

**Law and Justice Commission
MTU 8**

Minutes

March 10, 2009

Members Present:

Bob McCarty	Randy Wilson	Hugh Roop	Paul Williams
Mike Glowacki	Pat Haskins	Dale Newsome	Jamey Kessinger
Bonnie Devore	Bob Wall	Rusty Thomas	
Aaron Woodruff	Brent Wick	Dave Schneider	

Staff Present:

Walt Clark Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCarty at 12:15 a.m. at Swingers Grille in Normal, IL
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in sheet passed around and quorum established.
- III. Motion was made by Newsome and seconded by Roop to approve December 9, 2008 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve December, January, February expenses made by Wall and seconded by Woodruff – all in favor – motion carried
- V. Correspondence
- VI. New Business:
 - A. Director attended Quarterly State Board Meeting on March 4-5.
 1. Director reported it was reported that State Training Boards finances look fine at this time.
 2. It was reported PTI, State Police Academy, and other basic training facilities are running at 60% capacity. PTI requested a \$2000 increase in tuition. This was tabled until the June State Board Meeting.
 3. It was reported that the Coroner's Surcharge Fund is in good shape. MTU 8 has put in for five death investigation grants.
 - B. Secretary vacancy – Wall was nominated by Wilson to fill the Secretary vacancy, seconded by Roop. Motion was made to close nominations by McCarty and seconded by Wilson. All approved, via voice vote, the appointment of Wall as Secretary.

- C. Slate of Officers for FY-2010 – Motion made to retain all current Executive Board Officers for FY-2010 made by Newsome and seconded by Wilson – all in favor – motion carried
- D. Budget Application for FY-2010 – Director reported a \$7,600 decrease in the FY-2010 Budget Application, mostly due to health care savings of about \$4,000. Most of the budget line items to stay the same as FY-2009. Director stated MTU 8 is fortunate not to have to pay for office rent and classroom space, allowing for more funds in the training line. Williams inquired about funds in the budget to update the website. Director stated funds would be available for the update. Motion to approve the FY-2010 Budget Application made by Glowacki and seconded by Thomas – all approved – motion carried

VII. Old Business

- A. Designees – Director stated the need for naming a designee in writing was to have an official vote and to cut out confusion as to who has the vote at the Board meetings. Director suggested listing the designee by position and not name; therefore wouldn't have to make designee changes every time a change is made in a position at the department.
- B. IMRF – Director stated the IMRF fund is down and contributions will be increased. MTU 8's contribution will be increased to approximately 9% from 5%. This is an estimate and not a concrete figure. IMRF is planning to have the exact figures in April. The State grant picks up the bulk of the expense; therefore, won't be a large impact locally.
- C. Insurance – Director stated he is currently comparing different insurance premium quotes to our current premiums. Van Gundy, which is close to our current premiums, would be all under one roof. Director has asked current carrier to check into lowering our premiums with higher deductibles. Director will keep the Board apprised as he gets further information.
- D. Thomas brought into question the cost of the Board meeting lunches. Thomas proposes three meetings with no lunches and one holiday meeting with lunch provided. Wilson stated the intent of providing lunches was to encourage members to attend the meetings. Director stated there has been an increase in attendance since meals have been provided. He also stated he feels there has been more discussion and input at the meetings with the luncheon atmosphere. Wall requested the Director bring quarterly meeting meal costs and attendance comparisons to the next meeting. Wall suggested possibly meeting at CJ's and he would check into it.

VIII. Curriculum:

A. Training Schedule

1. Low enrollment in the following courses:
 - Law Update – March 21

- Law Enforcement Terrorism Preparation & Response for School Violence – March 23
 - Professional Communication Skills for Telecommunicators & Non-Sworn Personnel – April 1
 - Women in Law Enforcement – April 2
 - Drug Busts: Making a Drug Case – April 6-7
 - Making DUI Cannabis Arrests – April 14
 - Waco Presentation – April 15
 - Criminal Interview and Interrogation (W-Z) – April 15-17
 - Cultural Diversity – April 20 (CORE class)
2. Director asked the Board if they were interested in holding Kevin Gilmartin's Emotional Survival course. The fee for the course is \$3500 + expenses. Wall requested looking for someone else to do an emotional survival course to get a different perspective. The Board stated they would like to hold Gilmartin's course approximately every three years.
 3. Director asked the Board if they would prefer to hold an Interview and Interrogation course (\$10,000) or an AR-15/M-16 Armorer course (\$9500 for 20 seats or limit to 10 seats at \$5000). Williams suggested attempting to find an armorer instructor course and send someone from an MTU 8 member agency to the course.
 4. Director requested a show of interest in sending officers to a Calibre Press Street Survival course in Champaign. Interest was shown by those present.
 5. Director stated the MTU is in need of additional Rapid Deployment instructors and a Verbal Judo instructor. Staff to send out e-mail to determine department interest.

IX. No executive session was held

X. Motion to adjourn made by Thomas and seconded by Newsome. All in favor – motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 10:45 a.m. at CJ's Restaurant.