



# Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

**Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Green Mill 2626 Hennepin Ave S. Minneapolis, MN**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Dawanna Witt at 1141 hrs.**

## **Present:**

**Chair Dawanna Witt (Dakota County SO/MLEEA), Vice Chair Ryan Magnuson (Rochester PD/MLEEA) Past Chair Scott Kostohryz (Moorhead PD/MLEEA), Secretary Charles Redmond (St. Paul PD/MLEEA), Brandon Brugger (Minneapolis PD/MLEEA), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Melinda Inman (Northern Star Council), Dan Dixon (MN State Patrol), Scott Davis (Rochester PD), Brad Nordby (Blaine PD), Tim Harris (Washington County SO), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Amy Goodwin (Plymouth PD), Mike Sommer (Blaine PD), Mark Kritzek (Eagan PD), John Collins (Eagan PD) Briana Johnson (Coon Rapids PD), Hans Link (Coon Rapids PD)**

## **Approval of the Agenda:**

**Witt requested an approval for the agenda dated September 9th, 2015. Motioned to approve the agenda by Blaine and seconded by Rochester. AGENDA APPROVED.**

## **Approval of Minutes:**

**Witt requested an approval for the minutes dated June 10th, 2015. Motioned to approve the minutes by Rochester and seconded by Dakota County. MINUTES APPROVED.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon**

- A. Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2015 through September 9, 2015 and Balance Sheet dated September 9, 2015.**
  - 1. Dixon explained all the financial data on both items handed out.**
  - 2. Dixon explained that we are using a new investment company. This will hopefully grow the funds instead of using a money market account with very low interest. There is a small fee associated with the investing.**
- B. Scholarship Update**
  - 1. Make sure you continue using the scholarships**
  - 2. We spoke about the possibility of adding a scholarship from the MN Association of Women Police**

**Motioned to approve the treasurer's report by Blaine and seconded by Dakota County.**

**TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Keynote Speaker**
  - 1. Lt. Col. Grossman is not available for the 2016 Conference. Manguson was going to continue looking for a 2016 Keynote Speaker.**



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## **B. Academics**

1. Lt. Col. Grossman will be teaching academics on Friday of the conference

## **C. Development Plan Update**

1. Cayo is moving forward with Synergetic Endeavors. The process is not moving fast but it is moving forward.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. 2015 Duluth Conference**

1. The conference will run from 10/16/2015-10/18/2015
2. There will be team building activities on Friday
3. They are looking for more Judges and Role Players
4. The registration prices are set to increase so register soon.
5. There is a new Traffic Crash evaluation form which will be being used at the conference.
6. Still looking for agencies to host Traffic Stops and Arrest & Search.

### **B. 2016 State Conference**

1. Construction Update
  - i. Construction of the Civic Center is on schedule. The skyway should be back up and operational by the conference.
2. Entertainment
  - i. We discussed changing Casino night on Friday to Karaoke.
  - ii. We are looking for new ideas for Saturday night to replace the dance. Brugger was going to reach out to the Youth Rep for insight.
  - iii. Looking at possibility of having a live band perform.
3. Honor Guard Competition
  - i. The competition will be held in 2016.
  - ii. It was discussed if there is a way to get more explorers/posts trained on Honor Guard routines, standards and practices.
  - iii. There was discussion in regards to the affordability of maintain the honor guard program in posts, and concern this may affect the judging.
  - iv. Cayo brought up using Honor Guard as an Academic in 2016
4. Miscellaneous
  - i. Eagan has a F.A.T.S machine which may be available for use during the conference for Shoot/Don't Shoot
  - ii. There was discussion about adding team building activities to the conference.

### **C. 2016 National Conference**

1. Registration should be online
2. There was concern on the new rules in regards to the pistol shooting competition. It's unsure how the new NRA rules will limit the number of explorers who are able to participate in the competition.



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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### A. MN Community Policing Services

- i. There is concern with this explorer post and its suspicious/negative police contacts.
- ii. Their post renewal is due to Northern Star Council by 11/25/2015
- iii. They have no affiliation to law enforcement and are not sponsored by a law enforcement agency.
- iv. There was a discussion on changing the MLEEA bylaws to require a post in the association be affiliated with and/or sponsored by a law enforcement agency.

### B. Stearns County Explorer Post

- i. They are an active post again, please welcome them back.

### C. Taking MLEEA to the next level

- i. There was discussion on how to better promote the MLEEA. We talked about the possibility of advertising the program. Manguson, Witt and Inman were going to look into possibilities.
- ii.

**Next meeting will be December 9, 2015 at 1130 hrs. (The Tavern in Blaine, 10950 Club West Parkway NE Blaine, MN 55449)**

**Meeting adjourned at 1428 hrs. Motion to adjourn by Blaine and Seconded by Eagan.**