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MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 11, 2015 6:00 p.m. (SUPPER)

EAGLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order – PRESIDENT, DAVE SHAREK
INTRODUCTIONS / WELCOME

Mountain View County Bruce Beattie / Al Kemmere
Red Deer County Mayor Wood
Red Deer Councillor – Jean Bota
Red Deer RCW – Becky Wilde-Jardine
Burnstick Lake Summer Village – Deputy Mayor Doug Lindblom
Olds Detachment S/Sgt Joe Sangster
Didsbury Detachment Sgt. Kim Pasloske
Sundre Detachment Sgt. Jim Lank Cst. Val Dennis

SUPPER

GRACE - Arnold Lachman

With 72 members present, Dave Sharek called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda – None.

3. PRESENTATION: Casey MacDonald and Ed Froese from Wholesale Sports in Calgary gave a demonstration on available SECURITY CAMERAS. They are offering a discount to any RCW member on cameras and accessories to \$30. Any Rural Crime Watch member is eligible for the discount but it is only available at Wholesale Sports Store in Calgary.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 7, 2015). MOTION TO APPROVE: Kathy Banick / Fred Bay. CARRIED.

5. REPORTS / ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

5.1 RCMP DETACHMENTS / OTHER PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- SUNDRE – Cst. Val Dennis / Sgt. Lank. B & E's by Burnt Stick Lake Summer Village. Working on leads and security plan.

- DIDSBURY –Sgt. Kim Pasloske. Reminded members to lock stuff up; be vigilant, be aware of neighbors, local vehicles, and watch for each other. Talk to and get to know your neighbors. Best crime prevention tool there is!!

- OLDS - S/Sgt. Joe Sangster. Quiet month in the rural areas. Lots of rural patrol with blitz to curb rural B & E's. 2 new members in Olds. Local search warrant executed and grow op North of Olds shut down. House being condemned.

- COUNTY – MVC N/A No Report

- RED DEER-PROTECTIVE SERVICES - Alissa Lloyd. Business as usual. Expanded office this year to 7 officers; . 2 special officers to deal with big trucks.

. Focus on working with rural partners such as Rural Crime Watch and Blackfalds Policing Advisory. Doing town hall sessions in all areas of Red Deer County. . Community awareness going on. Starting Neighborhood Watch in small subdivisions around the County.

- RED DEER COUNCIL – Jean Bota Div 2. Lots of rural crime ; organizing meetings in local halls to seek solutions. Bringing “community” back together. Talking and becoming aware of issues and solutions. Meeting with AB RCMP Commander: 3 themes:

- JUSTICE SYSTEM – recycling of offenders
- SYMPATHY for low police officer numbers
- PROVIDE INFO ON RCW – COP

Meeting March 18 – Pine Lake.

- SHERIFFS/HWY 2 TRAFFIC UNIT. 3 vacancies; 1-sheriff; 2- RCMP; Office back down to Innisfail – April 1. Unit has 4-RCMP and 2 sheriffs to patrol Hwy. 2. Rely on detachments to cover. Focus is Seat Belt compliance this month. New Pilot program: E-ticketing.

- FISH & WILDLIFE Adam Mirus N/A No Report

6. EXECUTIVE REPORT:

6.1 PRESIDENT: We need to be One Big Vigilant Family, getting to know each other (neighbors) and look out for each other. The best way to have a good Neighbor – IS TO BE ONE!! Memberships are due this December 31 and are valid for 5 years to December 31, 2020. Renew any time. Forms are available on our website. www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca. Criminals travel and do not respect boundaries. If you wish to do patrols – signs and vests are available at the office in Olds. 5119 – 49 Avenue. Call Judy to arrange pick up 403-507-5647.

6.2 SECRETARY: Working on 2015 Crime Prevention Family Trade Show. Working with CATV1-RDTV.ca on crime reports for news – also posted on RCW website. Working on Crime Prevention Week activities. Working on Auction. SEE 2014 YEAR-IN-REVIEW REPORT

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT SCAMS, RCMP POLICE REPORTS & DIDSBURY RCMP WEEKLY REPORTS POSTED.
www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – AUDITED @ DECEMBER 31, 2014 by Bonny Bellamy and, Gerald Ingeveld Thank you. **MOTION TO APPROVE 2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Dick Ross – Fred Bay CARRIED.

