Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday December 9, 2015
Meeting Minutes
Location: The Tavern (10950 Club West Pkwy, Blaine MN 55449)
Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Ryan Manguson at 1135 hrs.

Present:

Vice Chair Ryan Manguson (Rochester 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), Tim Harris (Washington County SO), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Erika Wallert (Carver County SO), Scott Wallert (Carver County SO), Graham Norberg (Youth Representative), Jason Ruis (Coon Rapids PD), Bill Hammes (Coon Rapids PD), Kathy McNeely (New Brighton PD), Kendra Rock (MN State Patrol), Mike Cleveland (MN State Patrol), Jim Stromberg (MN Department of Public Safety), Amber Crogan (Hennepin County SO), Chelsey Christensen (St. Paul PD)

Approval of the Agenda:

Manguson requested an approval for the agenda dated December 9, 2015. Motioned to approve the agenda by Carver County and seconded by St. Paul. AGENDA APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes:

Manguson requested an approval for the minutes dated September 9th, 2015. Motioned to approve the minutes by Minneapolis and seconded by New Brighton. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTE 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 our investments are down a little. The annual dues invoices will be sent out soon. IRS requires us to speak about taxes. We reviewed the IRS 990 Forms.

Motioned to approve the treasurer's report by Rochester and seconded by State Patrol.
TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED

Construction Report

A. The skyway is up and we will have access to most of the Civic Center for the 2016 Conference.
B.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Synergenic Endeavors
   1. Cayo stated we are still working on this funding option. It is a slow process but is moving forward.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2016 Nation Conference
1. **There is an initial $50/participant registration fee.**
2. **There were lots of questions regarding the NRA registration for shooting at the conference. More to follow on this issue.**

B. Youth Representative
1. **We discussed possibly changing Saturday night dance into a movie night.**

2016 State Conference:

A. Jim Stromberg ARMER Program Manager (MN DPS)
1. **Jim was a past explorer and a retired from Minnetonka PD. He is currently managing the Emergency Communications Network, which incorporates 911 Systems, ARMER and data initiatives.**
2. **Jim thought our conference would be a great way to help train his staff of Communication Leaders. They would be setting up a communications network at the conference.**
3. **There is a possibility of ECN putting on an academic session.**
4. **We discussed the possibility of using a special communications network to dispatch teams for the conference and get away from the table for dispatch. We will continue to look into this.**

B. Updates
1. **Meals**
   a. **Overall participants were happy with the food.**
   b. **We will continue to use Pinnacle Catering into 2016**

2. **Academics/Guest Speaker**
   a. **Keynote Speaker for 2016 will be Olmstead County Sheriff Kevin Torgerson**
   b. **Academics- Lt. Col. Grossman, Emergency Communications**

3. **Events**
   a. **The locations of some events will be changing in 2016. There is a possibility report writing will be discontinued for 2016.**
   b. **We discussed the possibility of not doing the Saturday night dance. The photo wall comes with the DJ, meaning if there is no dance there will be no photo wall.**
   c. **We discussed replacing casino night with karaoke on Friday, or possibly doing both.**
   d. **Air Pistol Range- There was a motion to purchase four new airsoft handguns and two airsoft rifles. The motion was made by Washington County and seconded by St. Paul.**
   e. **Street Decisions- Hosted by Eagan and hopefully Rochester Tech (F.A.T.S)**
   f. **Career Fair- Letters will be being sent out soon**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A. Saturday Trainings- We are still looking for agencies to host trainings in January
B. LEEA will again be in April more information to follow, watch for emails.
C. We are looking at changing the bylaws for future Posts interested in joining the association.

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Next meeting will be March, 9 2016 at 1130 hrs. (Valley Tap House, 14889 Florence Trail, Apple Valley MN 55124)

Meeting adjourned at 1326 hrs. Motion to adjourn by Coon Rapids and Seconded by St. Paul