



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday March 5, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Location: Harvest Grill

Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Kostohryz at 1140 hrs.

Present:

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), Kelly Phillips, (MN State Patrol), Briana Johnson (Coon Rapids P.D.), Co-Chair Dawanna Witt (MLEEA/Dakota County S.O.), Dan Rice (Blaine P.D.), Wes Villegas, (Blaine P.D.), Ryan Manguson (Rochester P.D.), Scott Davis (Blaine P.D.), Charles Redmond, (S.P.P.D.), Michelle Stark, (Oakdale P.D.), Troy Pepin, (MLEEA).

Approval of the Agenda:

Kostohryz requested an approval for the agenda dated March 5, 2014. Motioned to approve the agenda by Dakota County and seconded by St. Paul P.D. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Kostohryz requested an approval for the minutes dated December 11, 2013. Motioned to approve the minutes by State Patrol and seconded by Blaine P.D. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2013 through March 5, 2014 and Balance Sheet dated March 5, 2014.

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 were completed and he needed signatures for them. They were signed by appropriate board members.

Motioned to approve the treasurer's report by St. Paul P.D. and seconded by State Patrol.

TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Keynote Speaker-Dawanna advised the speaker would be Dakota County Sheriff Don Gundmundson and he will be speaking on pursuing education. He will be doing it free of charge and for the cost of his mileage.



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- b. Dixon advised there are a total of 41 posts registered so far and a total of 101 teams. As in the past the hotels are selected by completing your registration early.
- c. Report writing – Dawanna advised that Tim Harris' parents are running it. It is an individual event and there will be possibly two explorers from each post able to participate. Registration will be at the front desk. The scenario will consist of the explorer watching a 3 ½ minute video (twice if they want), taking notes and then asking five questions from the judges. They will then have a ½ hour to complete a hand written police report. It will be dispatched like a MDT call. It will be held in the Mcdonald Suite. There will be plaques presented for three places.

*****There was a break at 1149 hrs. The meeting was restarted at 1156 hrs*****

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Job Interview event update – Scott. There will be two panels of three judges instead of four judges per panel. Sign up will be at the front desk just like past years. The location has not changed.
- b. TEMPO Demo – That group would like to do a demo if we have the space. Scott to get more info. This year they will also be at the career fair and possibly next year will do an Academic.
- c. Academic Review for what is needed – Dawanna.
The following will be the schedule for the academics: Friday 4-25-14 0830-1000 Emergency Management, 1000-1145 Medicolegal Death Investigation, 1330-1500 Report Writing.
Saturday 4-26-14 0830-1000 Defensive Tactics, 1000-1130 MN Stop & Seizure Law and 1300-1430 Defensive Tactics.
- d. Crime Prevention additional awards and notifications: They are going to present an additional total of \$600.00 in the form of a Visa card to the individual posts that place. They will be presenting.

Melinda brought up additional scholarship information through the Northern Star for L.E. only. She is checking to see if it would be available statewide. The families of Lee and Bjorge want to present them.

- e. Bike Course: new location. It will be at the North Lobby at the Mayo Civic Center. Rochester P.D. volunteered to take care of blocking off the location. Minneapolis will be presenting it again.
- f. We are looking for a volunteer to do a video that will be shown during the awards dinner. If you are willing to take photos of the conference and put a short slide show together. Please contact a board member.
- g. The Law Enforcement Exploring Academy is scheduled for April 5-6. They are still looking for people to do several events. Please contact B. Brugger or Dawanna Witt if you are able to participate.

*****There was a break for lunch from 1224 – 1244 for lunch*****

- d. Youth Rep Grace Cannon has been working on a T-Shirt for the National Conference. Per Set design it could be around \$15.00. Dawanna will contact the 10 posts that are going to Nationals and see what they would like to do.



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- e. Due to the great interest in the fun 5K run we will be ordering 100 T-shirts for participants.

MICELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- a. State Patrol will present Flags at Opening Ceremony and Ramsey County will retire Flags at Awards Ceremonies.
- b. Entertainment – Casino night will be Friday night in the north lobby. Dixon is handling the contracts. Bingo will be held in the Exhibit hall on Friday night following Casino Night. The Dance and photo wall will be Saturday night. We will use the same companies for both the D.J. and the photo wall.
- c. Newsletter was discussed. If there is a volunteer to put this out both Friday and Saturday morning then please see the board about doing it. If no volunteers we will not be doing it.
- d. Youth Rep election will be held.
- e. We are looking for nominations for Advisor of the Year.
- f. Elections this year for the board will consist of Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
- g. Emails about youth protection. Melinda Inman advised that in recent years advisors have not been completing it. You will have the opportunity at this year's conference as well as on line. It will be on Friday from 1400- 1500 and Saturday from 1030-1130.
- h. Brandon advised that the judges will be switching up the scenarios this year.

Next meeting will be April 25, 2014 at 1900 hrs. at the Rochester State Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 1305 hrs. Motion to adjourn by Blaine P.D. and Seconded by Dakota County Sheriff's Office.