7.1 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS** FOR 2015: Penny Palsson and Douglas McCullough were appointed.

7.2 Bank Balance @ Feb 28, 2015 - \$11,156.38 General \$ 29,697.48 Casino. Received \$28,589.62 from November Casino. **Thank you to ALL the volunteers.**

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Insurance on Fan-out System - \$63.00 / year Prorated \$44. Covered for \$16,000 and includes \$100,000 for data recovery.

8.2 Volunteers to move auction items

8.3 Provincial RCW AGM & Symposium Report – see Appendix B

9 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE: (CURRENT IN ITALIC) Chair over to Electoral Officer – Lynne Henry**

- CHAIRPERSON: *Dave Sharek*. Dave nominated , Gerald Ingeveld; he has given permission to nominate him. Nominations were called from the floor 3 times. Gerald was declared Chair for 2015.

- VICE-CHAIR: *Arnold Lachman*. Judy nominated Arnold. Nominations were called from the floor 3 times. Arnold was declared Vice Chair for 2015.

- PAST CHAIR: *Fred Bay*. Will be Dave Sharek.

- SECRETARY-TREASURER: *Judy Schlichenmayer*. Lynne nominated Judy. Nominations were called from the floor 3 times. Judy was declared Secretary-Treasurer for 2015.

- MEMBER AT LARGE *Alec Macklin*. Judy nominated Fred Bay. Nominations were called from the floor 3 times. Fred was declared Member At Large.

- **DIDSBURY RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION REP:** *Dave Sharek*

- **SUNDRE RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION REP:** *Gerald Ingeveld*

A Thank You Certificate was presented to Dave Shrek for serving as Present these past few years AND to Fred & Bonny Bay for their contributions to Rural Crime Watch and work over the past 30 + years.

9..2 **APPOINTMENT OF ZONE / RANGE REPRESENTATIVES:** **The following list was left the same. If anyone is willing to volunteer to fill in the vacancies, please call Judy at 403-556-8846; or Gerald at 403-638-2356.**

- ZONE 1 *Vance Doering* _____
- ZONE 2 *Don/Pat Braun* *Doug Chant*

- ZONE 3 *Fred/Bonnie Bay* *Bill Wigley*
Richard & Sandy Baker

- ZONE 4 *Dick Ross* *Ken Burrell*
- ZONE 6 *Dave Hogarth* TOWN OF OLDS
- ZONE 26 *Judy Schlichenmayer*
- ZONE 27 Arnold Lachman
- ZONE 20 *Bonny Bellamy* TOWN OF BOWDEN
- VILLAGE OF TORRINGTON/WIMBORNE _____

- SUNDRE / BERGEN *Gerald & Shelley Ingeveld* _____
- DIDSBURY *Mary Hildebrand*
- WESCOTT: *Fred Newsome* *Dave Sharek*
- RUGBY: *Kathy & Mike Banick*
- CREMONA _____
- WATER VALLEY: _____

- RCMP LIAISON OFFICERS Appointed by Detachments

9.3 SIGNING AUTHORITIES – 2015 on:

MOTION: Lynne Henry / Douglas McCullough That Signing Authorities will be Judy Schlichenmayer Secretary-Treasurer and any one of: Gerald Ingeveld, Chair; Arnold Lachman, Vice-Chair; or Dave Sharek; Past Chairman. If the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to sign any two of the other officers are authorized to sign. CARRIED.

9.4 Red Deer County Volunteer Appreciation Event – Wednesday, April 1, 2015 @ 7-9 pm @ Spruce View Hall. RSVP by Mar 27 – Sylvia 403-350-2158

9.5 Safe Communities – Concussion Prevention & AGM – Wednesday, March 25, 2015 @ 10:30 am @ Red Deer County Council Chambers. RSVP for lunch Cost \$10. 403-346-8101 or scca@telus.net. MOTION: Approval to renew membership. Judy / Douglas CARRIED.

9.6 Name Change. Recommendation at Div 2 meeting was to take out “Rural” and be “Crime Prevention Associations to be inclusive of municipal members. We are all in this together. We have to update Bylaws anyway for change to record checks. So do we want to rename to: “Olds & District Crime Prevention Society?” Olds & District Crime Watch Society?”

