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MSMPA March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Secretary Minutes-

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the meeting was called to order by President Tony Schwering at 7:00 pm, at the Waseca County East Annex, in Waseca, MN, and via Google Meets online. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 21 members in attendance, representing Waseca, Steele, Goodhue, Nicollet, LeSueur, and Hennepin Counties.

The **Treasurer's report** was read by ShaLee, with a Checking account balance of \$6,603.17,

The **Savings Account** has a current balance of \$1,499.28.

The **Disaster Fund** has \$430.00. *The Disaster Fund is supplied with \$20 of each County's annual membership dues and is used to provide a donation or gift to a Member of a MSMPA Membership County, who may be in a special time of need. The Disaster Fund is housed in the Savings Account, to keep this separate from the Checking Account.*

ShaLee W has submitted Form 1023 to the IRS to have the 501(c)(3) Reinstated. 4-24-2023. The status of the 501c3 is still pending. ShaLee is now working with O'Brien Tax and Accounting to get this resolved.

**MSMPA Scholarship:** Marty M. is the Chairman of this Scholarship Fund. The account is held at the MidCountry Bank. The current Balance is \$9,128.97. There are four 2024 applicants from Waseca, Goodhue, and Steele County. Approved applicants will be awarded \$700 scholarships each. The committee will contact the applicants and invite them to the April Convention, where they will receive their awards.

**Don Eustice Scholarship:** Becky S gave the updated Current total balance of the Don Eustice Scholarship Fund, held at the United Prairie Bank is \$30,288.27. We currently have a savings account of \$100.31. They have opened a companion savings account, which has a higher interest rate and houses \$10,187.96. And a 6-month CD account with 5.02% interest of \$20,000.

There is one applicant for the 2024 Scholarship, from Goodhue County. If awarded it was voted on and approved that this scholarship will award \$700 to the recipient. Any recipients will be contacted and invited to the convention to receive the award.

## MSMPA Annual Convention

Hosting County: Sibley  
County Mounted Posse

# April 6th, 2024

Arlington Community Center  
204 W. Shamrock Dr  
Arlington, MN 55307

The time has come, where we get to see all our fellow MN State Mounted Posse Members, catch up on the past year, talk about exciting news and happenings in our area, have fun, laughs, and great food! Don't forget about our Annual Auctions, Raffles, Scrapbooks, County Posse Members of the Year Awards, Scholarship Award Recipients, and so much more!! So, grab your fellow members, your significant others, and your County Leaders and join us for the 2024 Annual MN State Posse Convention!

We can't wait to see you All!

If you haven't yet... please register ASAP

### Menu:

Choice of Sirloin Tips and Pork Loin  
Scalloped potatoes and roasted red potatoes.  
Buttery corn and garden salad with a dinner roll

Cash Bar provided.

<https://www.minnesotasheriffsmountedposseassociation.org/annual-posse-convention>

At our January meeting, it was voted on and approved to use some of these funds for Scholarship for MSMPA members, to apply for use towards Posse Trainings. At our March meeting, it was discussed that we wait on this until we know what will happen with the future Wagon Trains, which funds this account.

### Publicity-

- Facebook Page: Will be used more for Advertising of the MSMPA and Posse
  - <https://www.facebook.com/MNSMPA/>
  - Currently have 904 Followers.
  - Last 28 days... Post Reach 1,442 people, Engagement of 565 people, and 8 new followers.
- New Facebook Group: Will be used for sharing, introducing each other, networking, events, etc.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2680761192102247>
  - Currently has 55 members.
  - Last 28 days... 18 posted & commented, 425 people viewed posts.

### Website-

- <https://www.minnesotasheriffsmountedposseassociation.org>
- NEW & Updated!

The **Annual MSMPA State Convention** will be hosted by Sibley County, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The location is the Arlington Community Center, 204 W. Shamrock Dr, Arlington, MN. Each County is asked to bring 3 silent auction items and 3 live auction items.

**MSMPA Annual Wagon Train for Youth** It was announced that Goodhue County is unable to host the 2024 Wagon Train. The discussion was had that we need to look at whether we continue the wagon train with low attendance and county participation or look at other options such as an Annual Trail Ride to replace this event. Further discussion was tabled until our next meeting.

**Membership Dues:** Please be sure your current County Roster, with names, email addresses, and mailing addresses is sent with your membership payments. Below is a current list of Counties with up-to-date, paid memberships for 2024.

**Waseca, Nicollet, Goodhue, LeSueur, Benton, Winona, Hennepin, Steele, and Crow Wing**

**In Attendance:**

ShaLee White- Waseca Co  
Troy Keane- Waseca Co  
Tom Hager- Steele Co  
Mary Purfeerst- Steele Co  
Tony Schwering- Steele Co  
Ken Borgmann- Waseca Co  
Jay Dulas- Waseca Co Sheriff  
Bob Kahlow- Le Sueur Co  
Madelynn Smith- Waseca Co  
Shiree Moorman- Waseca Co  
Joe Schwering- Steele Co  
Becky Schwering- Steele Co  
Traci Hodgkins- Waseca Co  
Dave Hodgkins- Waseca Co  
Jolene Gundermann- Waseca Co  
Tim Briard- Sibley co  
Frank Bianchi- Nicollet Co  
Jane Ahrens- Hennepin Co  
Nellie Anderson- Goodhue Co  
Marty Mays- Sibley Co  
Dustin Lindahl

~ 2024 Membership Dues are due to ShaLee White by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If you have questions, please contact [msmpapublications@gmail.com](mailto:msmpapublications@gmail.com)

~ Reminder: Dues must be current to Vote on subjects during meetings, host the Annual Wagon Train for Youth, host The MSMPA Posse Convention, and have members from your County eligible to receive Scholarship Funds.

Kay Klein asked about us having a Booth at the Minnesota Sheriff's Association Convention at our January meeting, where we can get the word out to other sheriffs, etc. It appears that there are 2 Conventions, one held in June and the other in December. The estimated cost for a booth is about \$350. Further discussion was had by the group, Sheriff Dulas said he felt that it would be better to start with an email sent out to all MN Sheriffs to get them looking at the MSMPA and why it is beneficial, as well as why a Posse would benefit the counties that do not have one. ShaLee will work on an informational email and get to Sheriff Dulas to share it with the MN Sheriffs.

Kay K has checked on options with the MN Horse Expo and having a demonstration. She is gathering further information, but as of right now, we are on the list for 2025.

ShaLee is checking in on job opportunities at the MN State Fair.

The election for President of the MSMPA was held. Tim B motioned that we keep the current officers as they are for 2024. All approved.

Our Meeting was tabled at 7:45 pm with a motion made by Bob Kahlow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Briard and will continue at the MSMPA Convention.

The next MSMPA follow-up meeting will be held at the MSMPA Convention at the Arlington Community Center.

Sincerely,

*ShaLee White*

President – Tony Schwering  
Publicity Director – ShaLee White  
1st VP – Tim Briard  
2nd VP – Tom Hager  
3rd VP – Bob Kahlow  
Sec/Treas – ShaLee White