

**MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER ASSOCIATION
MARCH 12, 2003 QUARTERLY MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

- 1) Call to Order: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:42AM. 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; and Jeremy Ellison, St. Paul PD, Cheri Dexter, Washington County SO, and Josh Hager, Viking Council.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus without changes.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 12, 2002 meeting were approved. The motion was made by C. Manthei, seconded by A. Schmidt, and approved unanimously.
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Board
 - i) Chair: E. Johnson reported that Breezy Point Resort is ready to host the Midwest Conference. Conference fees will be \$200.00. Roll players will be charged \$35.00 this year.
 - ii) Vice Chair: C. Manthei reported that she met with the directors of the Minnesota Chiefs Association and the Minnesota Sheriffs Association. Both associations wish to be involved in the Don Cup selection process. The Chiefs Association offered to purchase scheduling software for the Midwest Conference. The Sheriffs Association wants to donate \$100.00 to MLEEA. The Chiefs Association and the Sheriffs Association want the MLEEA to contribute articles to their quarterly magazines. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the Communications Committee was assigned to the task.
 - iii) Treasurer: E. Manthei reported on the financial health of the association and provided the attached Treasurers Report. He advised that our income was up because of Midwest Conference registrations. He added that MLEEA's investments were rebounding. It was discussed that the Treasurer's Report did not show our Scholarship Fund liabilities. It was agreed that this liability should be identified in future reports to better show our financial condition.

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iv) Secretary: J. Stromberg asked for clarification on MLEEA officers' term expirations. This year, at the Midwest Conference, the Vice Chair assumes the Chair and the Chair assumes the position of First Past President. This year an election will be held to fill the positions of Vice Chair and Treasurer. The Secretary position expires next year.

b) Standing Committees

i) Funding Committee: E. Johnson reported for the Fundraising Committee. He advised that the IRS 501c3 approval is still pending and that all fundraising is on hold until our application is approved. The fundraising video is done.

ii) Scholarship Committee: E. Manthei reported for the Scholarship Committee. He received one scholarship application where the applicant was requesting the money for an art class. Nothing in the application indicated that the applicant was a law enforcement student or that the art class was related to a law enforcement curriculum. It was agreed by consensus that the intent of the scholarship fund was for law enforcement classes only and the request should be denied.

c) Special Committees

i) Midwest Conference Committee: G. Cayo reported for the Midwest Conference Committee. He advised that the Evaluators' Meeting went well. The evaluators discussed the issue of advisors videotaping events. It was agreed (at the March 12, MLEEA meeting) that videotaping would be prohibited unless it is for a PR video or media-type use. Troy Pepin will be supervising the roll players, lodging, assignments, and their security assignments.

ii) Nationals Conference Committee: G. Cayo reported for the National Conference Committee. He advised that the next National Conference would be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

iii) Communications Committee: D. Dixon reported for the Communications Committee. He advised that he is in the process of updating the individual posts pages on the MLEEA website.

5) Old Business:

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- 6) New Business:
 - a) E. Johnson encouraged Don Cup applications (application available on the MLEEA website).
- 7) Miscellaneous Items:
 - a) The next meeting will be held at the Midwest Conference.
- 8) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:16PM.

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