



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

MLEEA September 11, 2007 Minutes

Present:

Marcus Bruning (MLEEA/St. Louis County SO), Scott Kostohryz (Moorhead PD), Rich Flaten and Pat Gilligan (Burnsville PD), Allen Schmidt (Mankato PD), Gary Cayo (Minnetonka PD), Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/Minneapolis PD), DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Stephen Heinz and Julie Olson (Maplewood PD), Ted Berg, Brian Owens, Joe Sadler and Mark Boerboom (Blaine PD), Leanne Sims and Jeanne Lawrie (North Star Council)

Correspondence:

Minutes from July 11th, 2007 MLEEA meeting approved by unanimous vote. Motion by Allen Schmidt, second by Gary Cayo.

Due to circumstances beyond his control, Bill Breth has asked to be relieved of MLEEA Secretary Duties until circumstances improve. Motion was made by Gary Cayo for Scott Kostohryz to fill the position on an interim basis, second by Allen Schmidt. Unanimous vote by members present approved the motion.

Carleton County has made a request for new information as they are in the process of starting a new post.

Committee Reports:

Treasury:

Balance sheet and profit/loss reports presented by Duwayne Dixon. Treasury report motion to approve by Brandon Brugger, second by Julie Olson.

Scholarship:

- There have been no recent requests; all scholarship applications are up to date.
- Annual expiration letter will be sent with State Conference packets.

Fundraising:

Possibility of an alumni dinner was discussed, no motion made.

Breezy Point:

- Discussion on prospect of starting events earlier, allowing for additional events for a second team.
- Work around events for the pistol competition. Give posts the times, not the events to plan around.
- Housing concerns at Breezy Point: Discussion about continuing the precedent set in 2007 and allowing one advisor per team, minimum of two per post.

Nationals:

- Latest information is that Rochester, MN does not meet requirements to host nationals as the explorers must be housed in dorm rooms.
- St. Cloud and Mankato were discussed as possible sites for future national events.

Training:

Saturday training for October has been filled; there are November dates still open.

Website:

No changes. Please continue to update your departments Honor Roll.



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Old Business:

- MLEEA Event signs designed for Breezy Point and Duluth Conferences are almost complete and will be ready for pickup September 14th, 2007.
- In regards to the proposed database of former explorers – background investigators will be referred to the appropriate BSA council for that information. There will be no MLEEA database established.
- Duluth Explorer Conference – Evaluators are still needed. Contact Marcus Bruning if you are able to assist.
- Conversion to semi-auto from revolvers for firearms – Discussion on a timeline, feasibility and accessibility for posts was discussed. No motion was made.

New Business:

Breezy Point:

- The Marina will be torn down October 1st, 2007. The completion date is unknown.
- There is a need for a new facilitator for the air pistol competition. Contact the MLEEA if you are interested.
- Discussion took place in regards to the theme and a keynote speaker. No motion was made.
- A proposal was made by Scott Kostohryz in regards to the academic portion of the 2008 conference. The theme of non-traditional jobs in law enforcement (BCA, DNR, Secret Service, FBI, etc) was discussed. No motion was made.
- The board will continue to encourage the youth representative to plan the activities, menu, entertainment, t-shirt suggestions and input for the keynote speaker selection.

Red Man Guns:

- Discussion took place in regards to banning black “red man guns”. No motion was made.
 - Further discussion took place in regards to encouraging contrasting colors (light blue, red, yellow, etc) instead of black.
- The issue of red man Tasers was brought up. While no motion was made, the evaluators will be asked to expect verbalization in regards to Taser and OC in the upcoming competitions.
- All Posts are encouraged to teach the option of less than lethal force.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday December 12th, 2007 at Gulden’s in Maplewood.

Motion to adjourn the meeting Allen Schmidt, second by Stephen Heinz.