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## Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association

"Dedicated to the Advancement of the Park Law Enforcement Profession"



November 9, 2006  
MEETING SUMMARY

The November meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association was held at the Grand Bear Lodge, Utica, Illinois. Jeff Diedrick called the meeting to order at 11:11 AM.

### Present were:

Jeff Diedrick	McHenry County Conservation District
Carolyn Stark	Fox Valley Park District
Roy Johnson	Lake County Forest Preserve
Rick Haake	DuPage County Forest Preserve
Tom Wakolbinger	DuPage County Forest Preserve
Bob Murphy	Will County Forest Preserve
Cliff Kretsinger	Decatur Park District
Pete Stankiewicz	PDRMA

### Introductions and Welcome

Chief Clifford Kretsinger of the Decatur Park District was welcomed to his first IPLEA meeting. The committee thanked him for attending and looks forward to his participation with IPLEA in the future.

### Treasurer Report:

Jeff Diedrick provided a treasurers report from October 11, 2006 through November 3, 2006. There is a current balance of \$6216.67 with an additional \$3000 in the Death and Disability Escrow account. The IPLEA finances are in good standing. There was a motion to approve the Treasurers Report made by Pete Stankiewicz and seconded by Rick Haake. Motion was approved.

### Secretary Report:

Pete Stankiewicz distributed copies of the October 2006 minutes for review. A motion was made by Carolyn Stark and seconded by Bob Murphy to approve the October 2006 report. Motion was approved.

### Old Business:

#### 2007 Winter Retreat

Jeff Diedrick had discussions with a few presenters and was waiting for replies regarding availability. Jeff requested approval to spend between \$500 – 750 to secure one of the vendors he was talking too. Pete Stankiewicz made the motion for the allocation of \$500 - \$750 to be used to secure a presenter. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Stark. The motion was approved.

A flier was going to be developed and posted on the website, sent to all IPLEA members and other targeted agencies.

### **2007 PLEA Conference**

PLEA has two \$500 scholarships for college students majoring in a related field or student related to police officers. Interested individuals can go to the PLEA website [parkranger.org](http://parkranger.org) for more information.

Rick had discussions with a variety of people regarding the 2007 conference and it appears many people are planning to attend.

Plea would like the IPLEA board to submit a revenue goal to them regarding hosting the 2007 conference. This can be sent with Rick to their next meeting or forwarded via e-mail.

### **IPLEA Question Forum Via E-Mail**

Roy Johnson informed the board that the e-mail forum for members of IPLEA is up and already being utilized. The board expressed their thanks to Roy for his work.

### **Website Report**

Roy Johnson indicated that he has contacted PLEA representatives and requested IPLEA to be added as a link. He has also added the IPLEA logo to the site as well.

### **Annual Conference “Things to Do List”**

Pete Stankiewicz had no new information regarding this issue. Progress will be presented at a future meeting.

### **Fall Newsletter**

Roy Johnson is waiting on final submissions for the newsletter. Carolyn will forward all of the contact information to Roy so all members get copies.

### **Member Form Revision**

Carolyn Stark had worked on revising the form and cover information. The board reviewed the changes and thanked Carolyn for her efforts. The new renewal form will be mailed out in the end of November as well as posted to the website. Pete Stankiewicz made a motion to approve the changes to the membership application and renewal form pending the logo changes. Rick Haake seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

A few questions were raised on why the form needed revision. It was discussed that there was confusion for new members and member renewals regarding the cost and what the benefits were for each option. For clarification it was pointed out that Agency memberships include only Part-time officers and not Full-time officers. Full-time officers need to enroll in an individual membership.

There was discussion regarding on-line membership registration and renewal. Currently there is no way for the agency to process credit cards but research will begin regarding collecting the information and potentially billing individuals.

### **New Business**

#### **2007 Fall Conference**

Jeff Diedrick received an e-mail from Chief Ganster of the Will County Forest Preserve stating that they will not be able to host the 2007 conference. This e-mail prompted a great deal

of discussion on what should be done. There was discussion ranging from finding a replacement host to the conference should be cancelled due to the timing and cost of the PLEA conference. After a great deal of deliberation a motion was made by Rick Haake to cancel the 2007 Fall Conference and resume the conference in 2008. Carolyn Stark Seconded the Motion. The motion was approved.

**Nominations for Officers**

A formal discussion will take place at the December board meeting regarding the upcoming vacancies on the committee. There is a need for the committee to develop a plan for the future of IPLEA and the elected positions. The plan is to have a formal vote at the winter retreat. The current board of Directors vote to approve the candidates. The current board of directors is Roy Johnson, Jerry Venable, and Carolyn Stark.

If anyone is interested in a position on the Board please contact Jeff Diedrick or one of the members of the current board.

**Other Business:**

No Other Business

A motion was made by Rick Haake and seconded by Carolyn Stark to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Grand Bear Lodge, Utica beginning at 11 am. Please refer to the IPLEA website for directions.

**2006 IPLEA Meeting Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge

**2007 IPLEA Meeting Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm meeting	Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena
January 8 & 9	Winter Retreat	Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena
February 14	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
March 14	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
April 11	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
May 9	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
June 6 – 8	PLEA Conference	Hyatt Lisle
The June Meeting will be held during morning meeting at the PLEA conference		
July	No Meeting	
August 8	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
September 12	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
October 10	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
November 14	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica
December 12	11 am	Grand Bear Lodge / Utica