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



March 10, 2010
MEETING SUMMARY

The March meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Agency was held at Little Louies Red Hots, Northbrook, IL. Patti Bowker called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

Present were:

Patti Bowker	Kane County Forest Preserve District
Abe Martinez	Mc Henry County Forest Preserve District
Steve Laskowski	Du Page County Forest Preserve District
Dan Olszewski	Forest Preserve District of Will County
Tim Lenac	PDRMA
Keith Kalodimas	Round Lake Area Park District
John Tannehill	Lake County Forest Preserve District
Bill Hooker	PDRMA

Introduction of Guests: Patti Bowker took the opportunity to introduce Chief Keith Kalodimas of the Round Lake Area Park District, Chief John Tannehill of the Lake County Forest Preserve District and Bill Hooker of PDRMA.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the Report. Tim Lenac made a motion to accept the Report. Patti Bowker seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

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

Website/Newsletter: Steve Laskowski stated there was an issue with the links for the membership information on the website and he is working with the webmaster to correct the problem. Steve also stated the contact information under the merchandise link needs to be updated as well. Steve indicated the Spring Newsletter will be sent out to all members after the Spring Workshop. Steve also asked for articles for the upcoming newsletter.

Membership: Abe Martinez stated at this time, IPLEA has received 58 renewal memberships for the 2010 calendar year. Keith Kalodimas asked how many park police departments there were in the state. Bill Hooker commented that the information may be obtained from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Abe Martinez also stated that he may also have the information. Keith also asked for a list of PDRMA members with law enforcement functions. Tim Lenac will provide Keith with the requested information. Bill Hooker also stated that PDRMA would be willing to post upcoming IPLEA training information on the PDRMA website to help promote IPLEA programs.

Training: Nothing with the exception of Bill Hooker asking the group about topics that maybe difficult for training opportunities and Bill also stated that PDRMA maybe able to assist in organizing training topics in the future.

Old Business

Annual Conference: “Things to DO List” – Patti Bowker informed the Board about the meeting Jeff Diedrick and Pete Stankiewicz had to discuss the list. Patti indicated progress has been made but another meeting will be held to finalize the list.

By-Laws: Patti Bowker stated the by-laws will need to be reviewed and updated before they can be signed. Currently, IPLEA is structured as a 501(c) (6) organization and that will need to be changed to a 50(c) (9) structure because of the Death & Disability Benefit IPLEA offers to its members. Patti will also be speaking with the IRS about required tax filings. The organization will be required to file a 990N form and 1099 forms for instructors who are paid over \$600 on an annual basis. Patti also indicated the organization’s tax exempt status has expired but will be renewed with the State.

PDRMA LCR Program: Tim Lenac passed out a copy of the 2009 PDRMA Park Police/Security Loss Control Review form to those in attendance and asked for comments regarding potential updates by April 1st. John Tannehill stated looking at the Illinois Chief of Police Standards for possible resources.

New Business

Spring Workshop: Keith Kalodimas discussed the Spring Workshop’s training topic of tasers and their implementation. Keith stated the instructor for the Spring Workshop will be Terry Kaminski and there will be no charge for the instructor. Keith also discussed the possibility of a training day during the Fall Conference. Patti Bowker asked Keith if he would be willing to help with getting costs for lunch and to provide her with the information so a decision can be made. It was started the flyer for the Spring Workshop has been posted on the website and a flyer will be mailed to all members. Bill Hooker also stated that PDRMA would post the flyer on the PDRMA website.

Fall Conference: Before the Board meeting, the Board members had the opportunity to tour the NIPSTA campus as a possible location for the Fall Conference. John Tannehill also discussed the possibility of utilizing the Lake County Forest Preserves Training Center as a possible location as well. A decision on the location of the conference will be made at the April Board meeting. The dates of the conference will be September 12th-15th. The September Board meeting will be held on Sunday evening with the Banquet/Awards Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday. Patti Bowker asked John for assistance in looking into hotel accommodations near the conference location. More information regarding the hotel accommodations will be provided at a later date as well. Discussions were also held regarding potential training topics for the Fall Conference. Possible training topics include gang awareness, fitness for duty training and use of tasers. More information to come. John also discussed the possibility of creating an on-line survey (for training and other suggestions) and offered to help set the system up.

CD Renewal: The amount of the Death & Disability CD will be increased to a total of \$10,000 with a total of \$2,577.06 being transferred from the checking account to the CD. The CD will be placed at the American Bank & Trust for a period of 18months with an interest rate of 1.6% and with a one time adjustment provided.

Organization Reclassification: The IPLEA organization will need to be reclassified from a 501(c) (6) organization to a 501(c) (9) organization. Patti Bowker is working with the IRS and State in order to make the change.

Death & Disability Update: Patti Bowker stated she is looking through IPLEA documents to determine where changes need to be made with the new benefit amount. An article will also be placed in the next newsletter informing the members of the increased benefit.

IPLEA Vendor Items: Patti Bowker and Steve Laskowski asked for information on potential new vendors for the IPLEA merchandise. Abe Martinez also indicated that he will look through his information for past vendors the organization has used.

Future Meeting Dates:

April 14 th	10:00 A.M.	Round Lake Area Park District
May 12 th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
June 9 th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
July – No Meeting		
August 11 th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
September 12 th	7:00 P.M.	Meeting Location TBD
October 13 th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
November 10 th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
December 8 th	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL

John Tannehill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Keith Kalodimas. Meeting adjourned.