Considerable discussion on the value / risk of changing the name. It could impact our eligibility for casinos; Suggestions: Leave Name / Change Brand. MOTION: Larry Mueller. That we table this decision pending information on casino, etc.

9.7 Fraud Notices / Fan-outs from other groups. Good example of benefit to rural / small business.

9.8 Request for Funding for PARTY – Program to educate grade 10 students on dangers of drugs & alcohol and risk related trauma. See video of last year’s mock accident filmed by CATV1/rdtv.ca on our website. **MOTION:** Chris Huhn / Douglas McCullough. That we provide \$500 for the event this year, with \$300 to be used to produce a video we can use at trade shows and membership drives. **CARRIED.**

9.9 **ROUND TABLE**

If you see a vehicle parked for a long time in an unusual area – call and report it to the RCMP

RCMP CONTACT NUMBERS:

RCMP DISPATCH & AFTER HOURS LINE 403-556-3323

Didsbury Detachment – Office	403-335-3382
Innisfail Detachment – Office	403-227-3342
Olds Detachment – Office	403-556-3324
Sundre Detachment – Office	403-638-3675
Three Hills Detachment – Office	403-443-5539

Voice on fan out unclear / partial message – SEE APPENDIX A. Judy will experiment with some options. When you get a bad message – please contact her and advise what: unclear / cut-off message / too slow-or fast. And Date /time received is helpful.

Spam Calls. 011.... 403-..... Not local numbers; only set up to appear to be. They are computer generated.

When you get a call that appears to be computer generated spam – Hang Up.

Do Not Call List – For Canada – 866-580-3625

10. **NEXT MEETING MOTION:** Arnold Lachman / Douglas McCullough. That the meetings will be at the MVC Office at 7:30 pm the last Wednesday of every other month, starting **MAY 27/15 JULY 29 SEPT 30 NOV 25 FOR 2015.**

11. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** Douglas McCullough **CARRIED.**

TriCom Alert System 4
Contact Members Effectively via Phone, Fax, SMS & Email
helping rural crime watch associations since 2004

Tips for Members

The TriCom Alert System has been developed primarily on a cost-only, non-profit basis, specifically for Crime Watch organizations. In order to receive your Crime Watch messages more effectively, here are a number of tips.

Receiving Phone Messages

If you have caller ID and can recognize an incoming phone call as being from your Crime Watch association, there are a few things you can do to receive the message more effectively.

After you answer the phone and say the customary “hello”, you will hear an initial recording that says “The following is a rural crime watch message”. At this point be quiet and do not continue to speak. The system needs two seconds of silence before it knows you are done speaking and it is okay to start playing the message. This is because answering machines often have longer messages, and the system needs to be able to start playing the message at the right time for both humans and answering machines.

Problems we sometimes encounter are:

Continuing to say “hello”: • A person answers the phone, says “hello”, hears the initial part of the recording that says “The following is a rural crime watch message”, then repeats “hello” over and over again, then finally gets annoyed and hangs up. The system needs two seconds of silence before it knows the person is done talking, so in this case the member will get better results if they don’t keep repeating the greeting.

Talking to someone else while listening”: • A person answers the phone, hears the initial part of the recording that says “The following is a rural crime watch message”, then begins talking to another person in the background. If the person does not cover the handset, the system hears the background conversation. The system will keep waiting until there is a two second pause in the background. If there is none, the message will never play. The solution to this is that if you get a call from Crime Watch, wait until the message actually starts before you start conversing with another person.

Excessive background noise: • It sometimes happens that a person has a TV, radio, or other sound source close to the phone when they answer. In this case, the system may not play the message because it never hears two consecutive seconds of silence. The solution to this is either cover the handset after saying “hello”, or move farther away from the source of noise.

Line quality issues: • In rare cases a person will never be able to receive the message because their phone line has an unusual amount of background noise. In this unusual case, the only solution is either to use a different phone line, or receive messages via a medium other than phone.

