



Texas Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors Association



Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th, 2011

Meeting called to attention and a quorum was established at 13:05hours by President, Rebecca Colwell. Meeting held at the Dallas Police Department-Northwest Substation located at 9801 Harry Hines, Dallas, Texas.

SECRETARY REPORT: Trevor Grisso present

- Minutes from last meeting handed out and reviewed. **Motion** made to accept by Joe Hawkins-Dallas PD and 2nd by Brad Johnson-Fort Worth PD (retired). All voted in favor of passing March minutes.

TREASURER REPORT: Diane Stubbs not present

- Previous approved balance as of March 2011 was \$11,127.12. No information from Treasurer for new account balance after the April 2nd State Competition.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussed the "After-Action Review" of the State Competition. (See attached for details.)
- Recommended "Committee Chairperson" positions needed for next year's competition are:
 - Registration
 - Lodging/Housing
 - Payments (*cash box/monies*)
 - Food/Drinks
 - Opening/Closing Awards show
 - Trophies/Awards/Scholarships
 - Visual Content/Print Media (*maps, signage, banners, etc.*)
 - Scenarios (*scoring/grievances*)
 - L.E. Product Vendors/Demos (*ex: GST, ASP, Smith & Wesson etc.*)
 - Video Slideshow/Video Montage
 - L.E. Car Show
 - N.E.V.O.
 - Physical Agility Course
 - L.E. Demonstrations (*helicopters, motorcycles, SWAT, mounted patrol, K9, etc*)
 - Bicycle Obstacle Course
 - Firearms/Firearm Simulator
 - TLEEAA Sales (*t-shirts, challenge coins, novelties, etc.*)
- Food: 825 Lunches, 700 Dinners ordered for the entire event. Lunch count was almost exact, dinner had extras.
- Damage to one classroom bookcase (DEA event), with no notification of the damage to TLEEAA. Teacher found it when she came in on Monday, but does not want it replaced.
- Shortage of hotel rooms, need to block approximately 50 rooms for next year, if at same site. Also breakfast schedule at hotel needs to be changed to accommodate those who leave earlier than 7AM.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed having the competition stay in Fort Worth for 2012 and moving the competition to San Marcos (Texas State University) for 2013. Issue will be getting enough local support from agencies in the southern districts to host the events.
- Discussed the current website and the need for a new “hosting” company. Trevor Grisso-Coppell PD will get bids and report back with results at next meeting. Also try to extend our site with Vipersites for two more months to give TLEEAA time to locate a new hosting vendor. Rebecca will contact Jim Langham with Red Oak PD to determine if this is feasible.
- The new elected board members for the 2011-2012 year are:

Board President:	Rebecca Colwell
1 st Vice President:	Matt Murrey
2 nd Vice President:	Curtis Kaloi
Treasurer:	Jim Hermes
Secretary:	Trevor Grisso
Sgt. at Arms:	Brad Johnson

- Motion to have all current board members to have TLEEAA debit cards issued to them. Motion made by Curtis Kaloi-Irving PD, and 2nd by James Perry-Dallas PD.
- Motion to change the P.O. Box from Melissa, Texas to a more convenient location in the metroplex. Cost will be approximately \$50 to \$100 dollars per year depending on size of box, location and availability. Motion made by Curtis Kaloi-Irving PD, and 2nd by Jim Hermes-Murphy PD.
- Discussed TLEEAA giving an Plano PD explorer money to offset expenses for the National Academies. Opinion was if you do it for one explorer then you’re going to have to do it for other explorers too. Currently there are no standards, rules, or policies for doing this and not recommended until such are approved and in place first. Tabled for discussion for a later time.
- Discussed updating the TLEEAA Bylaws and adding new board member positions such as:

- Media/Public Relations**
- Communications** (*newsletter/membership*)
- Webmaster/IT** (*website*)
- Historian** (*photographer*)
- Training Coordinator** (*monthly training*)

- Discussed hosting the next “Advisors Seminar” the dates of: July 27-29th, 2011 in the DFW metroplex. All instructors will check on the dates and possible locations and report back at the next meeting. This course will potentially attract officers assigned in the schools that can only get training during the summer months. Also discussed hosting another Advisor Seminar in the late fall in another part of the state.
- **NEW MONTHLY TRAINING:** TLEEAA will begin to host monthly training in different topics of law enforcement to teach explorers how to train per competition scoring/guidelines. Cost will be set at \$10.00 dollars per explorer which will cover the cost of lunch and drinks throughout the day. A maximum of four (4) explorers from one Post is the limit. Class size will be limited as well. TLEEAA will be looking for other agencies from all around the State of Texas to host these as well. Details will be posted on TLEEAA website as it becomes available.

