

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Helena, Montana
April 20, 2007

Directors Present

Cheryl Liedle-----President
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Dennis McCave---1st Vice
Daryl Anderson --2nd Vice
Leo Dutton-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Dave Schenk
Cliff Brophy

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Brian Gootkin

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

Guests:

Kevin Olson, MLEA
Doug Williams, DNRC
Paul Grimstead, MHP
Mark Thatcher, POST

**Motion by Cliff Brophy to waive the reading and approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

2nd by Dave Schenk

Motion Passed

Kevin Olson, 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. It is now back in conference committee in the House.

He advised that the MLEA advisory council will meet May 16 at the academy. The law enforcement testing consortium will meet May 23 at MLEA. And the model policy guideline committee will meet May 30 and June 1 to address model policy guidelines for hiring practices, handling mental patients, and CISD.

Kevin advised that threat assessment training will be May 23 at the Missoula PD. The MACOP/MPPA conference will begin July 19 in Missoula with the main speaker being Dr. Peters on in custody deaths. Kevin advised that they just graduated 50 Basic students and are now in the second week of a new Basic with 50 students attending.

Mark Thatcher, POST, advised that SB273 which deals with POST coming under the DOJ is still in house appropriations committee. He advised that the POST council will meet May 17 in Helena.

Paul Grimstead, MHP, advised that they are going to a new CAD dispatch system which will eventually include satellite AVL (auto vehicle locators).

Doug Williams, DNRC, presented a draft of the MOA for strike teams to respond to major incidents. There was discussion on training for both team members and leaders prior to activation.

** Motion by Jim Cashell to adopt the agreement on a trail basis and continue to adjust it as necessary.

2nd by Cliff Brophy Motion Passed

Presidents Report:

Cheryl advised that a demonstration of their radio project was given to the Legislature on April 19 to encourage support to continue the funding for Interoperable Montana.

She updated the board on conference planning and scheduling.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services –Greg Hintz advised that the wild land fire training will be held in Missoula April 23-27 and in Billings April 30-May 4.

Greg advised that the disk is ready for swat instructors who attended the training in Billings in June of 2006 and is POST approved.

Greg also presented a draft of the Sheriffs Executive Institute agenda for June 18-22 in Helena in conjunction with Sheriffs conference.

Public and Community Relations – Leo advises that 11 scholarship applications have been received but they are waiting until the extended deadline expires to make a selection. A selection has been made for distinguished career officer.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised negotiations will start soon on a new contract with Smith and McGowan. There was discussion on orientation for new board members following annual conferences. The committee is working on updating the handbook to include a table of contents. It was suggested that the phone tree be used to solicit input for legislative ideas.

Government Relations – Jim Cashell did a brief wrap up of legislation.

By Laws – Tony advised the board that the committee met on April 19 to discuss the make up of the board and consider representation for detention on the board.

** 2nd motion from the committee to leave the make up of the board “as is”

Motion Passed

Funding and Fiscal – Treasurers report was given.

Necrology - Tony advised the board of the death of Robert Henschel former Board member and retired Yellowstone County Deputy Sheriff and the death of Harry Joe Mullikin former Lewis and Clark County Reserve Deputy.

Communications and Liaisons:

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that Mike Anderson has been named the new Chairman. He is a Hill County Commissioner.

Coroners – Dave Schenk advised that coroner training and annual conference in being held in Lewistown this week.

MLEA – Tony advised that the next meeting will be May 16 at the academy.

NSA – NR

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the next meeting will be May 17 in Helena.

WSSA – Jim Cashell advised that the Forest Service model contracts should be available soon.

S&R – Cliff Brophy advised that they are waiting on the legislature to end to see where they stand. It was agreed that we need to take a stronger role in S&R leadership and structure.

It was agreed by the board to reinstate the MSPOA S&R committee. Cheryl Liedle appointed Cliff Brophy as chairman, Jim Cashell, Dave Schenk, Daryl Andersen, Rube Wrightsman, Dave Castle or Ray Hitchcock, and a Lewis and Clark County officer to be named.

MACo - NR.

NACo – NR

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson advised that they will be doing the BBQ at the Merriweather Campground following the Gates of the Mountain boat ride area on Wednesday night.

MACo Risk Management – NR

Homeland Security – Cheryl advised that the committee is continuing to seek funding.

Special Olympics – Brian Gootkin advised that May 16 will be the Circle of Honor ceremony in Great Falls. Brian displayed a resin casting statue depicting an officer and a special Olympian.

** Motion by Dave Castle to exploring finding a foundry that could cast replicas

2nd by Daryl Anderson

Motion Passed

Private Security and Investigators – Leo advised that the annual meeting is scheduled June 4 & 5 in Billings.

Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial – NR

MDT – Dave Castle attended a meeting regarding the racial profiling prevention issue. Dave provided notes of discussion items to the board.

IMPD – NR

SIEC – NR

Concealed weapon – NR

Other Business:

Executive Directors Report:

Kathy McGowan urged everyone to go to the MSPOA website to register to attend conference. They are looking for a sponsor for the boat trip. The pistol shoot will be held Tuesday. Other conference planning is going well.

Next meeting scheduled for Bozeman, Montana, May 24 and 25, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.