

**MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 QUARTERLY MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

- 1) Call to Order: Chair C. Manthei called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM. The following people attended: Chair Cory Manthei; Vice Chair Cheri Dexter; Secretary Jim Stromberg; DuWayne Dixon, MLEEA; Erik Johnson, MLEEA; Bob Reid, Viking Council; Jeanne Lawrie, Viking Council; Jamie Personias, Chaska PD; Mike Duzan, Chaska PD; Allen Schmidt, Mankato PD; Kathy McNeely, New Brighton PD; John Bohl, New Brighton PD; Jennifer Burdick, New Brighton PD; Deb Fields, Minneapolis Police Athletic League, and Elaine Sinn, Indianhead Council.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes by consensus.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 11, 2003 meeting were approved. The motion was made by A. Schmidt, seconded by C. Dexter, and approved unanimously.
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Board
 - i) Chair:
 - (1) C. Manthei addressed an article, *Police Sexual Abuse of Teenage Girls: A 2003 Update of "Driving While Female,"* published by policeaccountability.org about sexual misconduct within Law Enforcement Exploring. She reported that the article did not thoroughly research the accusations and frequently failed to provide dispositions, it only cited 33 cases between 1993 and 2003, and there are 45,000 youths registered as law enforcement explorers. The report was presented for general awareness; the Board did not take any action on the article.
 - (2) C. Manthei updated the Board on a misconduct issue from the 2003 Midwest Conference. A Minneapolis Police Officer volunteering as a roll player discharged his pistol while socializing with other roll players at the hockey dorms where he and the other roll players were housed. Minneapolis Police Internal Affairs Sergeant Osland contacted C. Manthei and she has been cooperating with him. C. Manthei sent letters to the known witnesses/roll players directing them to Sergeant Osland. D. Fields added that she heard that his supervisors from the Minneapolis PD Exploring program removed the officer and that she was not aware of the status of the Internal Affairs investigation. B. Reid emphasized the importance of keeping tabs on the advisors and roll players.
 - ii) Vice Chair: No report.

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iii) Treasurer: Due to the absence of the Treasurer, C. Manthei reported on the financial health of the association. She provided the attached Treasurers Report.

(1) C. Manthei reported that she has run out of storage space in her home for the Association's property and suggested that the Association start looking at renting a storage facility or a purchasing a storage trailer. She rented a \$65.00 a month mini storage locker to store the Association's property as well as some of her personal belongings. E. Manthei was nominated to research purchasing an enclosed trailer for the Association to store property in and to transport property to/from the annual conference. Several possibilities were discussed regarding storage of the trailer. J. Stromberg motioned and A. Schmidt seconded a motion to give the Mantheis \$100.00 to cover three months of half a mini storage garage's rental fee. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) E. Johnson reported that he received a call from the Association's accountant advising that Treasurer E. Manthei had not responded to five or more telephone calls since May regarding filing the Association's tax returns. The accountant said he called E. Johnson because he thought Johnson was still the Chair. The accountant requested guidance from E. Johnson on how to proceed because there was not enough time left to file the returns and the Association now needed to file for an extension. Failure to file the extension would result in a \$20.00 per day fine. E. Johnson instructed the accountant to file the extension. E. Johnson wanted the Board to know what steps he took and why he took them. C. Manthei stated that she would have Treasurer E. Manthei call the accountant and take care of the matter.

iv) Secretary: No report.

b) Standing Committees

i) Funding Committee: E. Johnson reported for the Funding Committee. Donation request will be mailed next month. Fundraising videos and DVDs are available for any Association post to use. The Association owns the rights to the videos and DVDs and can make copies as needed.

ii) Scholarship Committee: C. Manthei reported for the Scholarship Committee. Fridley Police Captain Lynn Tellers is interested in getting involved again with the Association. She would

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like to serve on the Scholarship Committee. C. Dexter motioned and K. McNeely seconded a motion to have Tellers chair the Scholarship Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Special Committees

- i) Midwest Conference Committee: C. Manthei suggested that the Midwest Conference Committee be discussed in detail in a work session after the meeting.
- ii) Nationals Conference Committee: B. Reid reported for the National Conference Committee.
 - (1) The likelihood of a Minnesota Youth Chairperson is greater because Minnesota had seven Youth Leadership academy recipients.
 - (2) The possibility of MLEEA coordinating transportation to the National Conference was discussed. Due to different schedules and pre-trip and post-trip interests, it was agreed that it was better to have posts get together in small groups to coordinate transportation.
 - (3) The idea of having all the advisors who are going to the National Conference meet prior to leaving and to meet again soon after arriving at the conference was discussed and considered a great idea. G. Cayo was nominated to coordinate this.
 - (4) Hosting the National Conference in 2006 was discussed. A committee should be formed to further research this.
- iii) Communications Committee: D. Dixon reported for the Communications Committee.
 - (1) Scholarship applications are on the web page. There is a nine-minute video from a leadership conference on the web site. New advisor names and e-mail addresses should be forwarded to D. Dixon.
 - (2) J. Stromberg also reported that St. Louis County advisor Marc Bruning offered to write the fall press release. Suggestions for the article were to write about Explorers who attended the leadership conferences, promoting the Midwest Conference, and reporting on the Duluth Conference. J. Stromberg will forward the information to Bruning.
 - (3) J. Lawrie reported that Law Enforcement Exploring would be featured in the KARE 11 "Backyard" during the news on Tuesday, September 16th.
 - (4) E. Johnson reported that explorernow.org is a good web page.

5) Old Business:

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- a) C. Manthei reported that MLEEA assisted at four major events this summer: St. Paul Bike Classic, Aquatennial, 3M Championship, and Irish Fest.
 - b) C. Manthei reported that it did not work out to assist with the Special Olympics but we will stay in touch with them for future assistance.
- 6) New Business:
- a) J. Stromberg reported that MLEEA was asked to assist with security at the National Girl Scout Jamboree in Minneapolis the summer of 2004. MLEEA was willing to assist if it did not conflict with the National Conference dates (July 19 – 24, 2004).
 - b) D. Fields reported that a Minneapolis City Council member had questioned why the city was affiliated with the Boy Scouts since the Boy Scouts discriminated against homosexuals. B. Reid clarified that Law Enforcement Exploring was affiliated with Learning For Life and if anyone has similar concerns or if they are refused access to schools to promote Exploring they should be directed to him.
 - c) C. Manthei reported that financial concerns may jeopardize Anoka County's Explorer program. Fridley Police Captain Lynn Tellers will contact Anoka County's administration about this.
- 7) Miscellaneous Items: None.
- 8) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:08PM (motion by A. Schmidt, seconded by K. McNeely, and approved by all).

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