



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday December 12, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Location: Look out Bar and Grill 8672 Pineview Ln, Maple Grove, MN

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1134 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.), Brandon Brugger, (Minneapolis P.D./MNLEEA), Jason Ruis, (Coon Rapids P.D), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Tom Lancaster, (Northern Star Council), Scott Davis, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.), Gary Cayo, (MLEEA), Branden Fettis, (Blaine P.D.), Dan Rice, (Blaine P.D), Ryan Deering, (Youth Rep./Plymouth P.D.), Tim Harris, (Washington C.S.O.), Cheri Dexter, (Washington C.S.O.), Nick Gross, (Maple Grove P.D.), Erika Wallert, (Carver C.S.O.), Steve Hiebert, (Maplewood P.D.), Kelly Phillips, (Minnesota S. P.), Todd Merwin, (Minnesota S.P.), Mike Krukowski, (Minnesota S.P.), and Dan Dixon, (Minnesota S.P.).

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motioned to approve the agenda by Rochester P.D. and seconded by Carver C.S.O. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

Approval of Minutes:

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

Motioned to approve the minutes by Carver County and seconded by Washington County. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee – Presented by Toninato

Per Sgt. Keasling nothing to report at this time and due to the lack of interest on potential sponsors this topic will be tabled.

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2012 through December 12, 2012 and Balance Sheet dated as of December 12, 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. The account information is being audited this Saturday. It will be completed by March for members to review.

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the Treasurers' report. Motioned to approve the Treasurers' report by Washington C.S.O. and seconded by Rochester P.D. **TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED.**

Dixon also advised that several of the scholarships have applications on our web site and need to be completed by March 1, 2013. These include the Nick Turcotte, Shawn Silvera and Mn Insurance Fraud Scholarships. New information is that the Fraud Group has increased the amount from \$250.00 to \$500.00.



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OLD BUSINESS:

Distinguished Physical Fitness Award Program: Kostohryz presented.

Kostohryz advised we would not be participating in this program this year. At this time there are too many other things going on. He did however, encourage individual posts to participate in this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dues and Conference Fee Increase: Dixon presented.

The dues will increase from \$60.00 to \$75.00. The cost of the conference will increase to \$288.00. 2015 is the 40th Anniversary so there might be a (one time only) increase for that year as well.

Academics: Julie Olson presented:

On Friday it will be the Barbara Schneider Foundation to do two presentations. The first, will be on understanding Mental Illness and the second, will be on De-Escalation Techniques. The IASIU will present on a Chop Shop motor vehicle theft demonstration where they will take apart a car.

On Saturday there will be two Defensive Tactics classes presented by Coon Rapids Police Department.

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 contacted LA State Trooper Bobbi Smith who is a motivational speaker who talks on overcoming adversity. Due to the cost of \$5,000.00 we will not be having him speak.

Other suggested speakers were: Sheriff Doug Krier from Mehnomen County S.O. and Captain Kerr from Rochester P.D. More information to follow.

Conference Theme: We are looking for ideas for the conference theme please let us know as soon as possible.

Catering ideas: Kostohryz presented.

After meeting with the caterers Canadian Honker there will be some changes in the menu.

Taken away for breakfast is the French toast and replacing it will be more like a continental breakfast.

Lunch on Friday could be a either BBQ Beef sandwich or a Turkey Sandwich with a salad bar. Possible Saturday will be hamburgers with a salad bar.

Saturday night was discussed whether to keep it the turkey dinner or change it to the roast beef dinner. It was decided to change it to roast beef.

If we scale up to much it would raise the cost of the conference to much.

Dixon advised that if you have special dietary needs please contact the board prior to the start of the conference so we can make arrangements.

Misc Items:

Conference Pin: Dixon presented.

Pin color was discussed and it was decided to go with the color of green. Possibly for the 40th Anniversary it will be the circle.



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Conference Book: Toninato presented.

Jeanne Lawrie volunteered to complete the book this year. Please get all updated information to Toninato and she will forward it to Jeanne. Thanks Jeanne.

Role Players needed: Dixon presented.

If you know of any role players that are able to attend the conference please direct them to contact Troy Pepin. We will need at least 50 role players. They will be sharing a room.

Advisor training:

There will be two New Advisor trainings scheduled for Friday located in the Ball room at the convention center. Times to be determined.

Career Fair: Please contact Michelle Stark if you know of any Federal Agencies that would be interested in attending.

Entertainment: Dixon presented.

Friday night will be the Casino event and a Hypnotist.

Saturday night will be the same D.J. as last year.

Door Prizes – please bring a door prize for the Sunday morning event. Student Rep. Deering suggested Striechers gift cards for the drawings.

The raffle prize will possibly be an I PAD Mini. Other suggestions were a refurbished lap top or dorm refrigerator. Maybe someone could speak to Best Buy about donating some items.

Other items:

There will be a medallion hunt and Scavenger hunt.

Sets design will be doing the T-Shirts. There will be extras for \$10.00 each.

All Chiefs and Sheriffs will be sent an invite letter.

The paperwork for the conference will be on the web site. Some of the documents are savable PDF's.

Please contact us if you have any other ideas for fun things to do at the conference.

Elections: The following positions will be up for election this April: Co- Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Next meeting will be scheduled for March 13, 2013 at 1130 hrs at Guldens in Maplewood.

Address is: 2999 Maplewood Dr. (Hwy 61 N.) Maplewood, MN

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kostohryz. Motion to approve to adjourn by Washington County and seconded by Rochester P.D. Meeting adjourned at 1225 hrs.



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