

**Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch  
Zone 2 regional meeting  
Wetaskiwin (Hillside)  
Wetaskiwin Legion  
October 17 2015**

**Attending Associations;**

Hillside RCW	RoseBrier RCW	Leduc RCW
Raven RCW	Burnt Lake RCW	Maskepton RCW
Olds RCW	Holbern RCW	Battle River RCW
Rimbey and District RCW	Red Deer Lacombe RCW	Falun RCW
Cst Morgan Jacobson Leduc RCMP	Cst. Charles Lambright	Wetaskiwin RCMP
Wetaskiwin Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief Alex Plante		

**Call to order by Peter Tremmelen, Hillside RCW at 10:30 am**

- Presentation by Deputy Chief Alex Plant on rural fire fighting and open questions regarding fire fighting in a rural environment. Questions on response time, cost to fight fires (\$300 per hour per truck)
- And prevention. Keeping your property free of clutter and fire fuel will go a long way to prevent loss of buildings in a fire situation. Installation of fire and Co2 detectors is now provincial building and fire code.
- Time required to get to your location was discussed. Explanation of timing of a volunteer fire department what they go through to get ready to go to a call. Gate address signs will help.
- Presentation by RCMP Cst. Charles Lambright regarding their efforts with property thieves B & E's. The need to look your valuables was stressed. Discussion on confronting a thief and what to do and not do. Canada rules do not permit confrontation. Call the RCMP as soon as possible and be safe. Talked about RCMP procedure when they get a call or 911 call and how it is treated.

**Lunch served at 12:00 noon**

**Reconvened at 1:00 for the business session;**

**Zone 2 rep Lee Casper chaired the meeting.**

- Unknown status in regards to Provincial CRA status. The CRA has issues a fine of \$500 per year. First check cashed and remaining 2 years have stale dated. The CRA still insists on fine per year.

At issue is the Charitable donations federal act is the issue with Provincial. They failed to re register each year and fell into a suspended situation. Was noted that the Provincial charitable status is up to date. PLEASE NOTE, Email received October 19, from Provincial; CRA has reviewed and accepted the provincial associations application for reinstatement.

- New web site is up and running at 90% with sign application/ordering as well as other information tabs.
- Provincial registration of local RCW asking for membership numbers to use as a lobby group when approaching Alberta Government programs.
- Wise Owl program is again up and running with 5 volunteers ready to present program. Information about this program is on the web site.
- Newsletter is lacking information about the local RCW's. Information can be submitted to Rosemary Lindsey at 403-999-3380.
- Information on contact info regarding highway signs is on the internet at; <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/content/doctype329/production/distaddress.pdf>
- Also get support from your local county on displaying signage. They are often very cooperative.
- Discussion on provincial communication issues; publish your meeting dates, the need to hire an office person to coordinate communication to the local RCW's and the provincial board. The cost could be covered by an increase in the membership fee. We need communication and this cost must be covered. Suggested membership increase of \$100.00 per year per association.
- Vision for the provincial body is badly needed.
- Zone 2 elections; one position is up for election, meetings every 2 months as well as local invited meetings. Mileage covered. Nomination of Cor De Wit, moved by Peter Tremmelen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Kaiser, Carried and one against... (guess who)
- Motion that nominations cease, Carried.
- Next Meeting in the Red Deer area To be decided by Red Deer RCW as well as the location and date.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm