

**MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING ASSOCIATION  
MARCH 18, 2004 QUARTERLY MEETING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

- 1) Call to Order: Chair C. Manthei called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM. The following people attended: Chair Cory Manthei; Vice Chair Cheri Dexter; Treasurer Eddy Manthei; Secretary Jim Stromberg; DuWayne Dixon, MLEEA; Erik Johnson, MLEEA; Bob Reid, Viking Council; Jessica Ovall, Viking Council; Chuck Gollop. Bloomington PD; Dave Oyaas, Crystal PD; Kathy Left Gómez, Crystal PD; Kathy McNeely, New Brighton PD; Julie Olson, Maplewood PD; Elaine Sinn, Indianhead Council; and Heather Olson, Minnetonka PD.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes. The motion was made by E. Manthei, seconded by D. Dixon, and approved unanimously.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 10, 2003 meeting were approved. The motion was made by C. Dexter, seconded by E. Manthei, and approved unanimously.
- 4) Reports:
  - a) Board
    - i) Chair: C. Manthei reported that MLEEA received thank you letters from Max's Run and the Aquatennial. Tim White from the Aquatennial reported that they will be looking for assistance at this summer's Aquatennial parades on July 17 and July 21, 2004. The incident involving the State patrol and one of their Explorers did not generate any issues for MLEEA.
    - ii) Vice Chair: Two Explorers were needed to assist at a fingerprinting detail. This detail was coming up very soon. Anyone interested should contact C. Dexter.
    - iii) Treasurer: E. Manthei reported on the financial health of the association. He provided the attached Treasurers Report. The motion to approve was made by D. Dixon, seconded by C. Gollop, and approved unanimously. MLEEA purchased an electronic credit card machine so MLEEA may immediately process credit card transactions.
    - iv) Secretary: J. Stromberg reported that his term expired this year and that members should consider running for the position.

**b) Standing Committees**

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- i) Funding Committee: E. Johnson reported for the Fundraising Committee that about eight to ten grant requests had been mailed. No responses had been received yet.
- ii) Scholarship Committee: E. Manthei reported that the Scholarship committee had paid out about \$3,000.00 last quarter.
- c) Special Committees
  - i) Midwest Conference Committee: C. Manthei moved this discussion to the end of the meeting.
  - ii) Nationals Conference Committee: J. Lawrie will attend the National Conference as an advocate for Minnesota posts. E. Sinn did not have an update on t-shirts for Minnesota attendees.
  - iii) Communications Committee: No report from the Communications Committee.
  - iv) Internal Audit Committee: Their report will be ready at the end of the summer.
- 5) Old Business:
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Web Site: D. Dixon suggested that MLEEA host a member's only on the web site. This area would be available only to member posts and would offer non-public information such as scholarship balances. D. Dixon found a company that would offer this service and other options for \$2.00 less per month than we currently pay. J. Stromberg motioned, E. Manthei seconded, and all approved a motion to switch web-hosting services.
  - b) MLEEA-owned computer(s): D. Dixon inquired if the Board had an update on purchasing computers. No one had any updates.
  - c) Don Cub Applications: D. Dixon asked if any Don Cup Applications had been received. A few have come in.
  - d) MLEEA-owned Trailer. J. Stromberg found an enclosed trailer and asked if MLEEA was still interested in purchasing one. Retired Minnetonka PD officer Dave Herington owned the trailer. It was agreed that MLEEA should own a trailer to store and transport its property and inventory in. D. Dixon motioned, C. Gollop seconded, and all

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unanimously approved a motion authorizing E. Manthei to examine the trailer, to purchase it for up to \$2,000.00, and to research insurance issues associated with owning the trailer.

- e) Heather Olson from Minnetonka's Explorers reported that she was involved in a Viking Council initiative to form an Explorer Leadership Council. She understood that MLEEA was interested in having an Explorer sit on the MLEEA Board and wanted to know if we should work together. After discussion, she was advised that MLEEA welcomed a representative so long as the youth representative is drawn from a statewide association. H. Olson said that her group would have a follow up meeting that evening and at the Midwest Conference.

7) Miscellaneous Items:

a) Midwest Conference:

- i) The recent Evaluators' Meeting went well. The judges were told of the new format where teams will learn of their event moments before the competition. Judges were reminded of the importance of completing and turning in their score sheet.
- ii) Troy Pepin will again be in charge of roll players.
- iii) Six roll players are still needed.
- iv) Blue Cross Blue Shield's computer exploring post will soon be test running our scheduling program.
- v) Lectures were set as Job Interviews, Resume Building, Minnesota Homeland Security, Local Impact of Homeland Security, and Witness Interview.
- vi) Edina/Eden Prairie Explorers want to discontinue hosting the Fitness Run. J. Stromberg will assume the duties.
- vii) D. Dixon received a quote of \$2,576.42 for this year's trophies.
- viii) C. Dexter received six commitments for the career fair. She will survey the participants to see how it can be improved in the future.
- ix) K. McNeely offered to assist with Security. A co-chair and volunteers are still needed. Motorola will donate radios again this year.

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- x) E. Sinn will print 1,250 booklets. Considering cost and convenience, a stapled/folded design with a color cover and black & white pages was authorized.
  - xi) A Saturday night dance was agreed upon. Friday's entertainment was still under consideration.
  - xii) Al Schmidt is working on door prizes but asked that all posts try to gather them.
  - xiii) E. Sinn was still working with the Pioneer Press' explorer post to see if they could send representatives to write a daily newspaper for conference attendees.
  - xiv) E. Johnson and D. Meyer will investigate the new shooting range suggested by Bonnie at Breezy Point. The new range will cost \$500.00 for two days.
  - xv) D. Dixon was researching a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collector coin.
- b) The next meeting will be held at the Midwest Conference.
- 8) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

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