

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Helena, Montana
March 28, 2007

Directors Present

Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Daryl Anderson -----2nd Vice
Leo Dutton-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Dave Schenk

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Rube Wrightsman
Dan Birdsill

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice Daryl Anderson and roll was called.

Guests:

Chris Christensen
Kevin Olsen
Bill Slaughter
Deann Brown
Chris Hoffman
Tim Shanks

**Motion by Jim Cashell to waive the reading and approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

2nd by Dave Schenk Motion Passed

**Motion by Jim Cashell that minutes of Executive session issues shall not be posted electronically.

2nd by Dave Schenk Motion Passed

Chris Christensen, PSSB, updated the board on the status of enhanced 911 statewide. He advised the board of status of pending bills that will effect 911 funding and radio communications. Chris is optimistic that the legislature will approve \$5 million for interoperability radio and \$3.5 million for a second master controller to prevent a single point break down in radio communications.

Kevin Olsen, MLEA, advised that \$3.75 million was trimmed to \$1.5 million in their budget to build a classroom facility at the academy. He hopes it may get re-instated to the full amount.

Tim Shanks, Great Falls PD/MACOP, advised that they testing consortium is moving forward with developing a validated entry level test. They are also looking at a standardized physical test that could be used in the future.

Bill Slaughter, Aquilavision, advised the board that his group is seeking a congressional appropriation to fund their offender tracking and notification system. They would like to have MSPOA implement and administer the program and the money if granted.

**2nd motion from Programs and Services Committee to write a letter in support of the appropriation and to administer the grant if received.

Motion Passed

Executive Directors Report:

Kathy McGowan gave an update on plans for the June conference. They are waiting for confirmation on holding the Sheriffs Institute in conjunction with the conference. This would require some schedule changes. She noted that a segment of the Small Jail Administration training may be scheduled in conjunction also.

Kathy advised that SB437 will be heard at 8:00 am March 29.

Following discussion in regards to HB340 consensus was to continue to oppose.

DOT and MHP have received \$600,000 to study racial profiling. They will meet Friday afternoon at the Windgate Inn and have invited MSPOA members to attend.

Consensus was to extend the deadline for scholarship applications.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services –Greg Hintz advised that the group met on 3/27 to discuss interlocal contracts for strike teams. MSPOA would be responsible to compile invoices and forward them to DNRC.

**2nd motion to the board to send a letter to Behavioral Intervention (BI) to give them 30 day termination notice on our previous offender tracking agreement.

The Wildlife Fire Investigator courses to be held in Missoula and Billings are still on schedule.

TAC Advisory – the Swat instructor CD is completed and should be forthcoming.

Public and Community Relations – NR.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised a new phone tree will be out very soon.

Government Relations – NR

By Laws – NR

Funding and Fiscal – Treasurers report was given.

**Motion by Blue Corneliusen to approve the Treasurers report

2nd by Rube Wrightsman

Motion Passed

Necrology - Tony advised the board that we had received a thank you from Deputy Briese's mother thanking the board for the death benefit check. The letter was circulated.

Communications and Liaisons:

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised they will meet 3/29.

Coroners – NR

MLEA – NR

NSA – NR

POST – Tony advised that applications for POST credit must be signed by the agency heads or POST will not recognize them.

WSSA – Jim Cashell advised that they WSSA conferences are continuing to grow. Two issues that were discussed were 1) MOU with the Forest Service on S&R missions is being widely used and 2) Native American issues including sovereignty and training. They will meet next in November.

S&R – Daryl Anderson advised that HB759 would take S&R out from under the Sheriffs authority. It has currently been amended and the above language deleted. If passed it would allow left over money to stay in the fund. Sheriffs would also be eligible to file up to the \$3,000 claim per mission. It was agreed that we need to re-activate the S&R rendezvous.

MACo - NR.

NACo – NR

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson advised that they will meet June 4 &5 and they are planning for the conference.

MACo Risk Management – Kevin Olsen advised that they are working on two more model policies. They are dealing with the mentally ill and hiring practices.

Homeland Security – NR

Special Olympics – Dan Birdsill attended the kickoff activities in Bozeman. Jaimie Darko is the new Special Olympics ambassador. Dan advised that Montana raised over \$250,000 last year, making Montana 2nd in the Nation. The state games will be May 16-18 in Great Falls.

**Motion by Jim Cashell to contribute \$2,000 to Special Olympics this year.

2nd by Blue Corneliusen

Motion Passed

Private Security and Investigators – Leo Dutton advised that they met last month concerning SB153 in regards to casual employment by off duty officers. Leo advised that this issue is not dead and we will probably need to revisit it in 2009.

Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial – NR

MDT – NR

IMPD – NR

SIEC – NR

Other Business:

Next meeting scheduled for Helena, Montana, April 19 and 20, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.