



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

MLEEA December 12th, 2007 Minutes

Present:

Marcus Bruning (MLEEA/ St. Louis County SO), Scott Kostohryz (MLEEA/ Moorhead PD), Gary Cayo (Minnetonka PD), Brandon Brugger (MLEEA/ Minneapolis PD), DuWayne Dixon (MLEEA), Stephen Heinz and Julie Olson (Maplewood PD), Ted Berg, Brian Owens, Tom Johann and Dan Szykalski (Blaine PD), Jenny Onken and Jeanne Lawrie (North Star Council), Zak Chlebeck (Fridley PD), Des Toninato and Jason Ruis (Coon Rapids PD), Tim Harris (Washington County), Garrett Kissner (MLEEA State Youth Representative/ Woodbury PD), Michael Passig and Scott Whiteford (Plymouth PD), Pat Harding (Hennepin County)

Correspondence:

Minutes from September 11th, 2007 MLEEA meeting approved by unanimous vote. Motion by Ted Berg, second by Pat Harding.

Committee Reports:

Treasury:

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

Scholarship:

Letters will be sent to posts indicating the amount of scholarship money to be forfeited if not used by April 27th, 2008. Individual posts are encouraged to contact the board for their account updates.

Fundraising:

Discussion was held on fundraisers that have worked for posts in attendance. Some of those mentioned were:

- Pancake Breakfast at Lions or VFW
- Bag Groceries at grocery store
- Golf Tournament
- Sell pop at department
- Steak fry at VFW

Breezy Point:

Refer to the New Business section for Breezy Point committee updates.

Nationals:

Nothing was discussed at this meeting in regards to nationals.

Training:

Nothing was discussed at this meeting regarding training.

Website:

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



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Old Business:

The Board held a meeting in November to provide direction for this meeting's State Conference discussion. Refer to the Breezy Point section for New Business for details.

New Business:

Ride Alongs:

- Brandon Brugger provided a checklist for discussion on ride along policies.
- The ride along policy will be left to each individual post to determine, the board will not dictate what the policy will read. The checklist Brugger provided may be used as a reference.

WLEEA:

Scott Kostohryz shared a recent conversation he had with David Consteantineau from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Explorer Association. Consteantineau expressed a desire to attend the Breezy Point conference to help his association grow. Motion to formally invite representatives from the WLEEA to attend our State Conference at Breezy Point made by Tim Harris, second by Pat Harding. Motion passed unanimously. Kostohryz will handle correspondence with the WLEEA.

2009 State Conference:

Gary Cayo received information from the Rochester Chamber of Commerce pertaining to the possibility of moving the annual state conference to their city in 2009. The board will obtain more information from the City of Rochester and present it at a future meeting.

Breezy Point:

- Discussion was held on the possibility of holding the awards ceremony at a local elementary school gymnasium. This idea was well received by those in attendance and more information will be obtained for the next board meeting.
- Marcus Bruning proposed an idea for the 2008 State Conference theme. "Building our future through partnerships. Mind, body, soul and spirit" was accepted by those in attendance and will be the theme.
- Advisors are encouraged to teach less than lethal force as an option for explorers. Event judges will be reminded that this should be recognized as an option when practical.
- All scenarios are covered for Breezy Point
- Plymouth PD volunteered to run the career fair for this year's conference.
- The deadline for entries in the booklet is April 1st, 2008.
- There was discussed in regards to conference fees. The following items were decided by a motion from Des Toninato, which was seconded by Steve Heinz. The motion passed unanimously. The motion contained the following:
 - Conference fees for individuals will be raised to \$240 this year. \$2 to help rent the school for the awards ceremony and \$3 to improve entertainment.
 - Chiefs and dignitaries will be charged the actual fee for their meals and nights stay if they stay at Breezy Point.
 - MLEEA membership dues will remain at \$60.
- It was unanimously decided that there will be no judge's gift this year.
- Posts are strongly encouraged to apply for the Don Cup as a team.
- Explorers and Advisors are also encouraged to nominate an Advisor of the Year and also apply for the Shawn Silvera scholarship.
- Teams will be required to assign four person teams when it is possible (ex: four teams of three should be broken into three teams of four).



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- The pin color for this year will be red, white and blue. The design will resemble the 2004 pin.
- A logo was selected by those in attendance. The logo will be redone professionally and set on a navy blue shirt.
- There was discussion on the deadline for conference paperwork and team limits. The following was decided. Motion for the following items was made by Michael Passig, seconded by Pat Harding. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - There will be a deadline this year of March 1st for conference applications.
 - Teams with more than four teams will have their additional teams placed on a waiting list.
 - Between March 1st and March 12th, there will be a \$120 penalty fee assessed for applications received after the deadline.
 - At the March 12th board meeting, there will be a drawing to determine the order for assigning additional teams from the waiting list.
 - Teams from the list will be assigned one post at a time until all teams are assigned or there is no room left to house the explorers.
 - Any post wishing to find their own lodging will only be charged for food and entertainment.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday March 12th, 2008.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by DuWayne Dixon, second by Gary Cayo.