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Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association
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February 9, 2006
MEETING SUMMARY

The February Meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association was held at the Fox Valley Park District Police Station. Jeff Diedrick called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

Present were:

Jeff Diedrick	McHenry County Conservation District
Mary Bowman	McHenry County Conservation District
Carolyn Stark	Fox Valley Park District
Bob Murphy	Will County Forest Preserve District
Jerry Venable	Rockford Park District
Sam Hardt	Rockford Park District
Patti Bowker	Kane County Forest Preserve
Bill Glisson	Kane County Forest Preserve
Steve Laskowski	DuPage Forest Preserve
John Schuetz	Naperville Park District Police
Pete Stankiewicz	PDRMA

Treasurer Report:

Jeff Diedrick distributed copies of the Treasurers report for dates 10/08/2005 – 2/03/2006. Some general discussion took place regarding the report. Jeff indicated that the \$1000 transfer was made to the Death and Disability account. A motion was made by Jerry Venable and seconded by Patti Bowker to approve the report as presented with summary to be provided in February. Motion was approved.

Secretary Report:

Pete Stankiewicz distributed copies of the January 2006 minutes for review. Pete informed the committee that the minutes were not e-mailed to all IPLEA members as discussed in January. The minutes will be e-mailed for the February meeting. A motion was made by Patti Bowker and seconded by Jerry Venable to approve the January 2006 report as printed. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

Budget Report:

Jeff Diedrick indicated that the Budget was not complete at the time and that it will be ready for the March Meeting. The current budget is one that is based on past expenditures, and includes all membership fees, conference fees and expenditures, and all meeting expenses. Jeff indicated that the complete budget will be presented at the March Meeting

New Business:

2006 Fall Conference

Jerry Venable and Sam Hardt updated the committee on the status of preparation for the 2006 fall conference to be held in Rockford. The conference will be held at the Ramada Inn hotel on East State Street. The Rockford Park District Staff is negotiating room rates which will include breakfast. Sam also discussed other possible training room expenses.

Jerry added that one of the evening outings will be a cookout at the Park District Indoor Sports Complex. All other plans are being worked on.

2006 Spring Conference

Discussions took place on who will host the 2006 spring conference and possible program topics. Both the Kane County Forest Preserve and DuPage County Forest Preserve agreed to co-host the event. They will secure a location, date and presenter for late March or early April.

Board Positions

General Discussion

Jeff quickly summarized the current situation regarding the elected positions of the IPLEA Board and opened the topic for discussion with the committee.

It was determined that Ward Davis had one year left in his term. The committee decided that the positions needing to be filled will be for the remaining one year of the term (2006). A new election will take place for all positions in 2007.

President

The committee discussed the position of President and asked if there were individuals interested in holding the position. After this discussion, Jerry Venable made a motion that Jeff Diedrick be named president of IPLEA for the 2006 term. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Stark. Motion was approved.

Treasurer

The committee discussed the position of Treasurer and asked if there were individuals interested in holding the position. After this discussion, Carolyn Stark made a motion that Bill Glisson be named Treasurer of IPLEA for the 2006 term. The motion was seconded by Jeff Diedrick. Motion was approved.

PLEA and IPRA memberships

Jeff Diedrick informed the committee that there was some confusion as to the status of IPLEA and its memberships with IPRA and PLEA. Jeff opened discussion with the committee as to whether memberships were needed and should be maintained. The committee agreed that IPLEA should maintain current memberships with both organizations. Jeff indicated that he would investigate the status with both IPRA and PLEA and report back to the committee at the March meeting.

Meeting Location

Jeff Diedrick questioned the committee on whether Starved Rock State Park should continue to be the location for monthly IPLEA committee meetings. After comment and discussion the committee agreed that Starved Rock should continue to be the monthly meeting location. It still provides a good location for all to meet and allows for the members from the central and southern end of the state to attend.

Other Business:

2007 PLEA Conference

Jeff Diedrick provided the committee of a summary of the January 19th PLEA committee site visit to the NIPSTA training facility. The PLEA conference committee decided that the main location for the 2007 conference be a downtown Chicago hotel. Rick Haake and the DuPage County Forest Preserve Staff are working to secure this location.

The dates for the 2007 conference are June 5th – 8th, 2007. The committee is looking for assistance in finding vendors that would be willing to sponsor the conference or provided give-a-ways. Also needed are location ideas for class side trips as well as night excursions while at the conference and session topics that would be of interest to a national audience.

IPRA Session

Bill Glisson informed the committee that he was a featured speaker at the 2006 IPRA/IAPD State Conference. He presented on the topic of “Sexual Offenders in the Parks” with the Illinois States Attorney. Bill was listed as a member of IPLEA in all write-ups for the conference.

Agility testing

There was discussion on how agencies are currently addressing the issue of agility testing for officers. No main consensus was found. Each department expressed frustration with the issues and considered future discussion in order to create sample standards that departments could implement.

Department Training

Additional discussion took place on how IPLEA members can better coordinate trainings for their agency officers. The thought was that by posting information on the IPLEA website and communicating between agencies all officers could have a variety of dates to choose from to maintain their mandatory trainings. No man consensus was found regarding this topic.

A motion was made by Jerry Venable and seconded by Carolyn Stark to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM. The March meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled prior to the Spring Workshop, April 10th, 2006 at 8:30 AM. Please refer to the IPLEA website for directions.

2006 IPLEA Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Location
April 10 th	8:30 am	TBA
Spring Workshop	April 10 th	TBA (Please refer to fliers and IPLEA website)
May 17 th	11 am	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
June 14 th	11 am	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
July	No Meeting	

August 9 th	11 am	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
September 10 th	TBA	Rockford – Ramada Inn
Fall Workshop	September 10 – 13 th	Rockford – Ramada Inn
October 11 th	11 am	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
November 8 th	11 am	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
December 6 th	11 am	Starved Rock State Park Lodge