Montana APCO Chapter Meeting

October 29, 2013 12:30PM

Montana Law Enforcement Academy

Helena, MT

Attendees:

Heather Roos Miles City 911 Kimberly Burdick Chouteau County SO

Michele Blais MHP Susan Bomstad Missoula 911

Scott O’Connell Helena 911 Peggy Glass Livingston Park County 911

Dales Osborne MHP

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Bomstad.

After reviewing the minutes of the June 14, 2013 meeting, Heather Roos moved to accept the minutes. Scott O’Connell seconded the motion and the motioned passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report was prepared and submitted by Peggy Glass. Michele Blais moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Dale Osborne seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

TERT Committee:

Kim Burdick reported that we currently have approximately 25 trained people in the State, which is enough to have one team. Kim stated she will contact everyone on the list to see what their interest is.

Michele Blais stated there will be a two day full scale exercise in Billings next year and that she would contact Anne Kindness to see if TERT could join in on this exercise.

Legislative Committee:

President Bomstad stated that we are continuing to pursue getting an APCO Position on the MLEA Post Board and will also continue with the 20 year retirement issue at the next Legislation Session.

Training Committee:

President Bomstad stated that she has appointed John Hinkle as Chair of this committee. John will be selecting members to be on the committee.

President Bomstad stated that Roxanne Ross joined us earlier in the Committee Meetings and stated she would try and pursue an “Advanced Training” Class at MLEA.

Reminded everyone of the 40 hours of training every 2 years that will be required starting the first of the year and that the continuing hours need to be documented at each Agency.

Standards Committee:

President Bomstad stated that the Executive Committee decided to leave this as the Training and Standards Committee.

Pro-CHRT Committee:

President Bomstad stated she still needs to appoint a Chair to this committee. Reminded everyone that is interested that this committee would deal with Human Resource part such as dealing with professional development, wellness, challenges between Centers, Centers adopting a family for Christmas and also selecting the Public Safety awards for each category each year.

Technical Committee:

Scott O’Connell stated he will be emailing all of the PSAP’s to gather information on Technical people in their Centers. Stated he has also looked at Square Space for our new website and mobile App.

Stated that the cost is $16.00 per month with 10 to 20% off the first year and there can be several managers using the program. To check it out go to Scott-oconnell-squarespace.com and go in as a Guest.

President Bomstad stated that we also have MTAPCO.COM that needs to be pointed to MTAPCO.ORG. Scott will make sure this is taken care of.

Scott stated he has several ideas on Technical people that can join him on this committee.

There is a 3 day State IT Conference coming up that will be held in Helena in December. Scott will forward this information onto everyone.

MFAC Committee:

Dale Osborne reported that on December 9, 2013 there will be a Region 25 700/800 MHz Meeting held in Helena and that he will forward the information onto everyone. Dale stated that there are no VHF frequencies available in the State if anyone is looking for some. Almost all of the State has gone narrowband with just a few Counties that are still trying to get this done.

President Bomstad requested to have an MFAC report at each of our meetings. If no one from the committee can attend to please email a report for us to read and have on record.

Conference Committee:

President Bomstad reported that the Conference will be held in Bozeman May 27 – 30, 2014. Stated the Executive Committee met with MSPOA and MACOP representatives and ironed out some issues for next year. Both groups feel we are a good fit and would like to see more interaction with training, etc. We are looking at more sessions that pertain to both disciplines. Roxanne Ross from MLEA can do a 4 hour Mental Illness training that would fall in this guideline. The Chief of Police Association will also be attending the conference. Conference will be held at the Grand Tree Inn and Holiday Inn.

President Bomstad stated that we did not make any money at this years’ conference. MSPOA stated that the registration fee just pays the bills for the conference not counting the trainers. MSPOA states they have 65 vendors whether we are there or not and that is where they make their money. Executive Committee decided we will stay with MSPOA for this coming year and then we will need to make a decision later on with what our organization wants to do so we have some revenue coming in from the conference to pay for our trainers.

The Executive Committee also suggested that we give an award to individuals receiving APCO RPL for the year at the Conference.

Old Business:

Kim Burdick reported that the Executive Committee met yesterday and updated the Bylaws and Constitution. These documents had not been updated for 22 years. These two documents were consolidated into one.

President Bomstad reported that we are not tax exempt. She has contacted Jim Baskett, a CPA and Tax Attorney, who is contacting a lawyer in Great Falls who had done paperwork for us prior to see what had been done. Baskett will then file for a 501C3 status for our organization.

New Business:

President Bomstad stated that Cliff Peck has requested to be replaced as CCAM as he longer has the time to commit. Any suggestions on replacement please contact her.

President Bomstad stated years ago we did a membership drawing from classes at MLEA which included a one year APCO membership and we paid their registration to the State Conference and maybe we should consider doing this again.

Peggy Glass stated that ballots for the Election of Officers have been mailed and are due back by November 12th. Bomstad stated that the new Officers will be installed at our next meeting.

President Bomstad reported that Kimberly Burdick has submitted her nomination for Senior and Life Membership to our Chapter. Our Chapter now needs to review the nomination and submit it to the National level.

Dale Osborne suggested that we also consider Robert Leo. Bomstad stated that she would follow up on this.

After some discussion, it was decided to have our next meeting on January 15, 2014 in Helena at the Helena Police Department and Scott O’Connell will try and get a phone bridge for us to conference in the call.

Being no further business, Michele Blais motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kimberly Burdick and meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Peggy Glass, RPL

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Secretary/Treasurer