



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday June 08, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Location: Jax Café 1928 University Ave N.E. Minneapolis, MN

Meeting called to order at 1133 hrs. by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1130 hrs.

Present:

Past Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), Chair Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Secretary, Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids PD), Treasurer DuWayne Dixson, (MLEEA), Co-Chair Julie Olson, (MLEEA/Maplewood PD), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Jenny Heddal (Northern Star Council), Scott Tulus, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.) Joe Tran (Maplewood P.D.), Jeffrey Tomaszewski (Brooklyn Park P.D.), Brian Owens (Blaine P.D.), Gabe Lee (Blaine P.D.), Charles Redmond, (St. Paul Police), and Youth Rep. Trevor Auser (MN State Patrol).

Approval of minutes:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the minutes dated April 15, 2011. Motioned to approve the minutes by Blaine P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

Committee Reports:

Treasurers' report: Dixon presented. Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 2010 through April 2011, May 1, 2011 through June 8, 2011 and Balance Sheets dated April 30, 2011 and ending June 8, 2011.

Dixon explained all the financial data and explained we had a \$727.21 profit as indicated in the reports. He advised there is a total of \$25,490.00 for scholarships. He indicated we are investing soundly at this time and will possibly invest into a money market. Alls posts should have received an email with their scholarship balance some time yesterday. Some minor potential changes for the balance sheets will be the fees and penalties assessed to posts for late cancellations.

Kostohryz requested a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Treasurer's report motion to approve by Blaine P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D.

TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED

Scholarship Committee: Ted Berg no longer able to actively pursuing scholarship funds. We are looking for volunteers to form a committee to actively pursue funding. This could lower the costs of the conference. Due to lack of interest to commit to project topic tabled until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rochester Conference:

Survey results: (Entertainment and Food)

Although only 48 of all people attending the conference responded it was determined that most attendees were happy with the conference. Some items that were disliked were the food; most notably the Chicken Alfredo was disliked. People had positive things to say about Casino Night but some individuals were not happy with the dance. The dance was disliked due to the inappropriate clothing that had been worn. This was discussed and possibly next year we could implement a dress code.



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Survey results: (Practical's)

Search and Arrest: Was told an area was out of play and then explorers were marked down for not collecting item.

First Aid: Team was told they did nothing wrong and then their post didn't place.

Crime Prevention: Their post received the wrong information from Nationals compared to what the expectations were for our State.

Burglary: They liked the scenario but did not like how the judge spoke to the group afterwards.

Traffic Accident: Did not like it being outdoors due to the inclement weather.

Job Interview: Some judge changes will happen next year due to Julie Olson now on the board and Lt. Scott Tulis no longer being able to participate. Commander Matt Durois from Mankato will be doing an optional pre-job interview course on Thursday evening. The people in attendance at the meeting were all in agreement that this would be a good idea. It would probably be schedule right after the opening ceremony.

Opening Ceremony: The squad processional was discussed. Should we continue doing it? It was decided to try it one more year and send information out early to have posts bring a squad.

Academics: There were some requests for more hands on events and a K-9 topic.

Some other requests for entertainment were: a pizza and movie, a BBQ held in Peace Plaza outside the Kahler Grand. This of course would be determined by the weather but Kostohryz advised he would talk to the civic center organizers.

Meeting adjourned briefly for lunch and restarted and called to order at 1202 hrs.

Continued discussion on Entertainment: Next year for the hypnotist we will switch vendors and have Lauri Daniells for next year. For the D.J. we will be bidding it out. If you know of any individuals who have a D.J. business, please have the contact Dixon to place a bid.

There was a request to have putt putt golf and or laser tag for Thursday evening. It will be checked into. For next year's conference there is nothing conflicting or scheduled at this time for Taylor arena.

NEW BUSINESS:

Duluth Conference: It is scheduled for October and Marcus is looking for some help in organizing it. Also, interested Role Players please call him. Last year there were 27 posts that participated in the conference. The board is asking if it is ok that we take a more active part in helping him out. Dixon said he would help with the financials. If interested in helping him out please contact him. Dixon is going to update our web site about the Duluth Conference.

The registration for nationals is currently up on the web site and the amount is \$425.00.

Recruiting ideas/suggestions: none stated.

Fundraising ideas/suggestions for individual posts:

1. World's Finest Candy Bars buy for 50 cents and cell for \$1.00.
2. Frozen Pizza Sales: Shirks Pizza out of Lonsdale. Contact is Jennifer.
3. Culvers Restaurant: they will give a percentage of their profits for a day for your event. If you advertise a K-9, squad car and other things you will draw a big crowd. They allow you two a year.

No other business:

Kostohryz motioned to adjourn at 1225 hrs. Motioned to approve by Rochester and seconded by Maplewood.

Meeting adjourned at 1225 hrs.