



# Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 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), Brian Owens, Kaleb Malott and Dan Szykulski (Blaine PD), Jenny Onken, Jake Dorsey, Melinda Inman and Jeanne Lawrie (North Star Council), Cheri Dexter (MLEEA/Washington County), Garrett Kissner (MLEEA State Youth Representative/ Woodbury PD), Michael Passig and Scott Whiteford (Plymouth PD), Mark Belisle (Rochester PD), Matt Gottschalk and Jessica Ellis (Mankato PD)

## Correspondence:

The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Explorer Association was formally invited to our State Conference and will be sending two representatives to observe.

## Committee Reports:

### Treasury:

Balance sheet and profit/loss reports presented by Duwayne Dixon. Treasury report motion to approve by Cheri Dexter, second by Matt Gottschalk.

### Scholarship:

All posts were notified of the amount of scholarship money to be forfeited if not used by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008..

### Fundraising:

Nothing was discussed at this meeting in regards to fundraising.

### 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:

The White Collar Crime training video is available on DVD. Contact Duwayne Dixon if you need one.

### Website:

- There is a new host and the two year fee was paid up front. It is half the cost of the old host. There are many features now with more to come.
- Any posts with updates on their honor roll or with pictures to add should contact Duwayne.
- The new "Featured Post" will be Fridley.
- There is a new link with educational information on it.

## Old Business:

Continue with current policies and work at the individual council level to start the process of making new ride along policy. Minnesota posts have been getting denied recently, however people are working on getting them accepted.

The MLEEA Board will be visiting Rochester before the State Conference to tour the site and gather information for the next MLEEA meeting at Breezy. The trip is in response to a proposal by Rochester to host the state competition.



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Applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 for the Don Cup, the Silvera Scholarship and Advisor of the Year applications.

The Conference pins and trophies have been ordered.

## New Business:

### Breezy Point:

- Construction on the Marina is going well, but the building will not be ready until April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The local elementary school gymnasium was booked, so the awards ceremony will be held in the usual place.
- Garrett Kissner, MLEEA State Youth Representative, reports there will be no menu change and the entertainment will be a DJ and dance both nights downstairs with a Dance Video Revolution and Guitar Hero tournament upstairs. There will also be another medallion hunt this year.
- Michael Passig reports that there are 10 vendors and employers scheduled to appear so far. If there are interested departments or businesses, please have them contact Michael.
- As of this date, there are 49 posts registered with 617 explorers and advisors.
- The Street Decisions scenario will be a hands-on event instead of utilizing the FATS machine.
- Hibbing Technical College has offered the use of their FATS machine for the weekend as an extracurricular activity for the explorers. The MLEEA will accept their offer and will find room for them to operate.
- All items for the conference booklet should be in to Jeanne Lawrie by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If any post has special requests for their State Conference teams, please get a hold of Gary Cayo.
- The "Lottery" for assigning Breezy teams for posts that registered more than four teams was held. St. Paul won the lottery and teams will be assigned to the rooms available starting with St. Paul and alternating with Blaine until all space has been filled.
- The speaker for Saturday night has not been determined yet.
- There will be a new location for traffic stops this year.
- The Fun Run and 5K will be properly marked this year.
- There is a need for security guards and role players this year. An email has been sent to all posts reminding them of this.
- Advisors should go to [Explorernow.org](http://Explorernow.org) and complete the "Safe Swim" training if their post wants to swim this year. Advisors will be responsible for their own posts this year and must be present during the swim time.
- Basic Advisor training and Youth Protection training will be offered at the State Conference this year.

**The next meeting was set for this year's state conference. Time and place TBD.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Michael Passig, second by Cheri Dexter.