

South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2016

I. Call to order

Gene Diment called to order the regular meeting of the South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association Meeting at 7:15pm on March 24, 2016 at Dunmore, AB.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Don Pakula, Travis Campbell, Arlene & Terry Krausz, Wanda Gill, Donna Martin, Gene Diment, Kay & Dennis Viken, Garry Lentz, RCMP Cst Jeff Waites, Randy Youngman, Des Grant, Shannon Pakula

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda accepted – Kay motioned, second by Wanda.

IV. Open issues

- a) Financial report – Shannon, see attached sheets. Approved as read.
- b) President's report – Des gives thanks to the members that are attending our meetings. Poster contest entries, Des will make sure that all schools have information needed to gather poster contest entries.
- c) Hanna crime symposium report - Terry Krausz. A couple resolutions were passed, some rejected. Meeting minutes have not been provided by provincial body at this time.

V. New business

- a) Jeff Waites – speed sign is now registered and insured by the RCMP. Joel logs about 1600 – 1700 kms per week patrolling county. Joel Barrette is County Mountie. Crime prevention – numbers about normal. Dunmore had cars gone through last night, reminder to always lock doors. Change where and when you park the vehicles in yard and alter schedule if possible. Lots of unused oil/gas yards have vehicles stored that are going missing. Likewise with equipment in vacant farm yards. Speed sign is being used in Redcliff to gather stats on road by library

b) Garry Lentz – HALO resolution to request AB government provide funds to locally owned air ambulances equal to STARS rate. AB MD & Counties passed resolution and will submit to AB Gov. HALO executive and reeves from 40 mile, Taber and Newell County's as well as Garry met with health minister Brandy Payne to review HALO services where STARS cannot reach. Requested they provide \$600,000 per year to HALO to keep HALO operational. Cypress 40 mile and Newell all provide donations to HALO every year. HALO would continue to fundraise to cover additional expenses.

-Also there is discussion in county meetings regarding County Mountie position possibly being terminated. Please call your councilor to voice opinion supporting retaining this position.

- c) Casino – slotted for last ¼ of 2016. Please keep in mind when we call for volunteers.
- d) Spring Bull sale – Shannon contacted Nicona Brost, Secretary of the 2016 Spring Bull Sale, asking if the Association would allow us space for a table to use to bring attention to our group and what we do. Unfortunately they did not have the space for us, but suggested we contact the Med Hat Ex & Stampede about booth space in the Beef Pen Show in December.
- e) Website – Option 1) Estimate on cost to have a website set up by professional, \$1000 setup plus \$35/hr for updates and changes. Option 2) Use a provider such as godaddy or similar to set up our own. Approximate cost \$600 then \$30/year to maintain domain registration. Also could invite Dean Hart to help set up our own website. Kay motioned to go Option 2. Second by Gene – all in favor.
- f) Internet Access to bank account – Shannon has asked to have online access to view only the two bank accounts held by SE AB RCW Association. She requires the signatures of Des & Wanda to approve for the bank files. Approval received, forms signed by Des & Wanda. Witnessed by Don Pakula.
- g) Randy Youngman RTSC Collision Reconstructionist
- Deadly Distraction – impaired and distracted driving
 - 104 people murdered in Alberta 2015.

- 159 young Canadians killed since 2002 in war (Afghanistan)
- 369 people killed in Alberta on roads in 2014, 18,745 injured, 145,740 collision.
- 804 drivers in fatal and injury collisions had consumed alcohol, 68 people died
- Cars are built much better than 50 years ago, more safety awareness to protect passengers.
- costs due to impaired driving in 2014 - 2.8 billion
- 444 killed from 2009 – 2013 impaired collisions, 6649 injured in impaired collisions
- Report impaired drivers program – pull over and call 911 to report drunk drivers. Through Alberta traffic safety fund can get signage provided and funded by govt. RID 911 program. Saferoads.com

Distracted drivers are involved in 20-30% of total collisions. Actual number is much higher than reported. People try to hide reason for distraction.

h) Next meeting Wednesday July 13, 2016 @ 7 pm in Cypress County Office meeting room

VI. Adjournment

Gene Diment adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Pakula