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Upcoming Events/Announcements:

- MLEEA Conference: April 14th-17th (Rochester, Minnesota)
- Capital Challenge: July 23rd –July 24th, 2011 (Topeka, Kansas)
- Fort Worth PD SWAT Camp: August 4-7th, 2011 (Bridgeport, TX)

Motion to adjourn made by Curtis Kaloi-Irving PD and 2nd by James Perry-Dallas PD at approximately 14:47 hours.

Next Meeting:

Next TLEEA meeting will be Wednesday May 11th at the Dallas Police Dept-Northwest Substation located at 9801 Harry Hines, Dallas, Texas.

All present on "Sign-In" sheet were as follows:

President, Rebecca Colwell-Fort Worth PD
1st VP, Matt Murrey- Ellis County SO
2nd VP, Curtis Kaloi-Irving PD
Treasurer, Jim Hermes-Murphy PD
Secretary, Trevor Grisso-Coppell PD
Sgt. at Arms, Brad Johnson-Fort Worth PD (retired)
James Perry- Dallas PD
Joe Hawkins-Dallas PD
Nancy Holm-Richardson PD
Virgil Robinson- UTD PD
Gus Moreno-Arlington PD



2011 Metroplex Law Enforcement Explorer Competition

After Action Review

Competition planning began in December 2010 and information was posted on the website notifying agencies of upcoming date and location. Use of website to facilitate registration and disseminating information streamlined the process although true online registration is needed.

Membership is automatic in TLEEEA so no separate cost for membership needs to be calculated. Fee was \$175.00 per team, which covered 4 Explorers and one advisor. Registration was confusing as to additional advisors, additional meals, shirts etc. Possibly because this was first year using this format. Need to figure out easier way to account and charge for additional advisors, meals, shirts etc. Software was configured to accommodate 96 teams by Trevor and worked smoothly. Need to make decision on agencies that host more than one event and whether to allow their teams to compete in those events. T-shirts and Trophies were ordered from same vendor and were delivered late AGAIN. Trophies for Car show were added this year. Stuffing bags with shirts and setting up tables was done Friday April 1st. Need to schedule help for stuffing bags and make sure at least 5 volunteers or board members are there. No regular meeting on campus due to school being in session, need to make sure that is conveyed to host agencies next year so they can know to come ahead of time to do site visit. Setting up and bag stuffing was completed around 10:30 p.m. Need to have trophies and shirts continue to be delivered early no later than 1:00 p.m. day before competition, if possible even earlier if storage location can be safely secured at competition site. Opening ceremonies was smooth although we were late opening doors, 6:11 p.m. (Where's Virgil!) Coppell did wonderful job again with Color Guard, Ellis County did Prayer and Rebecca did welcome speech. Ft. Worth Explorer sang National Anthem, did great job!

825 lunches were ordered @ \$5.50 each. 700 dinners were ordered at a cost of \$9.50 per meal. Quality of meals were excellent this year!

Volunteers were sent to south gym with Brad Johnson and Harry to be assigned to events. Robin Howman took over job of coordinating volunteers and did excellent job. Future events need one person assigned to this task, taking phone numbers of agency contacts and assigning volunteers as needed. Most agencies supplied their own actors although this is always an area where we need to overcompensate. For 2012 a Judge's Briefing Sheet should be provided to Judges at the 7A meeting in the staging area. Briefing and Brief Sheet should include reminder that commissioned officers participating as actors **SHALL NOT BE ARMED**. Judges should be instructed to drop off any leftover morning score sheets when they break and pick-up lunch. Minimum of 50 volunteers should be considered for future competitions.

Facilities were excellent with no major problems noted. DEA did request a room more like a house for their scenario next year. Several compliments were made as to location and that we had exclusive use of school. Car show, DEA Helicopter, K-9, Army display, Motorcycle demo, all were fantastic with lots of participation. Tug-of-war didn't work as planned and should be looked at for future events. Dallas PD tactical showed up but due to lack of help coordinating car setup they could not perform.

