



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday March 14, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Location: Santorini Restaurant, 13000 Technology Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344-3606

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

Present:

Past Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis P.D.), Chair Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead P.D.), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids P.D.), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon, (MLEEA), Co-Chair Julie Olson, (MLEEA/Maplewood P.D.), Joe Tran, (Maplewood P.D.), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Tom Lancaster, (Northern Star Council), Scott Tullius, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.), Dennis Kreft, (Minneapolis P.D.), Mike Krukowski, (MN State Patrol), Jeffrey Tomaszewski, (Brooklyn Park P.D.), Gary Cayo, (MLEEA), and Mike Peterson, (Brooklyn Center P.D.), Cheri Dexter, (Washington CS.O.), Tim Harris, (Washington C.S.O.), Charles Redmond, (St. Paul P.D.), Trevor Ausen, (Mn State Patrol, Youth Rep), Brandon Kuske, (Edina P.D.).

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the agenda dated April 14, 2012. Motioned to approve the agenda by Brooklyn Park P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

Approval of Minutes:

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

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee – Presented by Toninato

The letter sent out by Sgt. Daren Keasling with Coon Rapids Police Department has received three responses but none for approval to donate to us. He has volunteered to attempt to do some grant writing and will start this project in July or August.

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2011 through March 14, 2012 and Balance Sheet dated as of March 14, 2012.

Dixon explained all the financial data on both items handed out. He indicated we are investing soundly at this time and the investments cover the scholarship fund. He mentioned monies are available for the Shawn Silvera and Turcotte scholarships.

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the Treasurers report dated March 14, 2012. Motioned to approve the agenda by Brooklyn Center P.D. and seconded by Washington C.S.O. **TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**



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OLD BUSINESS:

Movie Night for Rochester: Kostohryz presented. Thursday night the movie will be: Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol. The pop and popcorn will be donated by the Mayo Civic Center. The only cost will be the movie and the equipment to run it.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Registration: Kostohryz.

47 post are registered. This is down a little bit from last year. There are 721 explorers and advisors with a total of 859 people attending.

Items for the Conference Book: Toninato.

Book is coming along and board will meet after this meeting to make final changes.

NRA Grant: Dixon

The NRA gave us a onetime donation of \$2300.00 to be used by purchasing products from their merchandise center. We already received approximately \$75.00 in targets.

A question was posed if we want to drop the cost of the shoot or leave it at the \$15.00 for a future reserve fund. Cayo advised it is getting harder and harder trying to find a FATS machine and we might eventually have to purchase one and we are now borrowing the guns from Rassmussen College. Rochester did advised they have a similar machine that we could use in the future.

Melinda Inman advised that in the past the Boy Scouts had written a grant to obtain the purchase of guns. Dixon advised then we would have to have a person's social security number to register the guns and then where would they be safely stored. Inman advised that they had to purchase a gun safe and put registered the guns under the council. After discussion by the group it was decided to leave the cost as is.

State and National T-Shirts: Ausen

Trevor Ausen is working with Sets Design for us. The T-Shirt will be ready by the state conference and he will then forward the logo for the Nationals Conference.

Role Players: Dixon

Please contact Troy Pepin and go on line for the registration paperwork. We are need of 15 additional role players. They will be staying at the Marriott and the cost is \$75.00. Health paperwork will be needed to be filled out.

Medallion Hunt: Ausen.

It is coming along. They are still working on the clues.



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Air Pistol Update: Dixon

The Air Pistol Competition is back this year and 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. It will be both Friday and Saturday from 0900 – 1600 hrs. Per the Learning For Life rules we are required to have a range officer to run it and Dawanna Witt with Dakota County Sheriff's Office has found someone.

Break for lunch at 1150 hrs.

Meeting restarted at 1222 hrs.

Bike Course update: Brugger

Since we are trying to limit the down time for the Explorers it will be both Friday and Saturday from 0900-1600.

Rochester update: Tulus

Everything is on schedule and they will be having several events planned form public safety day and at the career fair.

Academics: Kostohryz

Patty Wetterling will possibly be doing two of the academics but Kostohryz is going to review one of them on sexual assault victims to determine if the presentation will be age appropriate for the explorers. Other events will be Internet Safety, Insurance Fraud, Drug Interdiction and Missing Persons.

Career Fair/Public Safety day: Kostohryz and Tulus

If you have any businesses or Colleges that would like to attend please have them contact Michelle Stark. For Public Safety day there will be numerous events to attend. State Patrol will have their charger on display as well as a Mustang from Rochester. The National Guard will have their full obstacle course as well as the rock wall. There will be two K-9 demos, Trooper 7 and the Mayo Hospital chopper arriving. Also there will be two Rochester ERU (SWAT) demos, the DWI goggles and a texting while driving event.

Misc Information:

Nationals' down payment is due by March. You are able to register online now. It will be held in Ft. Collins, Colorado. The sooner you get registered the better the rooms you will get.

The following posts will be attending: Blaine, Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Dakota County, Egan, Edina/Eden Prairie, Faribault, Inver Grove heights, Minneapolis, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnetonka, Oakdale, Plymouth, Ramsey County, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Washington County and Woodbury.

Information on a transportation opportunity to Nationals. State Patrol and Washington County have rented a bus through Eagle Wings and still have 20 seats left. The cost will be \$180.00. They will leave on Sunday and be there by Monday with no stops there and none on the way back. For more information please contact Dawanna Witt with Dakota County Sheriff's Office.

The State Patrol Academic will be located in the Exhibit Hall due to having a squad involved.

Rochester P.D. had received a request from Lake City P.D. to have a table to sell their memorial pins. This was affirmed by the group.



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A question was posed if we are sharing the Mayo Center with anyone else this year (Willie Nelson). The answer is no, not at this time.

Next meeting is scheduled on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 1900 hours at the State Conference in Rochester, MN.

Kostohryz motioned to adjourn at 1230 hrs. Motioned to approve by Rochester and seconded by Maplewood. Meeting adjourned.