



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Friday April 26th, 2019

Annual Meeting Minutes

Location: Mayo Civic Center, Rochester

Meeting called to order by Chair Michael Peterson (SPPD/MLEEA) at 1901 hrs.

PRESENT:

Apple Valley PD, Blaine PD, Brooklyn Park PD, Carver County SO, Crow Wing County SO, Crystal PD, Dakota County SO, Eagan PD, Edina/Eden Prairie PD, Fargo PD, Faribault PD, Fridley PD, Hennepin County SO, Inver Grove Heights PD, Lino Lakes PD, Maple Grove PD, Minneapolis PD, MN State Patrol, Minnetonka PD, Minot PD, Moorhead PD, Nassau County, New Hope PD, Orono PD, Owatonna PD, Plymouth PD, Ramsey County SO, Richfield PD, Rochester PD, Roseville PD, St. Louis Park PD, St. Paul PD, Stearns County SO, Washington County SO, West Fargo PD, Wilmar PD.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Peterson requested an approval for the agenda dated April 26, 2019. Motion to approve the agenda by Roseville and seconded by Maple Grove. No discussion. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Peterson requested an approval for the minutes dated March 13th, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes by Washington County and seconded by MN State Patrol. No discussion. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers Report – Presented by Dixon

1. Currently have enough funds to cover paying out scholarships
2. Incurred fees of \$2,100 due to payments by credit card – may have to assess fees if posts want to pay by credit card
3. Increase in housing costs due to change in housing policies - \$42K increase, which is likely resulting in increase in conference fees (or cut expenses)
4. Overall looking at deficient of approximately \$12,000 from the conference

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by MN State Patrol and seconded by Washington County. **TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED.**



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OLD BUSINESS:

State Update

Will be checking attendance for this year's dance to determine if it's economical to continue holding it. Looked at canceling, but a group of explorers started a petition to continue

Nationals Update

Down to 2 sites – U of M and Bowling Green, Illinois

Expecting a final decision 2nd week of May

Reminder that if MN is chosen, the MN association will be taking a big role in helping to run the conference – will need assistance of posts

2020 Cluster Training

Need new posts to take on hosting a training

If an agency hosts they do not have to get a site, there are options available

New Scenarios – roll out in 2020

Looking to add individual (DWI investigation/SFSTs) and team scenario (active shooter response)

State Patrol is working on DWI scoring and material to share

Active shooter would have to be offsite similar to shooting

Want to refresh the content on existing scenarios

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Fundraising Survey – please complete (5 minutes), determine if we develop new opportunity to pair with Jacks Links**
- b) **Housing assignment issue**
 - a. **Boy Scouts has a policy regarding gender/housing assignments, their policy is that housing assignments must be made based on anatomical gender**
 - b. **Due to lack of housing, no options for getting extra rooms/singles**
 - c. **Only way to increase housing further would be to start expanding housing to locations that would require a shuttle**
 - d. **If your post has any issues PLEASE communicate this earlier on**
 - e. **Housing issues also resulted in increase of sharing rooms across posts (role players/advisors and explorers)**
 - f. **Can't knowingly violate the policy – because that would invalidate our insurance coverage through Learning For Life**



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- c) **2019 State Conference**
 - a. **Only 5 drill teams registered, filled about ½ slots**
 - b. **Next year your post will have to indicate if you are doing drill during registration to allow for better time mgmt. (alt is cancelling the event) and consolidate into one day**
 - c. **Advisor and Don Cup awards, would like to see more applications, lately there has been a decline in candidates**
 - d. **You can nominate one of your advisors, does not have to be explorer initiated**
 - e. **Fielded numerous complaints about homeless in skyway – those types of issues should be routed through 911 (Rochester PD), standby until officer arrives to be the RP otherwise the city PD has limited options to have them move**
 - f. **City attorney views skyway same as public sidewalk, they need info about aggressive panhandling/disorderly from a complainant to take enforcement actions**
 - g. **Rochester PD (Chief) advised against frequenting Doulie's without being armed – currently two gangs and feuding and members go to Doulie's, recent shootings**
- d) **Public Safety Cadets speaker**
 - a. **After nationals conference (and issues with national executives) several people resigned from the national board and created public safety cadets**
 - b. **Membership in 15-16 states, almost 1000 members**
 - c. **Some posts are registering under both (LFL and PSC)**
 - d. **Program is up and running, but still developing**
 - e. **Can register for \$20 for the whole post, fees for individuals waived for 2019**
 - f. **Would need to re-patch uniforms**
 - g. **Minnetonka raised the issue that individual posts are unlikely to initiate a switch, unless the whole state association wants to switch**

Next Meeting date – June 12th, 2019 @ 11:30

Park Tavern – 3401 Louisiana Ave S, St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Motion to adjourn by St. Paul and seconded by Minneapolis. **Meeting adjourned at 2018 hrs.**