

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Ennis, Montana
September 18, 2008

Directors Present

Daryl Anderson-----President
Dennis McCave----- Past Pres
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Leo Dutton-----1st Vice
Dave Schenk -----2nd Vice
Blue Corneliusen---3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Vern Burdick
Rusty Jardee

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Brian Gootkin
Greg Hintz
Dan Birdsill
Jay Bell
Kevin McConnell

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

** Motion by Dennis McCave to waive the reading and approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

2nd by Jay Bell

Motion Passed

Guests:

Chris Christensen, PSSB, gave an update on the Interoperability continuum. Chris advised that \$3.2 million from Homeland Security is being dedicated to the Eastern Tier consortium for infrastructure.

Jim Hart, Madison County Commissioner, welcomed the Board and guests to Madison County for our meeting.

Becky Berger, 911, advised that they need a name from MSPOA to fill the seat on the 911 board vacated by Cheryl Leidle. Becky advised that they are drafting legislation to address revenues that are stranded in the general fund that need to be redistributed. She gave a 911 revenue update.

Capt Becker, MHP, thanked all who attended the funeral for MHP Officer Evans who was killed outside Kalispell. He further advised that no arrests have been made in the case.

Warren Hiebert, Chaplain, introduced Tom Luksha who is the Madison County LE Chaplain.

Treasurer's report was given by Tony Harbaugh.

Report of the President:

Daryl Anderson advised that he is working on liaison assignments. He advised that the phone tree is being updated and that detention officer board seats is again being looked at by the By laws committee.

He advised that the state search and rescue reimbursement issue for missions is not moving forward. They will try to meet in Helena soon with Dan McGowan and Steve Knecht.

He advised that dates for the 2009 conference are June 15-18 in Kalispell at the Red Lion, formerly Cavanaugh's.

He finally advised that he intends to hold board meetings around the state this year to encourage officer participation.

Communications and Liaisons:

SERC –NR

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that the board meets September 24-26 in Fort Benton.

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the board met August 21. POST has not endorsed a validated fitness test for employment. He further advised that funding for the operation of POST is critical in the 09 legislature.

WSSA – Tony advised that they will meet in Vancouver, WA, October 22 and 23.

Special Olympics – Brian Gootkin advised that the board met in Great Falls and this year they raised \$75,000 more than anticipated.

Coroners – Rusty Jardee advised that they are only going two days instead of 2 ½ days for coroner recertification training. He further advised that the homicide school in Missoula Oct 21-23 will provide coroner hours.

MLEA Advisory – NR

NSA – NR

Search and Rescue – Daryl met with Steve Knecht in Helena and will be meeting with him again.

MACo – Greg Hintz advised that they will meet in Hamilton next week

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl advised that the group met in Shelby and their next meeting will be in Helena in December

MACo Risk Management – Greg Hintz advised that the days for the mid winter Risk Management conference is January 13-15 at the Colonial in Helena. MSPOA day is January 14.

Private Security – Leo Dutton advised that they met last Monday. Legislative issues include that fire investigators would need to be licensed as private investigators.

Homeland Security – This seat will be appointed by the Governor.

Law Enforcement Museum – Leo Dutton advised that the Police Association wants to know if MSPOA would like to take over as the lead agency for the LE Memorial each May.

** Motion by Dave Castle to allow the Chaplains to represent MSPOA in working with the cities to develop a plan for hosting the LE Memorial each year.

2nd by Jim Cashell

Motion Passed

MDT/Traffic Safety – Dave Castle advised that the group will meet next Tuesday.

SEIC – President Anderson will submit the names of Leo Dutton and Kevin McConnell to fill the seats on the board.

DOC – Dave Castle advised that they met August 12 and 13 in Deer Lodge. He explained that the DOC 80/20 program is now near 83/17 percent parolees in communities.

911 Advisory – Brian Gootkin is newly appointed.

Concealed Weapons – Dave Schenk is newly appointed.

Old Business:

Dennis McCave advised that the jail reviews went well. They were conducted in Park, Cascade, and Custer Counties. Dennis would like to continue with the review process.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services – Bill Slaughter introduced Chuck Eubank as the CEO of Aquilavision and Bob Pfister as the new director of the MONTIS program.

Bob Pfister then advised that \$190,000 was granted on August 25 through Byrne funds and that they are still working on the \$440,000 COPS part of the grant.

They need to form a committee to provide an evaluation of the project.

** Motion by Greg Hintz to enter into an agreement with Harve Kaufman to do the evaluation of the project.

2nd by Jay Bell

Motion passed

Public and Community Relations – Leo Dutton advised that the high school scholarships have been increased from \$500 to \$750. He further advised that they are revamping the letter to the schools outlining requirements for an associates degree at the college they plan to attend.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised that the phone tree is being updated. The statewide Sheriffs list is being updated. The long range planning retreat will be in the spring 2009 in Madison County.

Updates of life members and presidents were handed out for member handbooks. Dave advised that board member's bios are needed and finally board members need to bring their uniforms to the next meeting.

Government Relations – Jim Cashell advised that the committee met September 17. That they are following 30-40 pieces of legislation currently. Bills include:

Concealed Weapon/Castle doctrine
20 year retirement for dispatchers
Qualifications for Sheriff
Mental Health issues
Detention officer work comp
Public Defender issues
Establishment of a court security fund
Invasive aquatic species
Racial profiling issues

By Laws – Tony advised that we will revisit the detention officer seats on the board issue.

Funding and Fiscal – Tony advised that 2009 will be a prospect year in the honorary member program.

Necrology – Tony advised of the passing of Doug Todd former Lewis and Clark Deputy; Dave Deadmon former Ravalli County deputy; and Paul Ferda former Cascade county Deputy.

Directors Report – Jim Smith gave a racial profiling update. He is hopeful that legislation may not be submitted. He further advised that new racial profiling curriculum is being developed for training at MLEA.

He advised that the 09 contract with MDT for STEP is ready for approval.

** Motion by Greg Hintz to approve the 09 STEP Contract

2nd by Jim Cashell

Motion Passed

Next meeting schedule for Glasgow, Montana, November 18 and 19, 2008.

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Meeting adjourned.