



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday September 12, 2012

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1136 hrs.

Present:

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.), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Tom Lancaster, (Northern Star Council), Scott Tulus, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.), Gary Cayo, (MLEEA), Brian Owens, (Blaine P.D.), Dan Rice, (Blaine P.D), and Aaron Slack, (New Brighton P.D.), Dawanna Witt, (Dakota C.S.O.), Ryan Deering, (Youth Rep./Plymouth P.D.), Tim Harris, (Washington C.S.O.), Ryan Stuart, (Oakdale P.D.), and Michelle Stark, (Oakdale P.D.).

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the agenda dated September 12, 2012.

Motioned to approve the agenda by Blaine P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the minutes dated April 20, 2012. Dixon wanted a clarification of the minutes involving the topic of a future location for our state conference and researching potential locations.

Individuals need to have prior approval from the board to do this. We currently are contracted through 2017 with Rochester. If you are trying to organize a future advisor reunion of some kind then feel free to do so.

Motioned to approve the minutes by Washington County and seconded by Rochester P.D. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

****Agenda was changed slightly due to a presenter having to leave early*****

New Business:

Barbara Schneider Foundation – Mark Anderson presented.

Mr. Anderson requested to present their program at the State Conference. This includes basic concepts of a mental health crisis, signs and symptoms and de-escalation techniques. Mr. Anderson passed out several hand outs to the group. Discussion determined that his group would do two academic sessions.

Explorer Youth Rep Deering requested more hands on situations. This is potentially possible in the future.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee – Presented by Toninato

Per Sgt. Keasling nothing to report at this time.



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Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2012 through September 9, 2012 and Balance Sheet dated as of September 9, 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 advised that if anyone wants to look at the books they are welcome to do so. They are currently at our accountant to take care of the taxes. Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the Treasurers' report. Motioned to approve the Treasurers' report by Oakdale P.D. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Nationals – Kostohryz presented.

The state of Minnesota did really well with 13 team trophies and some individual ones as well. Minnesota took 4 out of the 5 awards for Crash Investigation.

If you have pictures from Nationals please get them to Dixon and watch for the BOLO's/News letter on the web site and Learning for Life web site as well.

You Rep. Ryan Deering suggested we take Distinguished Fitness Award program from the Nationals and implement it at our State Conference. It consists of a run, pushups, sit ups and other physical abilities to be retested every year. Melinda Inman advised there is a packet of information that is available through the boy scouts for more information.

Kostohryz advised this is a possibility since we are already set up for the Fitness Run. More discussion is to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Duluth Registration: Kostohryz presented.

Registrations is open – Hotels fill up fast so be sure to get your post registered fast.

There will be three members of the board going up to help out.

Academics: Julie Olsen presented:

Olsen is going to contact Chief Wise from Coon Rapids P.D. to have a Defensive Tactics Instructor do two Academic sessions, the Barbara Schneider Foundation do two presentations and possibly IASIU to present on a Chop Shop motor vehicle theft demonstration where they will take apart a car.

Melinda Inman suggested the F.B.I. present their citizen's academy –they talk to students about Law Enforcement. It was decided they would be a better fit to be present at the Career Fair.

Keynote Speaker and Possible Academic: Kostohryz presented.

Scott is going to contact LA State Trooper Bobbi Smith who is a motivational speaker who talks on overcoming adversity. Smith had been shot in the face while responding to a call. Scott will know more information by this December.

Practical events – Keep use of force? Continue with Street Decisions as well: Kostohryz presented.

Use of force had been done by Blaine P.D. It will be done again with two events and will be a hands on scenario. Rasmussen had done Street Decisions and will do it again. So, we will be doing both events making 14 practical events available. Dixon will work on finding the rooms.



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Post Conference Meeting dated 8/29/12 – Kostohryz and Dixon presented.

The meeting included potential menu changes from the Canadian Honker. We will be upgrading for Friday night but the menu will stay the same for the Saturday evening banquet. We will be adding sandwiches and a salad bar for the lunches. Please give us your ideas. Also, there will be paperwork in the registration packet if you have a special request for the meals due to special requirements.

The check in at the hotels will be easier.

If the Governor signs the grant to expand the Rochester Civic Center there will be an addition 3% hotel tax that is not covered by the contract rooms.

Misc Items:

Thank you to Youth Rep. Ryan Deering for organizing the booth at the State Fair. It made the Explorer program visible and we will probably do it again next year.

Kostohryz is to draft a letter to thank all the explorers who volunteered at the Fair and Deering will get the list organized to get them sent out.

Dixon brought up that in 2015 it will be our 40th conference and if we are going to plan for something special we need to start budgeting for it now.

Some potential ideas would be to have the Golden Knights Army Parachute Group do their demonstration. Since it is expensive we could offset the price by opening the event up to the public. Any ideas let us know.

Dawanna Witt wanted to remind everyone about the Saturday cluster training. She advised they still had some dates open and to get a hold of her if interested in hosting. She wants to get the schedule out ahead of time.

Next meeting will be scheduled for December 12, 2012 at 1130 hrs at the Look Out in Maple Grove.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kostohryz. Motion to approve to adjourn by Washington County and seconded by Rochester P.D. Meeting adjourned at 1242 hrs.