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Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association

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

February 10, 2010
MEETING SUMMARY

The February meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association was held at the Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL. Patti Bowker called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Present were:

Patti Bowker	Kane County Forest Preserve District
Cliff Kretsinger	Decatur Park District
Steve Laskowski	Du Page County Forest Preserve District
Dan Olszewski	Forest Preserve District of Will County
Tim Lenac	PDRMA
Jeff Diedrick	Mc Henry County Forest Preserve District

Introduction of Guests: No guests were present.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the Report. Dan Olszewski also provided the Board with a list of expenses for the Winter Retreat. Tim Lenac made a motion to accept the Report. Steve Laskowski seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

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

Website/Newsletter: Steve Laskowski stated the latest newsletter has been sent to all members with the exception of two members. Steve also stated the spring newsletter will be sent out shortly after the Spring Workshop. Patti Bowker asked Jeff Diedrick if Mc Henry County Conservation District could provide an article for the newsletter on their program on department issued weapons. Steve asked for a copy of the June 2009 and August 2009 meeting minutes so they can be posted to the website. Steve also discussed the need for paying the webmaster for their services in 2010. Finally, Steve stated he will update the membership information on the website soon.

Membership: Nothing.

Training: Cliff Kretsinger discussed putting together an email survey for potential training topics. Cliff further stated he will put together the survey and send to the rest of the Board members for their thoughts and/or approval. Jeff Diedrick suggested putting a link on the website so members can post potential training suggestions. Patti Bowker also informed the Board that Jim Haggerty will discuss future training topics with Triton College.

Old Business

Annual Conference: "Things to DO List" – Patti Bowker informed the Board that Jeff Diedrick and Pete Stankiewicz met to discuss the list. Jeff informed the Board that a draft list is completed and that he and Pete will meet again soon to finish the list.

Winter Retreat: The Board held a discussion regarding feedback on the evaluations and suggestions received during the retreat. Jeff Diedrick suggested the Board consider setting the date and location for the 2011 Winter Retreat as soon as possible and a brief discussion was held. The Board also reviewed the expenses for the 2010 Winter Retreat.

By Laws: A brief discussion was held regarding the by laws. It was stated that the bylaws need to be signed and dated so a record can be kept on when they are reviewed.

New Business

Spring Workshop: Patti Bowker informed the Board about her conversation with Keith Kalodimas, Chief-Round Lake Area Park District, about hosting the Spring Workshop. The topic for the training will be on "Less than lethal" weapons. The training will cover the pros & cons, liability issues and department practices. The tentative date for the training will be April 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Round Lake Area Park District.

Fall Conference: Patti Bowker discussed NIPSTA as the potential location for the Fall Conference and that the Lake County Forest Preserve District will host the Conference. Jeff Diedrick also discussed setting the dates for the Fall Conference as soon as possible. After a brief discussion, the dates of September 12th – 15th were set as potential Conference dates. Potential training topics will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Everyone was also reminded that next month's Board will be held at NIPSTA which will include a tour of the facility. A brief discussion was also held regarding potential locations for the 2011 Winter Retreat. Galena and Decatur were discussed as potential locations. More information to come.

Tax Filing: Patti Bowker informed the Board that she spoke with a tax expert regarding IPLEA's tax status. According to Patti, the organization needs to complete two tax filings annually. One is the Annual Report through the Secretary of States office (completed) and the other is a Form 990N or 990 EZ. A discussion was also held regarding the Death & Disability CD and potential IRS implications. More information to come on these topics. The Board also discussed increasing the amount of the CD to $10,000 from its current value when it matures in March 2010. Patti Bowker made a motion to add more money to the CD in March when it matures to increase its value to $10,000. Cliff Kretsinger seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board also discussed raising the Death & Disability benefit from $500 to $1,000. Dan Olszewski made a motion to increase the Death & Disability benefit from $500 to $1,000. Steve Laskowski seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board also agreed that an article will be placed in the next newsletter as well on the website informing the membership on the benefit increase.

PDRMA Review Input: Jeff Diedrick discussed with the Board soliciting input from IPLEA members regarding the update process to the PDRMA Loss Control Review Program. Specifically, Jeff was interested in soliciting input on the Park/Police form. Tim Lenac stated he would discuss this request with his supervisor and get back to Jeff with a response.

Future Meeting Dates:

March 10th	11:00 A.M.	NIPSTA, Glenview, IL
April 14th	10:00 A.M.	Round Lake Area Park District
May 12th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL

June 9th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
July – No Meeting		
August 11th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
September	7:00 P.M.	Meeting Location & Dates TBD
October 13th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
November 10th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
December 8th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL

Patti Bowker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dan Olszewski. Meeting adjourned.