



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

**Annual Meeting
April 26, 2013
Rochester, MN**

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1902 hours

Roll Call taken/posts present: Anoka CSO, Apple Valley PD, Blaine PD, Bloomington PD, Brooklyn Center PD, Brooklyn Park PD, Carver CSO, Crystal PD, Dakota CSO, Eagan PD, Edina/Eden Prairie PD, Faribault PD, Mankato PD, Maple Grove PD, Maplewood PD, Minneapolis PD, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnetonka PD, Moorhead PD, New Brighton PD, Prescott PD, Richfield PD, Rochester PD, St Louis CSO, St. Louis PD, St Paul PD, Washington CSO, Wright CSO

Present: Chair Scott Kostohryz, (MLEEA/Moorhead PD), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Co-Chair Julie Olson (MLEEA/Maplewood PD), Brandon Brugger (Minneapolis PD/MLEEA), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Melinda Inman (Northern Star Council), Tom Lancaster (Northern Star Council)

Approval of the agenda:

Chair Kostohryz requested approval for the agenda dated April 26, 2013.

Motioned to approve agenda by Washington CSO and seconded by Minneapolis PD

AGENDA APPROVED

Approval of minutes:

Chair Kostohryz requested approval for the minutes dated March 13, 2013.

Motioned to approve minutes by Minneapolis PD and seconded by Moorhead PD

MINUTES APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers' report- presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 2012 through April 2013 and Balance Sheet dated as of April 30, 2013.

Dixon explained all financial data on both items handed out. He advised that we currently have \$14,250 in the scholarship fund and the net income in negative \$911.44. This is very good.

Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the Treasurers' report. Motioned to approve the Treasurers' report by Washington CSO and seconded by Minneapolis PD. **TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED**

CONFERENCE:

Photos/video: Please bring all photos to Brandon.

Complaints: Mankato PD brought up about the consistency about allowing advisors to go into the scenarios. They had an issue about being allowed in Use of Force. Chair Kostohryz advised that it is up to the judges on allowing advisor into the scenarios.

Scholarships: use them!

Sets Design donated \$1500 to scholarship fund.



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Photo wall: This year the DJ is also running a photo wall. It will be available Saturday night from 1700-0000 hours at no cost to the explorers. They are offering unlimited digital photos and 1 4x6 per individual.

5K: So far we have had 71 participants, a lot more than previous years. Each individual running it will receive a t-shirt. We will order t-shirts for individuals that did not receive one after running.

Interview/Interrogation: Gary Cayo, The current judges for Interview and Interrogation are looking at being done after next year 2014. He needs 1-2 people that are interested in judging it. He will have them shadow the current judges next year at the conference. Contact Gary if you are interested.

Food: The food is better this year. The board attended a food tasting presented by the Double Tree. The Double Tree has expressed interest in catering. The board will look further into this for cost.

Website: Please keep emailing DuWey with any updates and honor roll.

NEW BUSINESS:

Duluth Conference: The board assisted at it last year. This year it is again over the MEA weekend.

Rochester Firing Range: Ryan Magnuson

Rochester would be willing to open up the range for posts that are interested in using it. Rochester has range officers that will be on hand. Please contact Ryan Magnuson if interested.

Firearms: DuWey Dixon

Dixon made a motion to open up discussion on firearms; it was seconded by Washington CSO.

Dixon discussed about the board purchasing 25 Glock firearms for the range. This would ensure that guns are on hand for the conference. We would be looking at Glock only due to the range/armors being Glock certified. We have an unrestricted balance of \$57,000 that would be used to purchase the guns. Concerns were brought up about cost of maintenance, availability for other events, Maple Grove shoot and replacement plan. It was decided that this would be discussed further.

Call for motion to vote on the purchase of the guns by Washington CSO and seconded by Mankato PD.

Vote conducted by all posts present: approval to purchase the guns was unanimous.



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ELECTIONS:

Treasurer: Washington CSO made a motion to postpone the election of treasurer for 1 year. This will allow us to get back on the correct cycle. Moorhead PD seconded. All in favor – **APPROVED**
Election for Treasurer will be held next year 2014.

Secretary:

This is a 2 year term.

Kostohryz asked for any nominations.

Dez Toninato was nominated. She had advised that she was still interested in the position but was unable to attend the conference this year.

There was no other nominations, white ballot and motion was carried.

Dez Toninato will continue being secretary.

Vice-chair:

This is a 6 year position, with 2 years as vice-chair, 2 years as chair and 2 years as past chair.

Ryan Magnuson (Rochester PD) was nominated- accepted

Dawanna Witt (Dakota CSO) was nominated- accepted

Both Magnuson and Witt gave speeches.

Each post present voted and ballots collected and counted.

Dawanna Witt is the new vice-chair.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS:

Kostohryz advised that 4 people have served the full 6 year term since 1992.

Kostohryz presented to Brandon Brugger, Cheri Dexter, Marcus Bruning and Gary Cayo.

Gary Cayo 1992-1998

Cheri Dexter 2003-2009

Marcus Bruning 2005-2011

Brandon Brugger 2007-2013

Adjourn: Kostohryz made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved by Maple Grove PD and seconded by Rochester PD.
Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 12, 2013 AT THE LOOKOUT BAR AND GRILL IN MAPLE GROVE.