

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Bozeman, Montana
January 18, 2008

Directors Present

Dennis McCave-----President
Cheryl Liedle-----Past President
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Daryl Anderson-----1st Vice
Leo Dutton-----2nd Vice
Dave Schenk-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Vern Burdick
Dave Castle
Dan Tronrud

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Brian Gootkin
Dan Birdsill
Jay Bell

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

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

2nd by Daryl Anderson

Motion Passed

Guests:

Senator Mike Wheat, candidate for Attorney General, addressed the board. He advised that his priorities should he be elected, would focus on the Academy and the Crime Lab. He further advised that his web site is WheatforAG.com.

Rick Holden, from Glendive, spoke to the board seeking support for the Ms. Montana program. He advised that they have revitalized the program and have increased the scholarships available. They are seeking a contribution of \$2,000 from MSPOA to promote the statewide school program called "Crown to Classrooms".

** Motion by Jim Cashell to refer this request to the Public and Community relations committee.

2nd by Greg Hintz

Motion Passed

John Grainger, MT Dept of Livestock, advised that they horse slaughter bill in Congress is still not resolved. Government Relations committee will draft a letter for Jay Bell to deliver to NACo on the horse slaughter issue.

They would like to work with us on training locally with County Attorneys and Justices of the Peace for a better understanding of the Statues relating to livestock.

Kevin Olson, MLEA, advised that the architect has been selected for construction of the new building. He would like a MSPOA rep on the planning committee. Jim Cashell volunteered for this. The contract should be ready to go to bid by this fall and they hope to be operational by the fall of 2009.

Kevin advised that they are interviewing for a new attorney at MLEA. He also advised that a new food service provider has been hired.

Kevin advised that the next MLEA advisory council meeting will be in April.

Chris Christensen, Public Safety Services Bureau-911, advised that Montana has been selected as one of five sites to test the Next Generation 911 (NG911) technology.

Pat Cross, DNRC, is asking for help on enforcement issues involving fire restrictions and off road use on public lands. They will approach the 2009 Legislature to ask to make these violations misdemeanor offenses by statute and they would like our help. They issue was referred to Government Relations committee.

Report of the President:

Dennis McCave advised that the conference website link should be up by late February. It will also link to MACOP and MPPA sites for conference information, maps, agendas, etc.

Communications and Liaisons:

SERC –NR

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that they met on January 11 to discuss the cuts in the JAG funding. Sheriffs need to write letters to get the funding reinstated. This can be done by going to the NSA website.

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the council is getting reestablished and will be working on the administrative rules re-write February 19-21.

WSSA – Tony Harbaugh advised that the annual meeting will be in Reno, NV, March 4-7.

Special Olympics – Dan Birdsill advised the conference in Whitefish will be February 21 and 22.

Coroners – NR

MLEA Advisory – NR

NSA – NR

Search and Rescue – NR

MACo – Fred Hansen advised that detention centers which record all inmate phone calls may have a problem with inmate/attorney calls. He noted that the MACo mid winter conference will be February 11-15 in Billings.

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson will try to attend their next meeting in February.

MACo Risk Management – They Risk Management Conference is being held this week in Bozeman.

Private Security – NR.

Museum – NR

NACo – Jay Bell will be going to Washington, DC, in March.

MDT/Traffic – NR

Interoperable Radio – NR

DOC Advisory – Dave Castle's term has expired and he will be reappointed by President McCave.

Concealed Weapon – NR

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services – Bill Slaughter and Harv Kaufman, of Aquila Vision, spoke in regards to the MONTS program appropriations from Congress for \$650,000. They are eager to work with us to develop a program to fit our needs for prisoner tracking. They plan to form an advisory board to provide input to them concerning Law Enforcement needs. They further advised that this is a "directed appropriation grant". They further advised that they will need an extension of the grant time period.

** Motion by Dave Castle to write a letter requesting to extend the appropriation.

2nd by Greg Hintz

Motion Passed

Greg Hintz and Kathy McGowan will work with DNRC for training in February, March and April for strike teams of Law Enforcement officers as per the Project Star agreement with DNRC.

DNRC and MSPOA will sponsor fire investigation 310 (FI310) in March which will be a 40 hour follow-up to last year's class.

The Governors Preparedness Conference will be April 21-24 at the Billings Holiday Inn. It will feature school shooter training on the 21 with wildland fire and NIMS training the 22-24.

Greg advised that the tactical red book re-write is being planned with funding from DHS allotments in Montana.

Public and Community Relations – Leo Dutton advised that the scholarship application letters, officer of the year, and distinguished career officer nomination letters will all be coming out soon.

Kathy McGowan advised that the Attorney Generals office has committed \$8,000 towards the Big Brothers/Big Sisters PSA. She is looking for another partner to help with additional funding needed for production and distribution.

** Motion by Blue Corneliusen to commit up to \$2,000 of MSPOA funds for the PSA.

2nd by Jay Bell

Motion Passed

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised that a tentative date for the MSPOA long range planning retreat is April 8.

Government Relations – Jim Cashell advised that he will call a meeting of the committee in the next two months.

By Laws – NR

Funding and Fiscal – NR

Necrology – Tony Harbaugh advised that Don Loendorf, former Blaine County Undersheriff, and Jon Saska, former Chouteau County Sheriff, have passed away.

Directors Report – Kathy McGowan advised that campaign academy training will be held at various locations around the state for those candidates that wish to attend.

Kathy advised that the mental health providers will be meeting February 13 and they need our input.

Jim Smith gave an update to the board on his racial profiling meetings that have been held so far.

TAC – NR

Jail Commanders – Dennis McCave advised that the committee met January 17 to work on the jail standards review process. It will be headed by Ray Barnicoat who will draft a review format. The reviewer training will be provided by NIC.

2nd motion from the committee to have the review form up together at a cost of \$500 with MACo paying half and MSPOA paying half.

Motion Passed

Chaplains – NR

Next meeting will be the long range planning retreat tentatively scheduled April 8.
Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.