

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Lewistown, Montana
May 23, 2008

Directors Present

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

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

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Cliff Brophy
Vern Burdick

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Brian Gootkin
Dan Birdsill

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

**Motion by Greg Hintz to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, as amended.

2nd by Brian Gootkin

Motion Passed

Guests:

* Kevin Olson, MLEA, advised that the planning for the new building is progressing. It will have 6700 square feet per floor. Bids for construction is planned for this fall. The next priority with the legislature is to fund and new dormitory building.

Kevin reports that the CJIN training lab is now located at the Academy. There was discussion that Basic may need to go from 12 weeks to 14 weeks.

Upcoming training includes trying to do a 4hr. legal update in all 56 counties this year, and they hope to host a Violence Against Children conference this fall.

* Fred Hansen, MACo Risk Mgmt, advised that the dates and locations for the Jail Reviews will be: Park County—June, 10 & 11; Custer County—June, 24 & 25; and Cascade County—July, 10 & 11.

* Harve Kaufman, Aquilavision, advised that the MONTS funding will be coming in two separate grants totaling \$ 618,000. The first will come through Byrne funds for training with the technology, and the remainder through a COPS grant for technology development.

** A seconded motion from the Programs and Services committee to continue with the process on both grants.

Motion Passed.

* John Parker, candidate for Attorney General, spoke to the Board of his attributes for the position.

Report of the President

Dennis McCave reported that the registrations for the Summit are coming in now. He reminded the Board that Wednesday the 23rd of July, will feature Bill Hillar as the trainer. He urges everyone who is able, to attend, as the cost for the day is being picked up by MACOP.

Communications and Liaisons:

SERC –NR

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that the board will meet on June 19.

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the ARMs are drafted. There are still some concerns over hours needed to achieve the Command certificate. Other POST issues include: Reserve Officer training course; Criteria for Regional course standardization; Continuing Education for Law Enforcement.

WSSA – NR

Special Olympics – Dan Birdsill advised that the total dollars raised in Montana increased again this year.

Coroners – NR

MLEA Advisory – NR

NSA – NR

Search and Rescue – Cliff Brophy advised that the committee would like to consider a training coordinator who could also track S&R organizations in MT.

** A seconded motion from the committee to work with state DES to explore the possibility of a training coordinator to be paid out of the state DES managed funds.

Motion Passed.

MACo –Greg Hintz advised that the letter has gone out from Fred Hansen endorsing the Project Star and NIMS training the is being planned. He noted that under Mutual Aid, the agency sending officers is responsible for the Work Comp coverage.

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson stated that the –BQ is set for Wednesday of the Summit. MSPOA has contributed \$800 to the event. Daryl would like MACOP & MPPA to help out with the expense.

MACo Risk Management – NR

Private Security – Leo Dutton advised that the committee will meet in Missoula on June 10-11.

Museum – Leo Dutton noted that the Law Enforcement memorial will be held in Missoula May 15.

DOC—David Castle advised that the new DOC 80/20 plan is having a huge impact on county's resources. The plan is to move at least 80% of DOC criminals back into the communities.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services –26 counties have signed up for the Project Star training. The dates for training are being set up now.

Greg Hintz helped with the Governor's Summit in Billings April 21-24.

Public and Community Relations – Leo Dutton advised that the committee has met:

** Seconded motion from the committee to award the Distinguished Career Officer award to retired Captain Steve Orr of Madison County S/O; and to award the Officer of the Year to Deputy Kyle Meier of Chouteau County S/O.

Motion Passed.

** Seconded motion from the committee to award scholarships in the amount of \$ 750.00 each to Cory Kirkpatrick, of Ryegate; and Stephanie Lynn White, of Victor.

Motion Passed.

Sheriff Craig Anderson of Dawson County spoke to the Board and encouraged support in the future of the Miss Montana Scholarship Program.

** Motion by Leo Dutton to explore re-establishing the Miss Montana School Tour in the future.

* Second by Blue Corneliusen Motion Passed.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk requests that all Board members bring their uniforms to the Summit in July for photos. Also, Board member biographies are going to be posted on the Website.

Dave will be working with Big Brothers / Big Sisters to get the PSA produced.

Government Relations – The committee has published a list of 21 legislative issues for review and discussion.

** Seconded motion to the Board to allow the MSPOA name to be used by State Auditor John Morrison, in support of I-155 to insure Montana kids. This would not include any monetary contribution.

Motion Passed.

By Laws – NR

Funding and Fiscal – NR

Necrology—NR

TAC-Adv. NR

Jail Std—Dennis McCave is working on an e-mail questionnaire to compile some statistics on jails statewide.

Chaplains—NR

Director's Report

It was agreed that we need to expand on committee reports at the Annual meeting.

The STEP program is going well with 24 counties participating.

The Racial Profiling compliance visits are going well.

Next meeting schedule for Billings, Montana, June 21, 2008 1500 hrs.

Meeting adjourned.