

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Hamilton, Montana
September 29, 2009

Directors Present

Leo Dutton-----President
Daryl Anderson-----Past Pres.
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Dave Schenk-----1st Vice
Blue Corneliusen-----2nd Vice
Vern Burdick-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Rusty Jardee
Chris Hoffman
David Castle
Jim Cashell
Cliff Brophy

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Greg Hintz
Dennis McCave
Brian Gootkin

Detention Officers

Kathy Frame
Tim Neiter

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

** Motion by Greg Hintz to approve the minutes of the two previous meetings

2nd by Blue Corneliusen Motion Passed

Guests:

Dan Smith, Great Falls PD, representing the MT LE Museum presented a request for support to the board for the museum. Dan advised that MPPA has committed \$2,000 and MACOP \$1,000.

President Dutton assigned the request to the Public Relations committee for consideration.

Jim Cashell spoke on a Board of Crime Control update on the recovery act awards for JAG, VOCA, and VAWA and the monies allocated to them.

Fred Hansen, MACo Risk Management, spoke on the inmate medical insurance program (CRS). MACo is asking MSPOA to endorse the program.

** Motion by Jim Cashell to assign this request to the Jail Subcommittee of Programs and Services for consideration.

2nd by Brian Gootkin Motion Passed

Report of the President:

Sheriff Dutton advised that the dates of June 22-25, 2010, are locked in for the joint Law Enforcement Summit with MPPA and MACOP at the Red Lion in Helena. Leo advised that the training will focus on officer safety and health issues.

Appointments and Liaisons:

DES/SERC – No Report

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that their next meeting will be the 2nd week of December.

Coroners – Tony Harbaugh advised that POST is working on the 40 hour basic coroner curriculum.

MLEA – Greg Hintz advised that the Attorney General is considering having the AG advisory council do MLEA advisory council's work. It was agreed that we need to advise him that we do not agree with this approach.

NSA – No Report

WSSA – No Report

POST – Dennis McCave advised that POST is hiring an investigator position to review and investigate complaints. Dennis advised that they are working to certify basic programs for CDOB, LE basic, Coroner, and Reserve Officer Basic.

Search and Rescue – Daryl Anderson met with DES Director Mesch on July 30 and was advised that they would like MSPOA to take the lead on the mission reimbursement issue. Training for this will occur at the November board meeting in Butte.

MACo – Greg Hintz advised that MACo now has full time legal staff.

Dennis McCave has presented Jail Standards and Jail review to MACo. He is urging that MACo, MSPOA, and MMIA form a board to oversee the jail peer review process and to draft a mission and protocol. President Dutton appointed Kathy Frame to represent MSPOA on this new board.

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson noted that MSPOA previously agreed to a \$500 contribution for the conference BBQ.

Special Olympics – Brian Gootkin advised that they met in Great Falls to plan for the 2010 event to be held in Bozeman.

Private Security – Leo Dutton advised that he has been reappointed to this board.

MDT/Traffic Safety – No Report

IR – No Report

State IR – Rusty Jardee will replace Kevin McConnell on the board.

DOC – Blue Corneliusen attended the meeting and reports that geriatric and sex offender beds are the big needs facing DOC at this time.

Concealed Weapons – No Report

911 Advisory – Leo Dutton advised that he has appointed Vern Burdick to replace Kevin McConnell's vacant seat.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services – Greg Hintz reported that the committee met and brings a:

** 2nd motion to the board to approve the \$200,000 Byrne Grant for monitoring mental health inmates.

Motion Passed

Greg advised that he and Tony Harbaugh have met with AG Steve Bullock and are working on the retired officer concealed carry issue.

Public and Community Relations – No Report

Board and committee development – Dave Schenk reported that the committee met and brings a:

** 2nd motion to the board to renew and increase the Smith and McGowan contract by \$5,000 for 2009-2010 and to further meet with Smith and McGowan to discuss interests and concerns.

Motion Passed

Government Relations – Jim Cashell handed out a legislative review prepared by Lewis and Clark County Deputy County Attorney Mike Menahan.

Funding and Fiscal – Tony Harbaugh advised that we need to explore other funding options in addition to the Honorary Membership program.

By Laws – No Report

Necrology – Tony Harbaugh noted that since our last meeting, the passing of Sheriff Chuck Maxwell, Yellowstone County and retired deputy John Breuer, Missoula County.

New Business:

** Motion by Brian Gootkin to accept Kevin McConnell’s resignation from the MSPOA board

2nd by Dennis McCave Motion Passed

** Motion by Greg Hintz to nominate Dan Birdsill to fill the vacant seat

2nd by Brian Gootkin Motion Passed

The board discussed a request for funding the equipment and trailer for the MPAT to be used where needed by MLEA.

** Motion by Brian Gootkin to spend up to \$13,000 to purchase the MPAT equipment and trailer.

2nd by Daryl Anderson Motion Passed

Director’s Report:

Kathy McGowan advised that they NSA state executive directors will meet in Big Sky October 9-11. She will plan to attend.

The board discussed possibly forming a web site committee.

Treasurers Report was given by Tony Harbaugh.

** Motion by Greg Hintz to approve the Treasurers Report

2nd by Jim Cashell Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned.