

South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2016

I. Call to order

Gene Diment called to order the AGM of the South East Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association 6:28pm on October 5, 2016 at Longfellow Hall.

II. Attendees

The following persons were present: Donna Martin, Gene Diment, Tim Kalinowski, Keith Hope, Terry & Arlene Krausz, Dennis & Kay Viken, Corporal Christian Reister, Shane & Debbie Hok, Ashley Gill, Claig Herter, Laverne & Launa Gill, Travis Campbell, Myrna McGarry, Cst Joel Barrette, Cst Jeff Waites, S/Sgt Sean Maxwell, Kathy & Robert Ziegenhagel, Sandra & Warren Jans, Edgar & Loretta Jans, Garry Lentz, Shannon & Don Pakula, Des Grant.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Shannon Pakula read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Business Arising -
- b) Financial Report – read by Shannon. Approved by Kay second by Terry.
- c) Correspondence – website update

V. New business

- a) Presidents Report – prov body struggling to gain financing due to ab gov clawing back funds. Membership still strong provincially
- b) Provincial Body Update – Des – prov body is noticing trend of increased interest in RCW following crime rates increase in northern areas
- c) Membership – need to attract more members to association. To do so Shannon and Wanda are trying to attend events in the area to build awareness of the group, ie 4H events and bull sales

- d) RCMP – Sean Maxwell – RCMP is supporting the community with Joel’s position. Staff is full, should be visible in community. Encouraged to interact with community members as much as possible. Speed sign out in Irvine right now. Fish & Wildlife Jeff not present but recommends the use of the report a poacher line for issues. Also there is funding for compensation if livestock is hit.
- e) RCMP Joel Barrett – not a response position but to be visible in community. Covers different areas daily and roves around to cover the area. Recent break ins in the area during the night, no stats available at this time.
- f) LIS – Keith Hope – LIS is a nonprofit organization. Maintains highly effective tracking system available to all producers in Alberta.
 - Cpl. Christian Reister – Farming/ranching background. Two members cover Alberta. 6000 livestock calls in Alberta per year. Livestock investigators receive approx. 1000 calls for assistance. Includes calls by other RCMP members needing help with information and investigations. Many calls from producers included as well – theft, criminal code, neighborhood disputes (city dwellers moving to rural areas). AB compared to other prov – SK has increased thefts. Livestock transport rollovers receive assistance from RCMP Livestock division. 5 rollovers received assistance from livestock investigators. Sask does not have a livestock investigator, ab helps. Covert monitoring projects in Alberta. Assist RCMP auto theft, includes saddles tractors, trailers. Highly recommends to identify saddles using drivers’ license number (AB). 856 strays reported, 503 were claimed by the owner. Most commonly the thief is someone familiar. 4,292,343 head cattle inspected. 55,186 head horses inspected. Proceeds held or redirected from 26,245 head, funds total over 1 million \$\$.
- g) Casino – being held Nov 30/Dec 1, 2016 – looking for volunteers to cover various positions – See Terry Krausz

VI. Adjournment

Gene Diment adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Pakula