



Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association

June 12, 2002 Quarterly Meeting Unapproved Minutes

- 1) Call to Order: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM. The following people attended: Chair Erik Johnson; Vice Chair Cory Manthei; Treasurer Eddy Manthei; Secretary Jim Stromberg; DuWayne Dixon, MLEEA; Bob Reid, Viking Council; Jeanne Lawrie, Viking Council; Jill McDonell, Viking Council; and Kathy McNeely, New Brighton PD.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes. The motion was made by C. Manthei, seconded by D. Dixon, and approved unanimously.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 26, 2002 meeting were approved. The motion was made by C. Manthei, seconded by K. McNeely, and approved unanimously.
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Board
 - i) Treasurer: There was no report. Treasurer E. Manthei's absence was excused.
 - b) Standing Committees
 - i) Funding Committee: E. Johnson reported for the Fundraising Committee. He stated that the fundraising video from the Midwest Conference was almost done.
 - ii) Scholarship Committee: No report.
 - c) Special Committees
 - i) Midwest Conference Committee: E. Johnson reported for the Midwest Conference Committee. He received word that the Indianhead Council had a list of concerns about the 2002 conference but no one was present to share and explain those concerns. The small canoe display that Breezy Point Resort reported as missing was still missing; Breezy Point Resort mailed him their sales receipt indicating that they paid \$900.00 for the item. Breezy Point Resort also itemized about \$600.00 in miscellaneous damages incurred during the 2002 conference. It was agreed to pay Breezy Point Resort the approximately \$1,500.00 and to bill the posts that stayed in the damaged rooms. E. Johnson introduced an idea to place a small damage surcharge per explorer at the next conference. There was discussion about the new barrack-style housing option for role players at Breezy Point Resort. Lots of positive feedback about the 2002 conference had been received in person and via the feedback page of the Association's web site.
 - ii) Nationals Conference Committee: B. Reid reported for the National Conference Committee. Everything is proceeding fine. Minnetonka was asked to carry the Association's banners to Nationals. D. Dixon will send e-mail to all of the posts asking them to wear their MLEEA pins at the conference.



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iii) Communications Committee: D. Dixon reported for the Communications Committee. He had been asked to include post activities and events on the web site but, so far, no posts have approached him with items to add.

5) Old Business: No old business.

6) New Business:

a) J. Stromberg reported that he had met with a Microsoft Access instructor to ask about updating our scheduling needs for the Midwest Conference. The consultant was still reviewing the Association's needs and has yet to report back.

[The meeting was recessed from 12:18 PM to 12:40 PM for lunch]

b) E. Johnson discussed the proposal from Cragans Resort to host the Midwest Conference. For 2003, Cragans proposed to charge \$127.00 per person; Breezy Point proposed \$149.00. There was significant discussion about whether or not Cragans could properly host our group and, if so, if the disruption and risk would be worth the financial savings. It was agreed that the basic layout of Cragans Resort was not as attractive as Breezy Point Resort. The Board questioned whether there would be enough room for all of our events. Cragans proposal did not address our need for a .38 pistol shoot site. There was concern about the "cookie cutter" cabin design where explorers competing on one event could memorize the cabin's layout and use that information in future competitions. There was concern over the amount of parking space at Cragans Resort. There was agreement that Cragans Resort's rooms and fare were comparable to Breezy Point, but no better. It was agreed that E. Johnson should sign a three-year contract with Breezy Point Resort.

7) Miscellaneous Items:

a) D. Dixon asked about the safety of explorers working at the Taste of Minnesota event. C. Manthei explained that the explorers were only staffing a bicycle check (secured parking area) and that the explorers would not be utilized as security.

b) The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2002 at Park Tavern.

8) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM (motion by D. Dixon, seconded by C. Manthei, and approved by all).