



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday December 14, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Location: Lookout Bar and Grill, 8672 Pineview LN N, Maple Grove, MN 55369

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1136 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), Scott Tulus, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.) Allen Schmidt, (Mankato P.D.), Matt Gottschalk, (Mankato P.D.), Melissa Myers, (Mankato P.D.), Dennis Kreft, (Minneapolis P.D.), Kelly Phillips, (MN State Patrol), Mike Krukowski, (MN State Patrol), Jeffrey Tomaszewski, (Brooklyn Park PD), Erika Wallert, (Carver Co. S.O), Michelle Stark, (Oakdale P.D.), Troy Pepin, (MLEEA), Gary Cayo, (MLEEA), and Mike Peterson, (Brooklyn Center P.D.).

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the agenda dated December 14, 2011. Motioned to approve the agenda by Mankato P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the minutes dated September 14, 2011. Motioned to approve the minutes by Mankato P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee – Presented by Toninato

Sgt. Daren Keasling with Coon Rapids Police Department has drafted a letter to be sent out to businesses to seek grants/scholarships or one time donations. The letter will be given to the board for approval.

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2011 through December 14, 2011 and Balance Sheets dated as of December 14, 2011.

Dixon explained all the financial data and explained we had a balance of \$1863.43 profit as indicated in the reports. We did receive a donation from the FOP of \$2500.00. He indicated we are investing soundly at this time and the investments cover the scholarship fund. Some of the scholarship funds will be forfeited. All posts should have received an email with their scholarship balance information and a dues bill. Our paperwork is into the State Attorney General's Office and the IRS. It is going to cost us a little extra this year. The Secretary of State and the Attorney General's Office need to fix our Paperwork. This is due to the two entities not communicating with each other properly.

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the Treasurers report dated December 14, 2011. Motioned to approve the agenda by Mankato P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**



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OLD BUSINESS:

Movie Night for Rochester: Kostohryz presented. Thursday night there will be a movie but no pizza due to the extra cost.

Job Interview: Kostohryz presented. The comments that he has been hearing from several people is that there are small mistakes that everyone is doing. So, Commander Matt DuRose from Mankato P.D. will be putting on an optional class Thursday evening before the opening ceremony.

Conference Pin: Allen Schmidt presented.

Allen (at the request of Youth Rep. Trevor) has been checking on a service bar style pin that would replace the state shaped Minnesota style pin.

He advised he found a business that would complete the pin for a \$325.00 die cast charge and \$3.25 per pin.

Discussion: Several advisors stated they liked the Minnesota style pin and did not want to discontinue it.

In addition Dixon had concerns about the additional cost to have large quantities on hand for the different years of service. We would have to keep an inventory on hand and we did not budget for the new pin for this year.

Suggestions were made that we possibly have both pins made and not have the flag pin be year specific.

Other concerns were: the advisors would have to make sure the explorers purchase the correct number of stars. In addition, how many would we initially order to get a fair price and each P.D. had specific uniform codes and would have to get permission from each of their departments.

One suggestion is to have a company produce it and keep the inventory on hand.

It was decided to table the new pin until the April meeting and determine if we would purchase it before the 2013 conference. We will vote on it in April will the majority of our members are present.

Dixon requested suggestion for the color of this year's pin. The color black was decided.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conference Fee: Dixon presented

The cost for the 2012 conference will be \$278.00.

This increase is due in part to the new contract, possibly incurring charges for the closing of the street for traffic stops and accident events. We possibly will have to pay for signage also. Our permit to close the road has already been sent.

Lt. Tullius – Rochester P.D. advised that they might just use one of their squads to block the street or barricades will be found.

Registration is now available online.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1201 hrs.

Meeting restarted at 1223 hrs.

New Event: Cayo presented.

An additional event will be added. Normally we usually have either the Shoot don't Shoot event or the Use of Force Scenario. This year we will be doing both. Hennepin County will be judging the Use of Force which will be serving a warrant and Rasmussen College will be judging the Shoot don't Shoot scenario.

Dixon suggested the scholarship remain the same for first through fifth place for the event.



