



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

December 10, 2014 @ 1130 hours

Location: Valley Tap House

14889 Florence Trail Apple Valley, MN 55124

Members in attendance: DuWayne Dixon - MLEEA, Brandon Brugger - MLEEA/MPLS, Ryan Manguson - MLEEA/Rochester, Gary Cayo - MLEEA, Dawanna Witt - MLEEA/DCSO, Scott Davis - Rochester, Melissa Field - HCSO, David Engel - AVPD, Kayla Stene - Youth Rep, Mike Krukowski - State Patrol, Mike Cleveland - State Patrol, Melinda Inman - Northern Star Council

1) Call to order -11:48

2) Approval of the agenda -Approved

3) Approval of the minutes of the meeting on: September 9, 2014 - None presented at meeting so not approved.

4) Reports

a) Treasurer Report - Review and approved. Dakota Co/Rochester PD

i) Review 990 Forms and information -Reviewed and approved by board at meeting.

b) Construction Update -Bids are still out for the construction of the Mayo Civic Center. Construction beginning in January.

5) Old business

a) Photos for 2015 Conference (send to: CountyFairPhotos@co.dakota.mn.us) - If you have old photos from your explorer post please send them to Dawanna at the address listed above. These will be used in a slide presentation at opening.

b) Challenge Coins -Coins will be a new style for the 40th. The Don Cup will be on the coin. Each explorer and advisor will receive a coin as part of registration.

c) Post Activities Updates

i) Karaoke -As part of the 40th Anniversary the board has been looking at trying to come up with something special to do at opening. Many good ideas were explored from a dinner, comedy, karaoke, laser tag/bowling. All options seem to come with a hefty price tag. The board has been exploring ways to keep the cost of the conference down while providing something fun and additional at the opening. An interactive quiz game is being explored as a possibility at the suggestion of the Youth Rep.

6) New Business

a) Molly Long with Northern Star Council is no longer assigned to Exploring. There has been a restructuring within Northern Star Council and Melinda Inman is now the main and only contact.

b) Federal Leadership Academy deadlines are approaching. Applications must be in the hands of National LFL by February 2nd.



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- c) *The youth rep is exploring the possibility of organizing a fundraiser for the family of fallen Mendota Heights Police Officer Scott Patrick.*
- d) *The cost of this year's conference will be \$310 per participant.*

7) 2015 State Conference

- a) *Construction Update –Bids are still out but construction was planned for January or shortly after.*
- b) *Meals –Panicle Catering has been selected as the vendor for this year's conference.*
- c) *National Youth Rep Attending –Cynthia Garcia will be attending our conference. The cost of her attending will be covered by the national office.*
- d) *Dress Code –Class A for the awards banquet. No street clothes allowed for opening. Uniform attire for opening, each post should be in uniform or post uniform look with polo shirts/BDU style pants or something similar. The idea is so each individual post looks uniform in appearance (no street cloths). There will also be a dress code for advisors during the conference activities and scenarios. Advisors, if not in uniform, should be wearing attire that identifies the department they work for and BDU/ 5.11 or similar style pant. The idea is that the advisors should be easily distinguishable as advisors and police officers while escorting the explorers to events.*
- e) *Academic Events/Guest Speaker –A special guest speaker is lined up and details will be conformed as the conference gets closer. Academics are in process of being confirmed. All of the academics at this year's conference will be held in the Exhibit Hall.*
- f) *Events*
 - i) *Themes/Entertainment (DJ/Photo Wall) –A theme for the conference was selected. DJ/Photo wall was approved.*
 - ii) *Events (Street Decisions, Report Writing) –Some events will have to be moved to different locations due to the construction at the Mayo Civic Center. No FATS machine is currently available and we are looking for other options or other FATS machines.*
 - iii) *Awards Night Scholarships*
 - iv) *Career Fair –This is being organized by Michelle from Oakdale PD*
 - v) *Drill Team –We are looking at adding a Drill Team competition to this year's conference. Judges have been secured with the MN Law Enforcement Memorial Association Honor Guard. Information should be distributed to posts shortly. The guidelines should be the same or similar to those noted in the nationals conference guidebook.*

8) **Next Meeting:** *March 11th, 2015 @ 1130 hrs.*

Location- The Lookout Bar and Grill, 8672 Pineview Ln N, Maple Grove, MN 55369

9) **Adjourn** – 13:30 Dakota Co/MSP