



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday September 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Location: Lone Oak Grill, 3010 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN 55122

Meeting called to order by Chair Michael Peterson (SPPD/MLEEA) at 1130 hrs.

PRESENT:

Past Chair Ryan Manguson (Rochester P.D./MLEEA), Chair Michael Peterson (SPPD/MLEEA), Vice Chair Matt Petrone (HCSO/MLEEA), Treasurer DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Secretary Erin Hoiium (Richfield PD/MLEEA), Brandon Brugger (MLEEA), Gary Cayo (MLEEA), Brian Swerine (Northern Star Council), Youth Rep Ian Emberly, Apple Valley PD, Blaine PD, Dakota County SO, Eagan, PD, Mankato PD, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnetonka PD, Orono PD, Richfield PD, Roseville PD and Washington County SO

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Peterson requested an approval for the agenda dated September 12th, 2018. Motion to approve the agenda by Roseville PD and seconded by Dakota County SO. No discussion. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Peterson requested an approval for the minutes dated June 13th, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes by Roseville PD and seconded by Dakota County SO. No discussion. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers Report – Presented by Dixon

1. Received nominal donations from Target and Anderson Windows
2. Financial position is typical for the time of year

Scholarship Updates

1. Posts can request updates on their scholarship amounts available
2. For a post to award a scholarship application is online
3. Post can created their own process to award money in addition to the application and paid fee statement

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Roseville PD and seconded by Minneapolis PD.
TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED.



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OLD BUSINESS:

Monthly Shoots –Peterson St. Paul PD

1. Training proposal is currently under legal review
2. Hoping to be able to start with Q2
3. Still looking at holding 2 safety orientations

National Conference July 16-20, 2018 Purdue University

Recap & Feedback

1. Numerous issues including problems with registration, lack of judging debrief, lists of posts participating in certain events were not provided to individuals running events, long wait times
2. One of the issues with wait time was apparently caused by allowing people that hadn't registered in events to participate, because "they all paid" the same registration fees
3. For shooting there was a switch from Glock handguns to Smith & Wesson
4. Shooting evaluation criteria was changed based on lack of understanding on part of judge
5. Overall not the same experience as in prior years
6. Kathleen O'Toole – Chair of the National committee, several people reached out to her regarding the conference organization and with complaints
7. Concern that a shift in board members not including law enforcement professionals has impacted quality
8. Lack of transparency regarding where money is spent that is generated by the Nat'l Conference
9. Concerns regarding overall mission, not being run in best interest of explorers, and being used as a money making event
10. See attached letter sent to board (not by MN)
11. Public Safety Cadets is an organization that is being created by people who have withdrawn from Learning for Life (alternative to explorers)

Duluth Conference- Tim Harris

2018 State Conference

Housing Changes Next Year

1. Age groups will be based on age on the first day of the conference
2. Housing must be divided by gender (no change) and now must separate 14-17, and 18-20
3. Combining explorers from different posts will allow DuWayne to keep costs down and minimize number of rooms needed
4. Explorers from different posts will NOT be expected to share a bed
5. An explorer can elect to have their own room = additional \$125 expense



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NEW BUSINESS:

2019 State Conference

1. Working on automating scheduling, trial run in Duluth
2. New scoresheet being sent out for Hostage Negotiation that will be used
3. Trying to evaluate the rest of the score sheets
4. Last year of catering contract with Pinnacle
5. Holiday Inn downtown now closed, won't be available
6. Additional rooms needed from loss of Holiday Inn may come from Kahler Grand
7. DWI and mental health awareness are currently tentative academic topics

2020 National Conference Bid

1. Conference call on 11/5 regarding venue discussion for 2020
2. If MN is bidding, proposal due in July

Board Resignations (National Committee)

See attachments

Youth Representative Update- Ian Emberley

Responses requested for post contacts to allow for joint post training planning, contact info on website

Next Meeting date – December 12th, 2018 Location TBD – by Roseville PD

Motion to adjourn by Roseville PD and seconded by Washington County SO. **Meeting adjourned at 1330 hrs.**