Voice mail & answering machines: • If you find that messages from Crime Watch have the beginning cut off, the most common cause is that there is a long silence somewhere in the middle of your voice greeting. The easiest way to check is to call yourself from another phone and listen to your voice greeting. If there is a fairly long silence somewhere in the middle of your greeting, the solution to this is to re-record your voice message so as to remove the long period of silence. If you have the opposite problem, where the message starts fine but cuts out before it is finished, you probably have a “maximum message time” property on your answering service. The only solution in this case is to try to increase the maximum message time allowed by your answering service, or notify your Crime Watch administrator that you cannot receive long messages.

Remember that the system will not dial out at night; normally only between 08:00 - 21:00 (or whatever hours your association has set). If not complete by 21:00 it will pause and resume in the morning.

Receiving Other Message Types

There are definite advantages to using email and fax over phone/mobile as much as practicable. The information in them is persistent. You can print out that message about a stolen car and pin it somewhere, and refer to it weeks later without losing any of the relevant details. That is just not possible with non-persistent message methods (phone/mobile). For email, there is the advantage of much faster and more reliable delivery as well. Emails average better than 10 per second, whereas phone/fax/mobile takes hundreds of times longer to send. If there are 1000 people in your association to send a message to and all of them are receiving via phone/fax/mobile, the entire fan-out would take over 2 days to send across 2 phone lines. The same message, if all members were receiving it via email, would take about 2 minutes. So if you are in a position to receive emails rather than voice messages, it is advantageous for you to do so.

If you have any questions regarding the TriCom Alert System, please contact your Crime Watch association’s administrator.

APPENDIX B – AB PROVINCIAL RCW ASSOCIATION AGM HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation from **Crown Prosecutor – Jody Fraser**. On overcoming adversity. He broke his neck in a rugby game at year-end of his 1st year in College. He became a paraplegic. But through help and determination returned to University and got his degree and started practising law. Points:

- Focus on the goal / not obstacles
- Don't be afraid to ask for help
- Look ahead to where you want to go
- Life is what you make of it

Jody is a licensed pilot and has parachuted out of “a perfectly good plane”

Dave MacKenzie – Alberta Traffic Safety. Talked about Traffic / Farm Safety

- Make it Safe Make it visible
- Watch your Blind Spots – educate public about blind spots
- Plan your Trips – don't pick busy routes / days / times (buses) / construction times / bridges / mail boxes.
 - Things change – do a pre-trip inspection to check on obstacles.
- Proper hook-ups ; safety chains Slow moving sign / lights
- Proper tow vehicle Flags – 16x16 minimum; red or reflective orange
- Competent . trained drivers Hauling Augers
- Pilot vehicles – not regulated but do your due diligence
- Recognize tires & rating for speed. A few minutes could be the difference between safe and NOT.

Photo radar – new legislation to be able to give tickets for distracted driving.

New technology can see drivers & picture – 800 m

Medical Marijuana / misuse of drugs

Officers trained to detect – legislation changing

Vik Maraj – Unstoppable Conversations

Letting Go of Yesterday!!! The Courage to Change the Future

We keep going back to “comfortable” even though it hasn't worked so far.

IN Activity

IN Circumstances

IN effective Action

Common thinking in circumstances dictate Action

Reality – Need DIFFERENT Actions NOT more actions – for effective change.

Source of ineffective action is same thinking. Thinking needs to be changed.

Need education to realize changing thinking effects outcomes – What thinking do you have that limits outcomes. Individual Thinking – Organizational Thinking – Country Thinking. **POSITIVE**

THINKING WORKS!!!!

Develop thinking of what RCW needs to be to establish new actions and results. New technology drives new directions. Standardized systems don't work well under varying circumstances.

Default thinking comes from past mistakes – but new circumstances are present in new situations. Get out of comfort zone and break with past – “Devil I know”. We are conditioned to cling to the past but times have changed.

Rock the Boat to get something done. A small group is the only thing that effects change.

Eliminate: “But we tried that in ____ and it didn't work. Recognize that the world has changed ad it might work now. Or will with minor modifications.

Top Priority – Mitigating Risk.

Deal with the past to affect Future Success. Define “success”

Wired for survival “Me or You’ EX. Politics / Legal System

Opportunity mandated to argue against good ideas - game rigged. Need to CHANGE GAME!!!

‘WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?’

Move to Win-Win Outcomes.