two sessions. In the morning mental health and in the afternoon officer involved shooting.

Saturday will be Buck Savage from Caliber Press on Street Survival. He will also be the keynote speaker for the Banquet.

Job Interview event: Due to last year's interest we will have it once again. There was an interest in a possible third panel but for the cost of housing three more people it would be too costly. We will revisit this proposal again next year.

Participation will be determined by arriving early at the conference. The first posts will be allowed two explorers to interview and fill the allotted schedule. The later arriving posts will then be allowed one explorer per post.

It was requested by one individual to get the information out via email early so that the advisors can be prepared with the names of their explorers. Another request was for better signage for directions to the event. Both of these requests will be done.



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## **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. A packet will be sent out by Dixon. A copy of the mailing list of vendors was passed around to be reviewed. If there are any new potential vendors please contact Michelle.

Friday will be military day and all branches will be represented. Saturday will be Public Safety day. Scott Tulus is helping Michelle.

**COST OF THE CONFERENCE:** It is being increased from \$260.00 to \$268.00 per person. This \$8.00 increase reflects a yearly 2.44% increase per our contract for housing. Also we have added costs for entertainment and new menu requests.

**HOUSING CHANGES:** This year we will be splitting people between both the Kahler Grand and the Kahler Inn & Suites. The Kahler Inn & Suites is approximately two blocks west of the Kahler Grand and is a newer facility. For 2012 we hope to have all of our people, with the exception of the judges and role players at the Kahler Inn & Suites. The judges and role players will be still be at the Kahler Grand due to our contractual agreement.

There will still be some scenarios at the Kahler Grand.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** If anyone has an idea for the theme of this year's conference please submit it to the board via email.

**EVENT CHANGES:** Gary Cayo advised that for the event of **Bombs** that since Bloomington hosted it last year they requested to judge again this year. The ATF who had hosted it prior years had to pull out last year due to a conflict. Gary will speak to the ATF about potentially doing something else like another practical or an academic.

Gary will be meeting with the role players in January. Other information he had was that Henn. County will be doing the **Shoot Don't Shoot/Street Decisions** utilizing a FATS system.

Michelle Stark is speaking to Rasmussen College to get a second system.

This scenario will alternate odd even years and next year will be back to a live scenario.

**CRIME SCENE:** will be held outside.

**CRIME PREVENTION:** will be the same as last year. The event will consist of a 15 point test and a 10 minute presentation on Neighborhood Watch.

**RANGE INFORMATION:** We are supplying everything – you can't bring your own guns. A survey will be sent out to see about increasing the number of posts/individuals participating.

**BIKE COURSE:** The bike course will be moved to the metered parking lot on the same block that Accident and Traffic Stops are being held. There will possibly be two bike officers this year instead of one and they might bring the stairs this time. Rochester offered one additional instructor and additional bikes if needed. The event will be run both Friday and Saturday with possible times of 1000 to 1600 hrs. Trophies will be given out.

**FUN RUN:** Need to determine if Troy is going to have time to run it because he is also doing security. We need two dedicated people to run it. Melinda Inman volunteered to run it. Rochester P.D. will provide the lead & chaser.



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**BOARD POSITIONS:** The board positions up for nominations this year are Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

**CONFERENCE SECURITY:** Lt. Scott Tulus advised there will be extra Rochester Officer on duty for the conference, especially in the skyways.

**FUTURE CONFERENCE DATES:**

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 the next statewide training will be held January 8, 2011 on Bombs and Domestics and will be hosted by New Brighton and Maplewood. Please pre register to her if you plan on attending.

Brugger motioned to adjourn at 1302 hrs. Motion by St. Paul P.D. and second by Rochester P.D.  
Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: 1130 on March 9, 2011. Location to be announced.