



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

Wednesday June 12th, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Location: Park Tavern, 3401 Louisiana Ave. S, St. Louis Park 55426

Meeting called to order by Chair Michael Peterson (SPPD/MLEEA) at 1132 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), Erika Wallert (MLEEA/Carver Co.), Brian Swerine (Norther Star Council), Youth Rep Joe Ramlet, Brandon Fettig Blaine PD, Travis Hale Blaine PD, Ben Bierbaum Brooklyn Park PD, Courtney S. Maple Grove PD, Dennis Kreft MPD, Nate, Danley MSP, Miranda Soldow Richfield PD, Eric Schultz Stearns Co, Tyler Johnson Stearns Co.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Peterson requested an approval for the agenda dated June 12th, 2019. Motion to approve the agenda by Washington Co. and seconded by Maple Grove PD. No discussion. **AGENDA APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Peterson requested an approval for the minutes dated April 26th, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes by Minneapolis PD and seconded by Washington Co. No discussion. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers Report – Presented by Dixon

1. Bills not finalized from visitor's bureau, so reports are not finalized yet
2. Will present complete reports at next meeting

Motion to approve the treasurer's notes by Rochester PD and seconded by Washington Co. **TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED (to push to next meeting).**



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OLD BUSINESS:

National Update

1. Decision was made and released that Nationals will be held in W. Virginia
2. Site location – James C. Justice National Scout Camp, Summit Bechtel Reserve
3. <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp/>
4. Mt. Hope, WV is closest large city
5. Board stated that their goal going forward is to move away from a National 'Conference' and towards an 'experience.'
6. Indicated this site was chosen due to past feedback about not enough activities to do at past sites
7. Accommodations will include outdoor camping/tents
8. Mike (Board Chair) was offered, and accepted, a spot on the national board with the goal of providing a more law enforcement centric point of view
9. Wash. Co. relayed that their command staff had already expressed the following concerns regarding possible attendance:
 - (1) Security of expensive gear and weapons
 - (2) Ensuring compliance with housing requirements set forth by LFL
 - (3) Cost is the same (est. \$495/youth)
10. Public Safety Cadets were brought up again, split was due to some people feeling as though law enforcement explorers is being run by boy scouts, who don't view it the same way
11. Reminded that you can have dual participation (information sent out about Public Safety competition notice in a prior email)
12. Possible avenues to consider in long term future
 - (1) Migrate from LFL to Public Safety/dual enrollment
 - (2) Look at expanding/adding additional MN state conference to a regional competition

Cluster Trainings/New Scenarios

1. DWI score sheet is being reviewed and will be sent out when available
2. Next year the plan is to run it similarly to report writing (individual comp, schedule at registration and limit on # of participants/post)
3. OCT, DEC, JAN still open for agencies to host a cluster training
4. Potentially no cluster scheduled October due to Duluth event
5. Working with FBI to host a cluster day
6. Nov – Hennepin Co. & Brooklyn Park: White Collar & Hostage
7. Feb – Wash Co. & St. Paul: Crime Scene Search & Accident
8. March – Minneapolis & St. Paul: Domestic & Traffic
9. **Need** – Judges for Duluth mini conference MEA weekend (10/18-20)



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NEW BUSINESS:

2019 State Conference Survey

1. Reviewed hotel complaints
2. Not known right now if attendance at the dance was tracked
3. Still open to other ideas for entertainment themes
4. Survey is still open if you haven't completed
5. Next year posts will need to indicate drill participation with registration (not check-in)
6. Housing issues experienced this year – note that in regards to assigning explorers to rooms based on gender, *LFL policies dictate that gender is determined by **physical anatomy***. If you anticipate issues caused by this policy please communicate with the board either prior to, or during conference registration process

LFL – Brain Swerine

1. Reminder about 2019 Kickoff Event – August 8th
2. It will cover youth protection training for any new advisors
3. Post renewals will be due 11/27
4. New posts joining: Savage PD, White Bear Lake PD, Crow Wing Co. & Meeker Co.
5. Northern Star is here to support us in any way they can, but they are bound to LFL (not associated with Public Safety Cadets)

Youth Representative Update- Joe Ramlet

Intends to continue the group chat created by the previous rep (see following note), please contact him if Explorers (post representatives) would like to be added.

Created a group chat with captains from posts that responded to him. Group conversation is monitored by Mike Peterson (Board Pres/SPPD).

Next Meeting date – September 11th, 2019 Location – TBD

Motion to adjourn by Minneapolis PD and seconded by Stearns Co. **Meeting adjourned at 1308 hrs.**