

Minutes  
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association  
Board Meeting Helena, Montana  
March 19, 2009

Directors Present

Daryl Anderson-----President  
Dennis McCave-----Past Pres.  
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Dave Schenk-----2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell  
Rusty Jardee  
Vern Burdick  
Cliff Brophy

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Brian Gootkin  
Greg Hintz  
Dan Birdsill  
Jay Bell  
Kevin McConnell

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson and roll was called.

\*\* Motion by Greg Hintz to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff Brophy

Motion Passed

Guests:

Stacye Dorrington, MBCC, spoke about the various monies available through the stimulus funds including the COPS program, Byrne funds, and violence against women act (VAWA). Stacye advised that Lily Yamamoto is the contact at MBCC and her email address is [lyamamoto@mt.gov](mailto:lyamamoto@mt.gov). Phone 444-1610.

Col Tooley, MHP, advised that Butch Huesbey has been appointed Lt. Col. Tooley further advised that he plans to form positions of Major rank and will invite MSPOA reps to sit on the interview panel.

Armondo Oropreza, MLEA, advises that NIC will be helping to develop the new four week curriculum for the CDOB in September.

John Grainger, DOL, talked about HB655, the amnesty act for horses. This bill would allow for horses to be dropped off at any livestock market, to be adopted out, sold, or euthanized.

. \*\* Motion by Tony Harbaugh that MSPOA not oppose nor offer amendments to HB655

2<sup>nd</sup> by Rusty Jardee

Motion Passed

Becky Berger, 911, advised that HB82 and HB 118 have both passed and are awaiting the Governors signature. Becky advised that Cascade County is running a pilot project on wireless 911 to track and verify 911 call locations. Becky introduced Carl Hotvedt who replaces Chris Christensen at PSSB.

### Report of the President

Daryl Anderson advised that the 2009 Conference will be held at the Red Lion in Kalispell June 15-18.

Daryl read a letter from the Miss Montana organization requesting that MSPOA renew its support. He referred this issue to the Public Relations committee.

### Communications and Liaisons:

**DES-DHS-SERC** – Cliff Brophy reported that Ken Mesch is the new state DES Director

**MBCC** – Jim Cashell advised that it will be a priority with the federal money coming in to make the task forces whole.

**Coroner** – Rusty Jardee advised that annual coroner training will be April 6 and 7 in Missoula

**MLEA** – No Report.

**NSA** – No Report

**Operation Lifesaver** – Daryl Anderson advised that they have met and are planning the BBQ for the conference.

\*\*Motion by Greg Hintz to contribute \$500 to Operation Lifesaver for the BBQ

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Birdsill

Motion Passed

**MACo Risk Management** – NR

**Special Olympics** – Dan Birdsill advised that their board hopes to reduce spending by 25% and they are seeking MSPOA support again this year.

**Private Security** – No Report.

**Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial** – No Report

**MDT/Traffic Safety** – No Report

**POST** – Dennis McCave advised that the council has been holding monthly conference calls and has reduced meetings in Helena from four times to three times per year. Next live meeting will be April 16 at MLEA

**WSSA** – Jim Cashell advised that the annual conference was held March 2-5 in Reno, NV. Montana was well represented and it is hoped that WSSA will become a clearing house for accurate information on National legislative issues concerning us.

**S&R** – Cliff Brophy advised that the ad hoc committee on S&R reimbursements was disbanded. He noted that tentative dates for the rendezvous in Fergus County are June 12-14. Cliff hopes to see the committee get rejuvenated.

**MACo** – Greg Hintz attended the last meeting February 9-12 in Helena.

**NACo** – Jay Bell attended the legislative conference. He noted that they are supporting HR1064 which is the youth promise act to target at risk youth.

**Interoperable Radio** – Jim Cashell advised that there is no intent to try to take 911 funds for interoperable radio.

Discussion took place about sustainability and the cost to counties to use their own equipment.

**Statewide Interoperable Radio** – No Report

**DOC** – No Report

**Concealed Weapons** – Dave Schenk is seeking a seat on the board.

**911 Advisory** – No Report

Committee Reports:

**Programs and Services** – Greg Hintz discussed the issue of retired law enforcement concealed carry. It was agreed that Greg and Tony will meet with Attorney General Bullock to see if MSPOA can assist in implementing a qualification system.

**Public and Community Relations** – Dave Schenk advised that the committee may invite Miss. Montana representative to the next committee meeting.

**Board and committee development** – Dave Schenk advised that the long range planning retreat is set for Ekalaka, May 5-7. Arrive May 5 with evening meal provided and please confirm attendance with Smith and McGowan.

**Funding and Fiscal** – Tony Harbaugh advised that prospect mailing has gone out and we are just starting to see returns.

Montana Silversmiths has agreed to produce two versions of 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MSPOA belt buckles for display at the conference for sale.

**By Laws Committee** – Tony Harbaugh handed out the final version that includes two seats on the MSPOA board for detention officers.

\*\* Motion by Greg Hintz to adopt the amended bylaw language to include two seats for Sheriffs detention officers on the board

2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Gootkin Motion Passed

**Necrology** –None Reported

**Government Relations** – Jim Cashell reported that the qualifications for Sheriffs issue is still alive and may become an Interim study commission.

HB228 is in Senate judiciary committee with a report due next Friday.

HB276 involving medical costs of detainees has had amendments proposed by MACo.

### **Director's Report**

Jim Smith advised that all is going well with MONTS, STEP, and the Racial Profiling Grants.

The MONTS program is currently being used in eight counties and by DOC with 40 units deployed.

Again using the phone tree to get the word out on all issues was discussed and agreed that it could be used.

### **Old Business**

Dennis McCave reported that the Jail inspection training is scheduled for June 8-12 at MLEA. He advised that Ray Barnicoat is leaving the group and Steve Metzger and Karmin Hill will co-direct.

Dennis advised that Bill Collins from NIC is scheduled to instruct at the conference on Jail Liability.

Dennis advised that NSA will hold Jail evacuation training at the Crowne Plaza in Billings, May 18.

Treasurer's report was given.

Next meeting schedule for Ekalaka, Montana, May 5-7, 2009

Meeting adjourned.