Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday September 14, 2011
Meeting Minutes
Location: Buca Di Peppo 7711 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1131 hrs.

Present:

Past Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), Chair Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids PD), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon, (MLEEA), Co-Chair Julie Olson, (MLEEA/Maplewood PD), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Tom Lancaster (Northern Star Council), Scott Tulius, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.) Joe Tran (Maplewood P.D.), Brad Nordby (Blaine P.D.), Gabe Lee (Blaine P.D.), Carlos Wong, (St. Paul Police), Allen Schmidt, (Mankato P.D.), Melissa Myers, (Mankato P.D.), Dennis Kreft, (Minneapolis P.D.), Kathy Tremain, (MNIASIU), Dan Krueger, (MNIASIU), T.J. Henderson, (EdenPrairie.Edina P.D.), Brandon Carlston, (Eden Prairie/Edina P.D), Brett Hayes, (MN State Patrol), Mike Krukowski, (MN State Patrol), Cheri Dexter, (Washington CSO) and Youth Rep. Trevor Auser (MN State Patrol).

Approval of minutes:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the minutes dated June 8, 2011. Motioned to approve the minutes by Mankato 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 1, 2011 through September 14, 2011 and Balance Sheets dated as of September 12, 2011.

Dixon explained all the financial data and explained we had a balance of $641.14 profit as indicated in the reports. We did receive a donation from the FOP of $2500.00 and this is not reflected in the balance sheet. 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 information. Our web page is going to cost us $800.00 which is a savings of $180.00 from previous expenses. Our paperwork is into the auditor and since we have gone over the balance in assets to maintain our 501-3c classification, we do need to file taxes. An extension has been filed. The expense for our taxes to be done is going to be $1200.00.

Kostohryz requested a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Treasurer's report motion to approve by Rochester P.D. and seconded by Maplewood P.D.
TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED

Scholarship Committee: We are looking for volunteers to form a committee to actively pursue funding. This could lower the costs of the conference. Please let a board member know if you would be interested in pursuing this.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

MN IASIU Scholarship – Kathy Tremain/Dan Krueger
They advised they would give a MN Fraud Awareness Scholarship in the amount of $250.00. The potential recipient would have to write an essay on "How Fraud Effects People". The process would open up by mid February and would need to be completed by mid March. The award winner would be presented the scholarship at the Rochester Conference. More details to follow. They also advised they could do a presentation to our group and it was decided it could possibly be for an academic session. Another topic they could do is White Collar Crime. In addition they requested to have a booth from the National Insurance Crime Bureau to create more awareness about insurance fraud.

Northern Star Council – Melinda Inman
She reminded people to get their tour permits in for Duluth and then introduced Tom Lancanster, who is Jenny Hedals replacement. She also mentioned the online registration will be open starting October 1, 2011.

Duluth Conference –Scott Kostohryz
The dates for the conference are October 21-23, 2011 and Marcus has nine events. September 30, 2011 is the due date for registrations.

Nationals – Scott Kostohryz
We received a prospectus explaining the requirements to host a Nationals event. This might be one way to get it closer to MN. If you are possibly interested in hosting a Nationals conference and you believe your community would be the right location. Please contact Scott for the requirements.
Melinda inquired in there was a task force and Scott explained that currently there is not task force but the board would promote it. Rochester PD advised that their visitor's bureau would love it.

Nationals Tee Shirt-Trevor Auser
Trevor advised he is still in the process of designing it. Dixon advised that the posts attending Nationals will get their tee shirts in Rochester. Dixon advised that the forms for nationals are on their website as well as their training for the events. Next year's Crime Scene will be a Home Invasion and that will probably be the same event for the Rochester scenario. You can go to www.learningforlife.org for more information.

Recruiting Ideas – Scott Kostohryz
Scott asked for any recruiting ideas –press releases or getting into the schools. None were suggested.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 1153

RESTART MEETING AT 1211

ROCHESTER CONFERENCE – Scott Kostohryz
He advised the board had met with the Rochester Visitors Bureau and some changes were made.
The Bike course will be moved to a more visible location.
Dixon advised the role players will now be staying at the Marriott for the next conference.

