



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday June 12, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Location: Look Out Bar and Grille 8672 Pineview Ln, Maple Grove, MN

Meeting called to order by Chair Julie Olson at 1133 hrs.

Present:

Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis P.D.), Past Chair Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead P.D.), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids P.D.), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon, (MLEEA), Chair Julie Olson, (MLEEA/Maplewood P.D.), Melinda Inman, (Northern Star Council), Tom Lancaster, (Northern Star Council), Carrie Koehler, (Rochester P.D.), Ryan Manguson, (Rochester P.D.), Mike Krukowski, (MN State Patrol), Gary Cayo, (MLEEA), Charles Redmond, (St. Paul P.D.), Kathy Mcneely, (New Brighton P.D.), and Erin Reski, (Roseville P.D).

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Olson requested an approval for the agenda dated June 12, 2013. Motioned to approve the agenda by Rochester P.D. and seconded by New Brighton. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Olson requested an approval for the minutes dated April 26, 2013. Motioned to approve the minutes by New Brighton and seconded by Minneapolis P.D. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee – Presented by Toninato

Tabled at this time.

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 2012 through April 2013 and Balance Sheet dated April 30, 2013 and June 12, 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 that the scholarship totals had been sent out last week and all posts should have received them. Every post has money so please start using it.

On our web site, located on the education page there is an application that the explorer can fill out. The scholarships cover all classes not just the Law Enforcement ones.

Dixon also mentioned that the email list is a year old and we need to update it. If you have new advisors or some no longer wanting to be on the email list, please contact Dixon to update the list.

Chair Olson requested an approval for the Treasurers' report. Motioned to approve the Treasurers' report by New Brighton and seconded by Rochester P.D. **TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED.**



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OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Glock purchase – Dixon presented.

In 90 days we will have 25 new guns. Cases will be purchased as well. Ranges that will possibly be available will be St. Louis Park, Rochester and maybe Maple Grove. Hopefully by this fall we will start having regular shoots. Some of the guns will have smaller grips. We will look into getting an insurance waiver to protect the association. They will be registered in Dixons' name so they are not in a licensed officer's name due to legal issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rochester Conference: Olson presented.

Sunday Worship Service:

Only 9 people attended so there was discussion on if we should continue. It was decided to continue if it does not cost us anything if the Rochester Chaplain performs the ceremony.

We took a break at 1146 hours and continued at 1203 hours.

Conference Survey

The survey results are open until July 1, 2013 and it is on our web site. Please take time to complete it.

So far there have been 141 people that responded to it. Most of the responses were good. Per the survey the food was the biggest issue.

Several of the board members had attended a food tasting and had hoped the issue with the quality of the food had been addressed. The Canadian Honker had given us a bid for \$72.00 a person and the Double Tree had given us a bid for \$76.00 but that did not include milk or pop. There will be a 2% increase with the Canadian Honker for next year.

There are only three caterers that are allowed to serve at the Rochester Mayo Convention Center: The Kahler, the Double Tree and the Canadian Honker.

At this time the contract for the food is up through the Canadian Honker.

Toninato will look into some possible changes for next year's conference and will be contacting all three vendors for information and will report back at the next meeting in September.

Note: if you have an individual on your post that requires a special meal, i.e. gluten free, vegetarian let us know on your registration paper work so we can order it.

Other comments: The lunches and the Dinners are fine it is Breakfast that seems to be the main issue. The eggs were runny. Some suggestions were to have French toast or a BF sandwich.

Dixon advised there were several comments in the survey about opting out of the meals. This is not an option with the way the conference is set up. It would increase the cost of the conference with fewer participants.

Other information:

The photo booth was a huge success. 90 % of individuals wanted to see it again for next year. This past year was cheaper for us due to a special but will go up in price from \$400.00 to \$700.00 for next year.

The D.J. will give us a deal – so we will stick with him again for next year.



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Chair Olson made a motion to approve keeping the photo booth and the current D.J. Motioned by Rochester and seconded by Minneapolis P.D. Motion approved.

Mn State Patrol Summer Camp.

There are still openings. They accept non-explorers as well and currently they have 18 kids registered but will take a total of 30. It is From August 11-17, 2013 and the registration deadline is June 28, 2013.

Shawn Silvera run: It will be Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the Long Lake Regional Park.

St. Paul P.D. Officer Charles Redmond advised us of a fund raising opportunity.

It is \$60.00 per kid per day for working the Vikings games at the Metro Dome. You would need to be there three hours before the game. It works out to about \$10.00 an hour. They still accept explorers ages 15 and above. If the venue changes to the Target Field the age would go up to 18 to be able to work there. Contact him for more information.

Redmond also advised that St. Paul will volunteer to host a Saturday training involving two events. Tom Lancaster advised the next Saturday training meeting will be coming up soon.

Next meeting date: September 11, 2013 at the Santorini Restaurant in Eden Prairie.

**Motion to adjourn by Chair Olson. Motion by New Brighton and seconded by St. Paul.
Meeting adjourned at 122 hours.**