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## Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association

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



May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
MEETING SUMMARY

The May meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association was held at the Starved Rock State Park Lodge, Starved Rock, Illinois. Jeff Diedrick called the meeting to order at 11:11 AM.

**Present were:**

Jeff Diedrick	McHenry County Conservation District
John Waxweiler	Lockport Township Park District
Bob Murphy	Forest Preserve District of Will County
Carolyn Stark	Fox Valley Park District
Dan Olszewski	Forest Preserve District of Will County
Pete Stankiewicz	PDRMA

**Treasurer Report:**

Jeff Diedrick presented a treasurers report submitted by Patti Bowker for 4/09/2008 – 05/14/2008. The report balance was off \$26.05 compared to the actual account balance. The committee requested that this be investigated, the error found and the report be resubmitted at the next meeting for approval. No motion was made.

**Secretary Report:**

No report was presented for the April meeting.

**Website Report**

Steve Laskowski requested that the board consider inviting Terry to the Fall workshop banquet as a thanks for all of his work. The committee unanimously agreed.

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

No Report

**Membership**

Carolyn Stark provided the groups with all of the updates as of 5/14/2008. Three new members have joined since the last meeting. IPLEA now has 14 agency members and 62 individual members.

**Newsletter**

Steve Laskowski reported via an e-mail that the fall newsletter has been sent both electronically and by mail. The committee discussed the mail issue. No members have received the copy in the mail as of the meeting. Jeff Diedrick will contact Steve to investigate this issue. A report will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

**Spring Workshop**

Carolyn Stark Reported that all comments she has received were favorable for the spring workshop. There were 26 attendees for the Rapid Response session hosted by the Fox Valley Park District Police Department.

**2008 Fall Conference**

Bob Murphy updated the committee on his efforts for the conference.

- The fliers were updated to include the new facilities address.
- A two day flier is to be created for non-park Law enforcement registration
- Bob is working to secure a presenter for the Wednesday morning session. His original contact for the session will not be available.

**Death and Disability Form & Policy**

No Report

**New Business:**

**Winter Retreat Planning for 2009**

Jeff Diedrick and John Waxweiller will begin the planning process for the retreat. No additional information is available at this time.

**Peoria Park District Meeting**

Jeff Diedrick informed the Committee that he and Carolyn Stark will be scheduling a meeting in May to visit the Chief and key staff at the Peoria Park District to encourage participation. They will let the committee know how the meeting goes.

**2008 Fall Conference IPLEA Awards**

Carolyn Stark and Jeff Diedrick will begin developing the submission forms for the Officer of the year and Agency of the year awards.

**Other Business:**

**2008 PLEA Conference**

Several committee and IPLEA Members attended the conference in Ohio and felt the conference was very educational and they were impressed with the facilities and operations that were presented.

**PLEA Affiliation vs State Chapters**

Jeff Diedrick informed the committee that there were discussions, at the PLEA conference, that the PLEA board is considering organizing State chapters/associations of their organization. They are looking to increase their user/participation numbers nationally. They intend to use these numbers to foster more interaction with vendors and other affiliate groups. At this time no action is being taken. The initial thought is that as long as the state association is part of PLEA, the members of that state association will be recognized as members of the national organization. Jeff will provide more details as they are presented.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Stark at 11:51 pm and seconded by John Waxweiler. The motion was approved. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 11 am, Starved Rock State Park Lodge.

**2008 IPLEA Meeting Dates**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
July – No Meeting		
Wednesday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
Sunday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	5 PM	Fall Conference – Joliet, Meeting location TBD
Fall Conference September 15 – 17 <sup>th</sup>		Hosted by the Will County Conservation District
Wednesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
Wednesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Starved Rock State Park Lodge
Wednesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	11AM	Starved Rock State Park Lodge