Catering – Dixon
We had three choices for catering: The Double Tree, Canadian Honker and Kahler Grand. If we go with the Canadian Honker there will be no Chicken Alfredo and we could have eight other choices. If we need alternate special meals for people we could promote that more. He requested the group in attendance for their input and it was decided to go with the Canadian Honker.

Entertainment – Scott Kostohryz
Scott had checked into possibly having a pizza and movie night on Thursday evening. It would cost $3000.00 for both. The civic center only has two choices on where to get the pizza from. The choices would be either God Fathers or Canadian Honker.
Discussion: Due to the high price, some posts busy with other things a suggestion was that maybe we just have the movie. This would cost $400.00 for just the movie. The registration packet will include a choice of one of three movies. Someone suggested popcorn but due to the carpet this could be an issue. Scott to check on this and will have more info at the December meeting.

Dance –Kostohryz
The bid will be open up for D.J. s for the dance. The bids will be due by October 21, 2011. Please have any D.J. you know get their bids to Scott.

Casino Night – Dixon
Dixon asked for input on casino night if people still wanted it. It was decided to continue having casino night. Trevor suggested more tables. Dixon explained this is not an option because the tables are staffed by non-profit volunteers. It was also mentioned that an obstacle course might be the same evening.

Hypnotist – Dixon
Dixon asked if we wanted to continue with a hypnotist or have a magician. He said maybe we could have a different hypnotist and suggested Lori Michaels. Someone will be looking at pricing for a magician. Dixon also mentioned a gaming system through the Mercedes Theatre. It would hold 24 people at $250.00 an hour and could be placed into the Taylor arena. More information to follow.

Career Fair – Tulius
Tulius suggested we Re-vamp the fair due to low numbers from last year. There were only 8 booths last year. He suggested a location change, like right outside the doors. Erika and Michelle are working on this with him. Suggestions were to get info out more clearly to raise attendance, have it marked better, and more focus on Law Enforcement venders. Possible venders could be Streichers or Glock. We need more venders. Please contact your local businesses and colleges to see if they can attend. It is $200.00 a vender and $50.00 for colleges to have a booth.

Academics – Kostohryz
Thursday night Matt DuRose from Mankato will be conducting an optional academic on job interview preparation. It will be open to all.
A possible academic speaker for Saturday and the Key Note speaker could be Patti Wetterling. Toninato is following up with this.
Scott requested a more hands on academics: K-9, Defensive Tactics and others. If you have someone from your department willing to put something together please contact him.
Another possibility for Saturday could be the insurance fraud.
Melinda suggested next year possibly something on Terrorism. This was just done the year before.

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Opening Ceremony – Kostohryz
Opening ceremony will be earlier this year. It will start at 6:00 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M.

Air Pistols - Dixon
Dixon mentioned that the guns are five years old and we are need of more ammo. With the age of the pistols we might need to purchase new ones. He thought we could offer this event both Friday and Saturday during the day. The cost would be $3.00 per person to participate. Scott Tulius volunteered Rochester's air pistols and said they have a lot of them.

Misc
Allen Schmidt volunteered to research a new pin for the conference. He is researching a bar type shaped pin instead of the state shaped one. It would cost about the same as the old pin. He would check more into it and create some designs and get back to the board with them.

Blaine P.D. Brian Owens is looking for more volunteers to put on the Saturday statewide events. December 3rd and January 7 are two open dates. Lino Lakes P.D. will host an event if they could pair up with another department. Please contact Brian if you are interested.

St. Paul Officer Carlos Wong requested advisors refer their adult explorers to him for a possible internship with his department. They currently will be accepting 12 candidates. His contact information is: 651-266-5488 or email address is carlos.wong@ci.stpaul.mn.us.
The prerequisite is 1. Must currently be attending college, 2. Need a letter from your college indicating the number of hours for the internship. 3. A letter written to the Chief of Police from the candidate.

Next meeting is scheduled for 1130 A.M. on December 14, 2011 at the Look Out Bar and Restaurant in Maple Grove.

Kostohryz motioned to adjourn at 1307 hrs. Motioned to approve by Mankato and seconded by Eden Prairie/Edina. Meeting adjourned at 1307 hrs.