



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

**Wednesday March 13, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Guldens Restaurant 2999 Maplewood Dr. Maplewood, MN
Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Julie Olson at 1133 hrs.**

Present:

Chair Scott Kostohryz (On Conference Call) (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), Bill Hammes, (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 Fettig, (Blaine P.D.), Dan Rice, (Blaine P.D), Ryan Deering, (Youth Rep./Plymouth P.D.), Erika Wallert, (Carver C.S.O.), Steve Hiebert, (Maplewood P.D.), Dennis Kreft, (Minneapolis P.D.), Heather Olson, (Minnetonka P.D.), Ryan Stuart, (Oakdale P.D.), Michelle Stark, (Oakdale P.D.), Troy Pepin, (MLEEA), Brad Nordby, (Blaine P.D.), Charles Redmond, (SPPD), Shawn Murphy, (SPPD), Mike Krukowski, (Minnesota S.P.), and Dan Dixon, (Minnesota S.P.).

Approval of the Agenda:

Vice Chair Olson requested an approval for the agenda dated March 13, 2013.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Vice Chair Olson requested an approval for the minutes dated December 12, 2012.

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

Committee Reports:

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2012 through March 13, 2013 and Balance Sheet dated as of March 13, 2013.

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 we paid out approximately \$5000.00 in scholarships for the past year. Please email him if wish to award more scholarships from your post fund or need additional information.

Vice Chair Olson requested an approval for the Treasurers' report. Motioned to approve the Treasurers' report by Rochester P.D. and seconded Carver County S.O. **TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED.**



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OLD BUSINESS:

Keynote Speaker: Chair Kostohryz (on phone/conference call) gave information on Lt Larry yatch (retired Navy Seal). He will also be teaching an academic on Situation Awareness.

Posts registered so far. Dixon advised that there were 46 posts registered so far and St. Paul was completing their paperwork. We had 670 explorers and advisors registered and a total of 769 people so far. This is on tract from previous years.

Included is the U.S. Border Patrol that is a new post from Grand Forks N.D.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shoot Don't Shoot: Cayo presented.

Rasmussen pulled out. If anyone can spare a machine and judges, let Gary know ASAP. Also there will be no shooting at Taylor Arena it will be held in a class room.

Book Information Due: Toninato presented:

Please get all the information to Toninato so I can forward it to Jeanne who is doing this year's conference book. Tom Lancaster advised he would need the final copy two weeks before the conference to complete the printing. He also shared some pricing. The book could possibly be cheaper than last year depending on the type of paper we use. The quote he received as of now is \$900.00. He will contact DuWey with more information.

We took a break at 1143 for lunch and started again at 1205 hrs.

Career Fair: Stark presented.

We used to have 13 to 14 venders and now we are down to 5. Please provide some more contacts and suggestions to Michelle Stark. Discussion was presented on why venders are not returning.

Dance: Formal or keep as is? Kostohryz and Deering presented.

Deering advised there have been requests by several explorers to make the dance formal due to the explorers having to miss their prom. He suggested a photo booth or photographer be present.

Kostohryz suggested we keep the dance as is. Further discussion was brought up by Past Chair Brugger inquiring about cost of additional supplies and needs.

It was determined that Deering could take photos and email them to the participants so there would be no additional cost to the association since there was not funds budgeted for a photo booth or photographer.

Dixon advised he had looked into a Photo booth for the 40th Anniversary and it could cost \$500.00 to \$600.00 for 3 hrs.

Kostohryz suggested to slow down the dance the last hour and have more relaxed music. He also advised it would be best to pull the pictures off of facebook or email the participants.

Crime Prevention Event: Dixon presented.

The Crime Prevention event will be a Neighborhood Watch Presentation with a 15 point quiz.

Some study guides to look at are: Operation ID, What to Do Before The Burglar Comes and Guarding Your Privacy. More information can be found on the MCPA web site. Info will also be put in the conference book.



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Misc Items:

Saturday Trainings: Brugger Presented.

Learning For Life normally puts them on. What can we do to help with that.

Tom Lancaster advised that the trainings are a tool to enhance your post. He advised that there is not as much involvement as they would like. They are short of judges for several events and need more people to host them. State Patrol advised that they believed this is a great benefit to the kids.

Minneapolis advised that when attending one of the problems is there is too much down time for the kids.

Dixon advised that with Maple Groves range now being open we may restart a shooting event in the future.

Brugger suggested that we have two Academies a year instead of the monthly ones. Possibly one before Duluth and one before Rochester.

Deering suggested one in the winter and one in the fall.

Lancaster advised that the upcoming Academy held in Jordan is on April 6 -7, 2013 and so far there are only 5 posts registered. They are hoping to have 19 -20 posts. He has a list of several events to be run. So, please if you are interested contact him, Witt or Kreft for more information.

He said it usually costs \$1054.00 to rent the SCALES facility and they only charge \$5.00 per explorer per day to attend. They receive donations from two business's.

It was determined to table this topic until Rochester.

Other information:

Tour permits are due and 2 signatures are required and make sure the D.L. numbers are correct for the name of the advisor given as a driver.

The Exploring Banquet is March 21, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. in Arden Hills. Registration is open until tomorrow at noon.

Next meeting will be scheduled for 4-26-13 in Rochester

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Olson. Motion to approve to adjourn by Minneapolis and seconded by Coon Rapids P.D. Meeting adjourned at 1239 hrs.