

**MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 11, 2002 QUARTERLY MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

- 1) Call to Order: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:45AM. 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; Gary Cayo, Minnetonka PD; Heather Richards, Indianhead Council; Allen Schmidt, Mankato PD; Kathy McNeely, New Brighton PD; Dan Meyer, St. Louis Park PD; Mary Bitzan-Hieh, New Brighton PD; Matthew Huettl, Mankato PD; Josh Hager, Viking Council; and Cheri Dexter, Wright County SO.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus without changes.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 18, 2002 meeting were approved by consensus.
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Board
 - i) Chair: E. Johnson asked if there was interest in MLEEA sponsoring a Career Fair and/or a Trade Show at the Midwest Conference. He will see if there is space at Breezy Point Resort. He also reminded that the Don Cup award should be promoted.
 - ii) Vice Chair: C. Manthei reported that MLEEA explorers would be invited back to the next Bike Classic event. Departments with bike cop programs were encouraged to call her at 651-292-3512.
 - iii) Treasurer: E. Manthei reported on the financial health of the association. He provided the attached Treasurers Report. The report was approved by consensus.
 - iv) Secretary: No report.
 - b) Standing Committees
 - i) Funding Committee: E. Johnson reported for the Fundraising Committee and advised that the fundraising video should be ready by the end of the month.
 - ii) Scholarship Committee: E. Manthei reported for the Scholarship Committee. West Saint Paul Police Explorers were close to forfeiting some of their scholarship money because the deadline to claim is was close to expiring. It was mentioned that their post was now defunct. An on-line application was being developed.
 - c) Special Committees

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- i) Midwest Conference Committee: The Midwest Conference Committee, Chair E. Johnson, and Treasurer E. Manthei will hold a special meeting on January 13, 2003 to discuss conference fees. Comments about conference fees should be addressed to any of these representatives before the meeting. E. Manthei reported that he made a contact with a company that did computerized scheduling. He will continue to work on this project. E. Johnson suggested a crime prevention-related conference theme of: Opportunity, Ability, and Desire. Everyone agreed that they like the theme because of its crime prevention and career development double meaning. C. Manthei presented the following conference training topics: Bike Patrol, Forensics, Meyers-Briggs personality inventory, Court Testifying, Date Rape drugs, and Oral Boards training.
 - ii) Nationals Conference Committee: No report.
 - iii) Communications Committee: D. Dixon reported for the Communications Committee. He is working on collecting e-mail addresses for all posts. It was agreed that, for now, MLEEA would mail (via Post Office) the primary Midwest Conference materials/application.
- 5) Old Business:
- a) Computer program parameters: J. Stromberg had not done anything. E. Manthei already provided the Midwest Conference parameters to the software person we was in contact with.
 - b) IACP Conference: B. Reid made a contact with the National Conference and learned what the National's conference hosting parameters were. MLEEA did a fine job of promoting itself to National Law Enforcement Exploring. If MLEEA was to sponsor a National Conference, lots of help would be needed from each Minnesota explorer post. G. Cayo will prepare a presentation for the Midwest Conference to determine interest and support from Minnesota posts. B. Reid and H. Richards will prepare a list of National Conference representatives that MLEEA should invite to the Midwest Conference. E. Manthei reported that he made a contact with Motorola and got portable radios (loaners) donated to the Midwest Conference.

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- c) Revolver vs. Semi-automatic pistol discussion: B. Reid reported that the National scout office would allow explorers to shoot either revolvers or semi-automatic pistols in competition. After lots of discussion, most preferred revolvers because all of the sporting skills of marksmanship could be taught with a revolver. Semi-automatic pistols were thought to be combat oriented rather than marksmanship oriented. Revolvers were thought to be safer for young, novice competitors. Also, if a switch were made to a semi-automatic pistol, the range at the Midwest Conference would need modification to protect against ejected brass. It was agreed that if MLEEA ever made a switch to semi-automatic pistols, the switch would take several years to implement.

[The meeting was recessed from 12:35PM to 12:52PM for lunch.]

6) New Business:

- a) Committees and their membership: D. Dixon asked to have committee memberships clarified. It was agreed by consensus to eliminate Lynn Tellers and Dave Schwartz from the Scholarship Committee and to add E. Manthei to the National Conference Committee.

7) Miscellaneous Items:

- a) White Collar Crime training videos are still available to any MLEEA post that has not received one yet. Contact Eddy or Cory Manthei for a copy.
- b) E. Manthei was working on getting semi-automatic air pistols donations.
- c) E. Johnson reminded everyone that MLEEA Board positions will be expiring at the next Midwest Conference and encouraged everyone to consider running for a position.
- d) H. Richards reported that non-Indianhead Council advisors were welcome to attend Indianhead Law Enforcement Explorer Cluster Trainings. Their next training meeting is January 4, 2003 from 8:00AM until 4:00PM at Washington County.
- e) The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2003 at a yet to be determined location.

8) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned by consensus at 1:16PM.

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