



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Friday April 22, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Location: Double Tree Hotel, 150 S. Broadway Ave Rochester, MN 55904

Meeting called to order by Chair Dawanna Witt 1900 hrs.

Present:

Chair Dawanna Witt (Dakota County SO/ MLEEA), Vice Chair Ryan Manguson (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), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Troy Pepin (MLEEA), Anoka PD, Apple Valley PD, Bloomington PD, Brooklyn Center PD, Carver County SO, Chaska PD, Coon Rapids PD, Crystal PD, Dakota County SO, Duluth PD, Eagan PD, Faribault PD, Hennepin County SO, Inver Grove Heights PD, Mankato PD, Maple Grove PD, Minneapolis PD, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnetonka PD, New Brighton PD, New Hope PD, Ramsey County SO, Rochester PD, Roseville PD, St. Louis Park PD, St. Paul PD, Stearns County SO, Washington County SO, Wright County SO

Approval of the Agenda:

Witt requested an approval for the agenda dated April 22, 2016. Motioned to approve the agenda by Washington County and seconded by Bloomington. AGENDA APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes:

Witt requested an approval for the minutes dated December 9th, 2015. Motioned to approve the minutes by Washington County and seconded by Moorhead. MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers' report – Presented by Dixon

- A. Profit and loss sheets handed out dated from May 1, 2015 through April 20, 2016 and Balance Sheet dated April 22, 2016.**
 - 1. Dixon explained all the financial data on both items handed out.**
 - 2. Dixon explained that we switched investments to a more diversified portfolio**
- B. Scholarships**
 - 1. Our current investments cover the scholarship fund**
- C. Miscellaneous**
 - 1. The credit card processing fees are very high; we are looking into different options.**

Motioned to approve the treasurer's report by St. Louis Park and seconded by Dakota County. TREASURERS' REPORT APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposal to Change By-Laws

- 1. We conducted a vote to change the by-laws to include wording making it a requirement of Association membership, that a post be sponsored by a Federal, State or Local law enforcement government agency. Eagan motioned for the vote and it was seconded by New Hope. The By-Law change was approved.**



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MLEEA Conference Updates

A. New Association mailing address

- 1. The Association needed to make a change to our mailing address. The new address is 5115 Excelsior Blvd #310, St. Louis Park, MN 55416**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Open Board Positions

- 1. Vice Chair (6 Year Commitment) - Michael Peterson (St. Paul PD) ran for the position unopposed. He was elected via White Ballot.**
- 2. Secretary (2 Year Commitment) – Charles Redmond (St. Paul PD) ran for the position unopposed. He was elected via White Ballot.**

B. Duluth Conference (Presented by Sgt. Tim Harris)

- 1. There has been a change of dates for this conference as the college is not able to facilitate it on MEA Weekend, update to be sent out at a later date.**
- 2. They are still in need of Role Players and Agencies to Sponsor events for the competition.**

C. Fundraising Opportunity

- 1. Charlie Redmond was contacted by Metro Transit Operations in reference to a fundraising opportunity during the Minnesota State Fair. Due to the fact Metro Transit is not able to make a donation using public funds. This opportunity may not be a viable option.**

D. Feedback on Police Radio Use at Conference

- 1. There was an overwhelming positive response to the use of the radios during the conference. The conference will continue to build on radio use at future conferences.**

E. Other New Business

- 1. The Association honored and recognized Scott Kostohryz for his service to the MLEEA with a plaque.**
- 2. There was a motion made by Washington County and seconded by State Patrol to grant DuWayne Dixon with a stipend of \$2400 for his time and dedication to the 2016 MLEEA Conference. Motion was approved.**

Meeting Adjourned at 1935 hrs. Motion to adjourn by Washington County seconded by State Patrol.

Next meeting will be June 8, 2016 at 1130 hrs. (Park Tavern 3401 Louisiana Ave S, St. Louis Park MN 55426)