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Items for the Conference Book: Kostohryz presented.
There will be more location information and maps in the book.

State and National T-Shirts: Kostohryz presented.
Trevor Ausen is working with Sets Design for us. The T-Shirt will cost \$10.00 with \$2.00 going to us.

Role Players please contact Troy Pepin. Cost for Role players will stay at \$75.00.

Team events in one day, or spread out over the weekend?
Kostohryz asked Cayo if there was a possibility of spreading the events over the two days or keeping it where a team completed the events in one day. Cayo advised he would look into it but it would probably be too confusing to do and the whole idea of the one day schedule is to be more real to life. It is supposed to be more real to life by having an officer respond to one call after another.

The majority of the group present decided to keep it the way it is and have the events blocked together.

Medallion Hunt: presented by Erika Wallert.

It will be something new and will be a scavenger hunt. There will be a list of items to be found/completed and turned in on Saturday by 4:00. There will be two winners receiving a \$25.00 gift certificate.

Air Pistol Update: presented by Erika Wallert.

The Air Pistol Competition is back this year. We have not had it for approximately 5 years. The guns were picked up after being refurbished. It will cost \$3.00 per play and only the first shoot will count for the competition score. You may shoot as often as you like.

Dixon advised we are looking for someone to run it.

Melinda Inman advised there might be a need for an actual range officer to run it due to the Boy Scout rules. She will look into it.

Academics: presented by Kostohryz

One of the academic speakers for Saturday and the Key Note speaker will be Patti Wetterling. Scott requested Toninato to follow up with her to see if Mrs. Wetterling would be interested in doing two academics instead of one. Other topics may be Insurance Fraud, Narcotics Task Force, Human Trafficking/Prostitution, Identity Theft, Computer Safety and the State Patrols Drug interdiction Desert Snow program. The Desert Snow program will offer a more hands on event where the competitors can take apart a vehicle.

Mayo Civic Center Parking Problems: Dixon Presented.

Please do not park any vehicles to long in the front of the Civic Center.

Career Fair: presented by Michelle Stark

The Career Fair will be from 10-4 P.M. and the deadline for venders to register is March 15, 2012. She will be doing a Post event survey this year. The cost per table is \$50.00 for Universities and \$200.00 for merchandise venders. If you have any venders to refer please send the information to her. The application and invite will be on line shortly. She will be sending out the mailings the first week in January.



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Job Interview: presented by Kostohryz

Our panelists will be Chief Brad Wise, Coon Rapids P.D., Captain Paul Ireland, Coon Rapids P.D., Brian Hill, Anoka County S.O., Commander Matt DuRose, Mankato P.D. He will ask Cheri Dexter if she will do it and Rochester P.D. said they might have a female officer that would be interested if Deputy Sara Peulen does not return.

Magician: Presented by Dixon

The magician will be Matt Dunn from 1930 – 2030 on Friday evening.

Casino Night: Presented by Erika Wallert

There will be more tables and it will be held from 2030 – 2230 hrs on Friday evening with the ticket collection and prizes handed out between 2230 -2300.

Saturday Night entertainment: Presented by Kostohryz

The D.J. will be new this year it will be Sonic Sound out of Bloomington and is one of our former explorers.

Other information: Dixon presented.

There will be several prizes this year that are primarily electronics.

National Guard will have the Rock wall again and the Army will have the full obstacle course this year. Both Friday and Saturday there will be timed courses with two prizes. (One for each day)

It was decided that the Grand Prize for Sunday's drawing will be a paid entrance fee to the 2013 Conference given to the winners post.

Rochester P.D. Lt. Tulus advised that the K-9 will be here as well as a Swat demo and the helicopter.

For the Swat demo there will be more explosions. He also advised that the range is locked in for both dates.

Nationals' down payment is due by March. You are able to register online now. It will be held in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Next meeting is scheduled for 1130 A.M. on March 14, 2012 at the Santorini Restaurant in Eden Prairie.

Kostohryz motioned to adjourn at 1311 hrs. Motioned to approve by Rochester and seconded by Eden Prairie/Edina. Meeting adjourned at 1307 hrs. Brooklyn Center P.D.

Meeting adjourned.