

Minutes  
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association  
Board Meeting Bozeman, Montana  
May 25, 2007

Directors Present

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

Dennis McCave---1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
Daryl Anderson --2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Leo Dutton-----3<sup>rd</sup> Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell  
Dave Castle  
Dave Schenk

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Dan Birdsill  
Greg Hintz  
Brian Gootkin

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

Guests:

Kevin Olson, MLEA  
Jay Nelson, Sgt. MHP

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

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis McCave

Motion Passed

Sgt. Jay Nelson, MHP, advised that he was attending our meeting on behalf of Col. Grimstad. Sgt. Nelson further advised that the patrol is in the process of selecting 10 new recruits to attend the next basic.

Kevin Olson, MLEA, expressed a big thank you to the board for help during the legislative session in getting the budget passed. It will allow for the construction of a new training facility at the academy. They will also be able to hire a management/leadership coordinator position geared toward Sgt. Level training. The funding also includes training for forensic interview specialists for interviewing child sexual assault victims. Kevin advised that the current basic class will graduate in June. The next basic class will have 60 students enrolled. This is to continue to alleviate the back log of basic students.

Kevin advised the academy will be designating an award to be given in correction and detention officer basic in tribute to Anita Shaw-Tymrak.

Presidents Report:

Cheryl advised that the conference agenda is on the MSPOA website along with registration forms. She noted that the board meeting will be Monday night June 18 6:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

**Programs and Services** –Greg Hintz met with the DES people on May 24 to discuss the agenda for next years DES conference. Greg is seeking ideas for subjects geared towards law enforcement for their agenda.

There was discussion on updating the “Red Book”. It hasn’t been updated since 1999.

There was discussion on a Department of Transportation (MDOT) grant seeking our participation on racial profiling prevention. MDT would like MSPOA to hire a liaison position for three years at \$50,000/year to work with them.

\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> motion from the committee to the board to have Jim and Kathy, Jim Cashell, Troy McGee, Kevin Olsen, and Pam Bucy meet with MDOT and redo the proposal with our suggestions.

Motion Passed

It was noted that 55 students attended the Wildland Arson Fire schools in Missoula and Billings.

**Public and Community Relations** – Leo advises that 10 scholarship applications have been reviewed and selections made.

\*\* Motion by Leo Dutton to approve Phillip Legg of Lewis and Clark County and Adam Banks of Madison County as the 2007 scholarship recipients.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Castle

Motion Passed

\*\* Motion by Leo Dutton to award the Distinguished Career Officer posthumously to Anita Shaw-Tymrak and to provide accommodations at the conference for her husband and daughter.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Schenk

Motion Passed

\*\* Motion by Greg Hintz to explore creating a public service announcement for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Montana to encourage people to join the mentoring program.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Leo Dutton

Motion Passed

**Board and Committee Development** – Dave Schenk has asked Smith and McGowan to submit a proposal for contract renewal.

Dave advised that they plan to restart the Search and Rescue committee and begin meeting.

Dave further advised that the committee will work on a table of contents for the board member handbooks.

**Government Relations** – Jim Cashell noted that MSPOA needs to coordinate the focus, direction, and involvement of Sheriffs in their local Search and Rescue organizations statewide. This may help to alleviate problems in the 2009 legislative session.

**By Laws** – No report

**Funding and Fiscal** – No report

**Necrology** - Tony advised the board of the deaths Byron “Pete” Dunbar former FBI Agent, US Attorney, Academy instructor, and candidate for Chief Justice; and the death of Anita Shaw-Tymrak Gallatin County Sheriffs Office.

Communications and Liaisons:

MBCC –NR

Coroners – NR

MLEA –NR

NSA – NR

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the POST council will now come under the Department of Justice authority. There will be 13 seats instead of 11. Mike Batista will oversee the transition to DOJ.

WSSA – NR

S&R – NR

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 on Wednesday night.

MACo Risk Management – Greg Hintz advised that committees have been selected to work on three new policies at the academy May 30-June 1.

Homeland Security – Cheryl advised that \$8.5 million in funding passed in the legislative session. This money will fund interoperable build out and a second master controller to be located in Eastern Montana.

Special Olympics –Dan Birdsill attended the Opening Ceremonies and Circle of Honor in Great Falls.

Private Security and Investigators – Leo advised that their conference is scheduled June 4 & 5 in Billings.

Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial – Leo Dutton advised that the Memorial parade and ceremony were held in Bozeman and he commended Bozeman and Gallatin County on a job well done.

MDT – NR

IMPD – NR

SIEC – Cheryl will try to put a display or presentation together for the conference to help educate people to the state wide master plan for interoperable radio.

Concealed weapon – NR

Other Business:

Discussion on the agreement between MSPOA and DNRC regarding strike teams was that Doug Williams will attend our conference and address there.

Executive Directors Report:

No Report

Next meeting scheduled for Helena, Montana, June 18, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.