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Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association
“Dedicated to the Advancement of the Park Law Enforcement Profession”



February 11, 2009
MEETING SUMMARY

The February meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association was held at the Starved Rock Lodge, Starved Rock, Illinois. John Waxweiler called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Present were:

John Waxweiler	Lockport Township Park District
Patti Bowker	Kane County Forest Preserve District
Jeff Deidrick	Mc Henry County Conservation District
Abe Martinez	Mc Henry County Conservation District
Steve Laskowski	Du Page County Forest Preserve District
Tom Wakolbinger	Du Page County Forest Preserve District
Phil Gunnell	Du Page County Forest Preserve District
Dan Olszewski	Forest Preserve District of Will County
Cliff Kretsinger	Decatur Park District
Tim Lenac	PDRMA

Introduction of Guests: Chief Tom Wakolbinger started the meeting by introducing Deputy Chief Phil Gunnell of the Du Page County Forest Preserve District.

Treasurer's Report: The committee reviewed the report. Once all the Winter Retreat registration fees have been received they will be added. A discussion was also held regarding transferring \$2,000 from the checking account to the Death & Disability CD. Steve Laskowski made a motion to accept the Report. Tim Lenac seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Secretary's Report: The committee reviewed the report. Cliff Kretsinger made a motion to accept the Report. Dan Olszewski seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Director's Reports

Website: Steve Laskowski is in the process of updating the look of the website. Steve is looking for pictures of trainings and agency squad cars to include on the website. Steve asked that everyone review their department contact information to ensure the information is correct. Steve also stated the link from the PLEA website to the IPLEA website was not working properly and asked if the problem could be fixed. Patti Bowler suggested adding a link to NEMERT to the IPLEA website as well.

IPLEA

- Newsletter: Steve Laskowski commented the next newsletter will be released sometime this spring. Steve also asked for suggestions on which version of IPLEA letterhead should be used in the future. Currently three different versions exist.
- Membership: Abe Martinez stated that 3 applications were received recently but one application was missing the check. Abe will be depositing the two checks that were received. Abe is also working to set up an internal registration program to help standardize the process.
- Training: Cliff Kretsinger commented on how well the Winter Retreat program was received by his staff that attended. Cliff asked for feedback on the survey that Steve Laskowski sent out regarding the Winter Retreat. Cliff also handed out sample certificates that he would like to use to document future training opportunities. After a brief discussion, the landscape format was agreed upon.

Old Business

- Annual Conference: “Things to DO List” – Jeff Deidrick indicated that Pete Stankiewicz, Rockford Park District was willing to participate in planning the conference. Patti Bowker also suggested contacting Bob Murphy, Forest Preserve District of Will County, for assistance in planning the conference.
- Fall Conference 2008: IPLEA is waiting on the final \$1,000 from the Forest Preserve District of Will County.
- Death & Disability Form The updates to the form are being finalized and will be available next month.
- Death & Disability Policy: Nothing
- Winter Retreat 2009: Forest Preserve District of Will County and Mc Henry County Conservation District will be sending checks for registration fees soon. Jeff Deidrick will provide a summary of all related expenses. Jeff Deidrick and Steve Laskowski both commented on how well the conference was attended and the presenter. Steve Laskowski suggested alternating the spring and fall locations between North and South locations.
- Fall Conference 2009: John Waxweiler discussed the need for an agency to host the 2009 Fall Conference. September 13th-16th were discussed as possible dates for the Fall Conference. Steve Laskowski indicated he may have a possible speaker for the conference. John Waxweiler also asked for suggestions for other possible training topics. Jeff Deidrick and John Waxweiler suggested having the Fall Conference at Starved Rock State Park if a host location is not found soon.
- Death of Pete Haas: John Waxweiler asked IPLEA to make a \$50.00 donation for a memorial tree in honor of Pete Haas. Steve Laskowski made a motion for the \$50.00 donation. Cliff Kretsinger seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

- IPLEA Bank Account:** John Waxweiler stated the IPLEA account will be moved to National City Bank. A discussion was held regarding needed signatures and who will be receiving debit cards.
- Address Change:** All new membership applications and registrations will be sent to Abe Martinez at the Mc Henry County Conservation District. The membership application and registration forms will be changed to include the address change.
- Death & Disability CD:** John Waxweiler stated the Death & Disability CD escrow is currently valued at \$7,190.13 and is located at Prairie State Bank. Currently Abe Martinez is the contact person on the CD. John Waxweiler and Dan Olszewski will also be added to the account.
- HB 0161:** A discussion was held regarding IPLEA supporting the efforts of HB 0161. Steve Laskowski discussed some of the benefits and concerns with supporting the Bill. Jeff Deidrick suggested language should be added to the Bill to include all agency types/names. John Waxweiler agreed to send a letter to the Bill sponsor requesting all agency types/names be included in the Bill. Patti Bowker made a motion to approve the letter being sent asking for the recommended changes. Dan Olszewski seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Spring Workshop 2009:** Patti Bowker stated that Alarm Detection Services agreed to sponsor the Spring Workshop at no cost. The Spring Workshop will be held on April 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Location information will be provided once it is finalized.
- March 11, 2009 Meeting:** Patti Bowker and Abe Martinez stated that they will not be able to attend the March 11th meeting. After a brief discussion it was decided to hold the March meeting as scheduled.
- Future Meeting Dates:**
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| March 11 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |
| April 8 th | 10 A.M. | TBD |
| May 13 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |
| June 10 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |
| July – No Meeting | | |
| August 12 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |
| September | 5 P.M. | Meeting Location & Dates TBD |
| October 7 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |
| November 11 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |
| December 9 th | 11 A.M. | Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL |

Dan Olszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Patti Bowker. Meeting adjourned.