



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday December 11, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Location: Caspers Cherokee – 4625 Nicols Rd, Egan, MN 55122

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1128 hrs.

Present:

Co-Chair Scott Kostohryz (Moorhead P.D./MLEEA), Co-Chair Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/Minneapolis P.D.), Secretary Desiree Toninato (MLEEA Coon Rapids P.D.), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Melinda Inman (Northern Star Council), Molly Long (Northern Star Council), Mike Krukowski (MN State Patrol), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Briana Johnson (Coon Rapids P.D.), Co-Chair Dawanna Witt (MLEEA/Dakota County S.O.), Erika Wallert (MLEEA/Carver County S.O.), Reginald Larson (Blaine P.D.), Ryan Manguson (Rochester P.D.), Scott Davis (Blaine P.D.), Grace Cannon (Faribault P.D.), Kathy McNeely (New Brighton P.D.), Brian Rezny (Egan P.D.) and Tim Harris (Washington County S.O.).

Approval of the Agenda:

Vice-Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the agenda dated December 11, 2013. Motioned to approve the agenda by Rochester P.D. and seconded by Carver County. AGENDA APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chair Kostohryz requested an approval for the minutes dated September 11, 2013. Motioned to approve the minutes by Dakota County and seconded by Carver County. MINUTES APPROVED.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2013 through December 11, 2013 and Balance Sheet dated December 11, 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 the taxes are due Monday and will be sent off early. For some posts there are credits from last year's conference that will be applied to this next year's conference when they register.

Kostohryz encouraged posts to use up their scholarship funds so they won't be confiscated.

Motioned to approve the treasurers report by St. Paul P.D. and seconded by New Brighton P.D.

TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS:

None.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Leadership change with MLEEA board:

Due to a conflict Julie Olson has had to resign as Chair. Kostohyrz suggested for a temporary solution until the State conference: Scott will continue as Chair, Brandon Brugger will return as Vice Chair. At the time of conference Dawanna will step in as Chair.

A motion was requested. Rochester P.D. motioned to approve and seconded by St. Paul P.D. A vote was conducted and it passed unanimously.

Learning for Life price increase:

The price per explorer for this year's registration went from \$15.00 to \$24.00. Melinda Inman addressed the issue with an explanation. She advised that although the timing was not good it was necessary. She explained there has not been an increase for a number of years and due to the cost of liability insurance it was necessary. All the money goes to the National Office. She said for the price of insurance coverage it is quite reasonable.

Kostohyrz explained that our board had communication with the National Board in mid October but has not yet received an explanation yet. We are asking for details from Learning for Life.

State Conference:

Report writing as a new event.

Dawanna will work on two academics involving a video and then a test. She is going to have two sessions. Please send videos to Dawanna that your department has used for their report writing skills for employment.

Use of force location: This event will be moved from the civic center to the motels.

Job interviews – feedback on panel: Group concluded they wanted the same group to come back as last year. Kostohyrz to contact them to confirm they will be participating.

Guest Speaker: Dawanna advised she is attempting to get Justice Alan Paige – the cost will possibly be free.

Entertainment: The youth rep advised that no one has any special requests.

There will be Casino night on Friday evening and a Dance on Saturday night. There were no issues with last year's D.J. so Scott will contact him again. Price will be approximately \$450.00. Instead of a Hypnotist on Friday evening possibly a game show with a theme of "Smarter than an advisor".

Erika suggested possibly a bingo event in the exhibit hall with some prizes.

Photo Wall: The photo wall will return due to the huge success it was this past year. This year there will be no free trial so it will cost more.

***** A break for lunch was taken at 1222 hrs.***** We restarted at 1244 hrs.

Cost of the conference: It will be decided soon after we determine the price increase of the hotels and food.

Food: The catering contracts have been signed with the Kahler Grand. All posts will have a special food request form included with their registration materials. If any of your post members have special food requests please have that information sent in. (Gluten Free/Pork Free etc.).

The special meals participants will have a special wrist band.

2015 will be the 40th Anniversary: Please get a hold of the board with any new ideas.



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Miscellaneous items:

Erika advised she was looking into additional video games and mini golf for Taylor Arena. She said the Scavenger and Medallion hunt, Swat and K-9 Demos will be returning.

Dawanna requested that at the Awards ceremony that we recognize the explorers that are graduation out.

St. Paul P.D. is requesting ideas for fund raising. One suggestion was Enjoy the City Coupon books.

The Duluth Conference went well.

The Pin color for this year's conference will be white.

Next meeting will be March 5, 2014 at 11:30 (Wednesday) at The Harvest Grill at 12800 Bunker Prairie Rd, Coon Rapids, MN 55448.

Meeting adjourned at 1310 hrs. Motion to adjourn by Rochester P.D. and Seconded by Washington County Sheriff's Office.