

# **South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

January 21, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

Lorne Gill called to order the regular meeting of the South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association Meeting Minutes at 7:04 pm on January 21, 2016 at Dunmore, Alberta.

### **II. Present**

The following persons were present: Terry & Arlene Krausz, Des Grant, Shannon Pakula, Garry Lentz, Cst Jeff Waites, Travis Campbell, Don Campbell, Lorne & Wanda Gill, Dennis Viken. Media member Tim Kalinowski

### **III. Agenda**

Adoption / Changes to the Agenda. MOTION TO APPROVE – Lorne Gill CARRIED

### **IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March 18, 2015)**

Shannon P read the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes need change to location as Clearwater, not Longfellow hall. Motion to approve- Garry. CARRIED

### **V. Business arising from previous meetings**

None

### **VI. Reports**

#### a) President's report – Des Grant

Des notes that there is an increase in public interest in Crime Watch, reported by the provincial body. Provincial board uses the phone tree system. Our disc has been broken (physically) and is not useable. He will follow up with Provincial Board regarding use of phone tree and what software they use.

#### b) Financial Report – Shannon Pakula

Separate report attached as handed out to those present. Question and answer time. Are there funds to be disbursed from past casinos – report from AGLC shows there is \$12,918.73. According to latest casino report, all monies are balanced at \$11,850.26. Shannon will call AGLC for clarification. MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Wanda/Dennis CARRIED.

#### c) RCMP – Cst Jeff Waites

Phone tree software 2006 – not working with current systems. If disc were not broken, it was no longer compatible with towers.

Signage – Thank you (SEABRCW Assoc) for donation. Total cost approx. \$5400 + \$650 trailer + \$1100 fabrication + Redcliff town will cover registration/insurance. Other locations wish to be allowed to borrow. Ticked off comments about location leaving Redcliff (Broadway). Jeff brought sign to meeting. Jeff feels that the sign is quite valuable and reduces speed. Survived a beer can toss. New location suggestions? Hwy #1 through Dunmore. Battery life holds almost all night, solar powered. People upset because it's not flashing (battery dead). People upset when it is flashing.

Thefts remain level. Frauds have increased. Domestic disturbances are down. Less bar fights.

Increase in cattle deaths due to gunshots. Animals dressed and carcasses left. Meat theft. Jenner, seven persons. If livestock is lost due to hunting (in season) RCMP investigate and loss is reimbursed.

MVC trending upward. Driver error mostly.

Watch for tracks in the snow in your yards, and around houses. If concerned call RCMP.

Detachment is now fully staffed, there is an increased presence in county and on rural roads.

DARE program in schools, Jeff is delivering program to students. Currently soliciting funds for next year. Costs approx. \$1000/yr to run program, Drug Abuse Resistance Education. 10 week program. Introduces kids to RCMP officer as real person. Grade 6 classes involved. Schuler every three years covers grades 4, 5, 6. Donations accepted, backpacks and items. Cypress County will be asked to donate as well – Garry Lentz will put it forward to council.

- d) Garry Lentz - attended Foothills Little Bow Council meeting to request approval to put forward a motion to fund HALO through AB Prov municipal association of districts and counties. It was approved. He will be going forward with request to provincial body. Also put forward motion regarding Bill 6, request that the provincial government include members from all farm bodies (groups) in regards to guidance on bill 6. Side note - Halo always needs money to continue to operate. County provides a donation monthly to HALO. Corporate sponsorship has dwindled due to tough economic times. Dispatch has been moved to Stars from local dispatch. Consensus at meeting is that it is a conflict of interest that Stars dispatches to Halo.

## **VII. Correspondence**

None put forward

## **VIII. New business**

- a) Phone tree vs. Email fan out. Could do system of combined email and phone tree.
- b) Raise Awareness in community - Media releases from RCMP. Tie County web site to RCW. All County Officials are members of RCW. How to raise awareness? Have signage at County Office.

- c) Poster Contest from AB Prov Rural Crime watch. Nov 16, 2016 is deadline for the 2017 contest. All schools get calendars for each classroom b/c Des delivers. How to raise more entries for contest? Are teachers not handing out information?
- d) Attract membership – have booth @ bull sales, pen shows, trade shows. Order promo items for these events. Spring bull show - Contact Brian Schneider or Brian Palichuk. Pen show – same contacts. Ask MHE&S to perhaps donate the booth space. Create website, Garry Lentz will enquire with his daughter-in-law as she creates and manages websites. Similar to Olds RCW and Sturgeon County, excellent sites.
- e) Next Casino date. Des is unsure of exact date, will find out and report at next meeting.
- f) Des called for nominations for president or secretary treasurer. No names put forward. Lorne notes that Des' commitment to this cause is much appreciated. Des would dearly like to step down, however he would be willing to remain in place for one more year. But that's it. Des travels approx. one out of two months for prov. Perhaps once per month otherwise.
  - Des re-elected by acclamation
  - Shannon re-elected by acclamation
  - Motion by Garry to keep existing executive for one year term. Lorne 2<sup>nd</sup>. CARRIED.
- g) AGM being held in Hanna, AB Feb 5 & 6 2016. Des & Terry will be attending.
- h) Hold meetings every two months. Next meeting March 24, 2016 @ Cypress County office.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Lorne Gill adjourned the meeting at 8:40.